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HIA REF: 49

Witness Name HIA 49

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT C HIA 49

HIA 49 will say as follows:-

Personal details

1. I was born c [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] I have [REDACTED] sisters and [REDACTED] brother. My mother left us and our father took us to Northern Ireland. My father could only get accommodation in a hostel and they could not accommodate four children. My eldest sister NHB 14 was taken to Nazareth House in Belfast. My brother SND 157 was sent to Termonbacca and my sister SND 102 and I were sent to Nazareth House in Derry.

Nazareth House, Derry (1/6/1964 – 1969 approximately)

2. I was placed in Nazareth House on 1st June 1964 when I was [REDACTED] years old. I stayed there until I was around [REDACTED] years old. When I arrived at the Nazareth House I remember screaming because I had never seen a nun before. I was terrified. When I arrived they stripped and bathed me and put on different clothes. I had long hair and they cut my hair short right round my ears. All the other girl's hair was cut short in the same way.
3. Every morning we got up around 7.30am and went to Mass and then had breakfast. After breakfast I had to carry out my duties at around 8.30. Then I went to class which was on the premises. We had teachers who were nuns and outsiders.

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4. My duty was to clean the toilets near the chapel. This was my duty the whole time I was in Nazareth House. I think there were four or five toilets. I had to carry a metal bucket full of scalding hot water, a cloth and scrubbing brush. I had to scrub the tiles on the walls. On many occasions when a toilet was blocked and I was in class, I was sent for. If a toilet was blocked I had to put my bare hand down the toilet and carry the excrement with my hands into the next toilet in order to clear the toilet. Sometimes **SR 59** or **SR 9** stood over me shouting at me to hurry up when I was cleaning the floor. I cried a lot and felt sick and dirty. **SR 9** is now dead. **SR 59** went to Dublin for training and she now lives in **SR 9**.
5. When the toilets were cleaned to **SR 9**'s satisfaction she then gave me a big bucket of scalding hot water with Jeyes Fluid in it to wash the floor. I had to get on my knees and clean the floor with a big floor cloth.
6. **SR 59** always sent me back to clean the toilets for badness. I knew I had cleaned the toilets well and that I had finished them all properly.
7. One day **SR 9** was in a bad temper. She came in to the toilet and there was still excrement on some of the white tiles on the walls. She made me use my nails to scrape the excrement off the tiles.
8. **SR 9** had a white metal bucket with a metal and wood handle. One day she emptied boiling water from the bucket onto the floor where I was kneeling. I was scalded. She smacked me round the face because I was screaming. I was 8 years old. I didn't receive medical attention but **SR 9** threw a bucket of cold water over me.
9. I didn't see my sister **SND 102** because we were put in a different group. I was in **SR 52**'s group. We have no bond today as a result.

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10. When I first went to Nazareth House I was in [SR 9]'s dormitory. In the dorm I noticed one of the senior girls [SND 158] bringing a young girl [SND 159] in to her bed at night time. I saw it a few times between the senior girls and those down the school.
11. I got teased because I spoke with a [REDACTED] accent. I was made to feel different.
12. I started wetting the bed in Nazareth House. It was a different life. I was used to a family life.
13. In the morning the nun would pull your blanket back and she would check if your bed was wet. If you did wet the bed the nuns and other girls called us 'the wet the beds'. I wore a bri-nylon nightdress with long sleeves, sort of mid length. It was always stuck to me because I was soaking wet after wetting the bed. We would also be made to put the wet pants or sheet over our heads.
14. If we wet the bed we had to strip our beds and put the sheets in the bath for staff to wash.
15. When we got up we were only allowed to wash our face. We never got toothpaste. Only the seniors had toothpaste. I always remember the white soap said ER on it.
16. Those of us who wet the bed were made to stand at breakfast time and did not get any tea as punishment. Other girls at the table laughed at us.
17. After school we had tea. The rules were that the 'wet the beds' were not allowed anything to drink, only their meal. After tea it was homework and choir practice some nights. We never got any assistance with our homework.

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- 18 **SR 59** used to say to me sometimes 'oh so you were out on your boat last night'. She was referring to me wetting the bed, but as a child I never knew she was being sarcastic.
- 19 **SR 59** used to say the reason I slept beside the door in the dorm was because I was smelly and no one wanted to sleep beside me.
20. We had to go to confessions on a Saturday afternoon. The chapel was in Nazareth House. One day I was in the confession box. I was really scared. The priest called me **HIA 49**. I wondered how he knew my name. He was nice to me. He then brought me into his confession box which had a gold velvet curtain. He sat me on his knee and then he put his hand down the front of my pants. We didn't wear like little girls panties. They were bloomers and the nuns patched them with sheets. I was 8 years old.
21. The following week no matter if I was in the middle of the queue or the front of the queue for confessions **SR 59** always took me by the hand and put me to the end of the queue.
22. I think **SR 59** knew what she was doing because she always handed me over. She put my hand into the priest's hand. She knew exactly what was going on.
23. I remember clearly what the priest looked like. He had dark thick eyebrows and he was tanned. While I cannot be certain of his name I believe his name was **SND 61**.
24. He used to take me into the sacristy behind the altar. In the room there was a big wardrobe with lots of different coloured vestments hanging up. He locked the door. I was frightened.

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25. He made me sit over at the door on the floor and take my pants off. I had to sit with my legs open. He sat on a large chair and started masturbating. In those days I didn't know what he was doing.
 26. Then the regular thing was that he made me kneel in between his knees and he was making me put my mouth round his private parts and masturbate him. He was very rough with me and he was pulling my hair. I was crying. I was so scared of him.
 27. On many occasions the priest put his finger inside the front of my vagina. He made me perform oral sex on him. He had anal sex with me. He told me I didn't have to do any penance because God was happy with me.
 28. Every Saturday those that wet the bed were put in the first bath. The bath contained Jeyes Fluid and it was very stingy if I was abused that same day. The pain was terrible and I used to scream. The nuns or seniors who were washing us hit me with a wooden scrubbing brush to make me stop. I can still feel the pain sometimes when I have a bath.
 29. After he was finished abusing me he would send me back to my group. Sometimes he gave me a mint.
 30. This went on from when I was 8 until I was 12 every Saturday. This abuse stopped when I was 12 only because I started at St Cecilia's High School.
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31. I dreaded Saturdays coming. As a result of the abuse I felt dirty and horrible.
 32. The abuse became a way of life. I knew what was going to happen on Saturday. It was just normal. I didn't like it happening and I didn't want it to happen. I had no friends in Nazareth House. I didn't know why I was being punished in this way and I never reported it.

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33. Then I would still have to meet that priest on a Sunday at Mass in the chapel. I would have to go up to him and get Holy Communion. I felt that he would sort of look at me and snigger as if we had a secret and I couldn't tell anybody.
34. I plucked my eyebrows until I had none. I didn't want to have eyebrows like that priest. I hated hair all my life because of always seeing his pubic hair. I used to spend hours and hours pulling my hairs even out of my face and everywhere. This was mental torture as a result of the sexual abuse by the priest.
35. I also recall a priest known to me as **SND 106** and; I think his first name was **SND 106**. He used to bounce me up and down on his knee. As he did this he would have an erection and would rub up against me. I remember him doing this to many children other than me.
36. **SR 59** bullied me and picked on me. She treated me differently from the other girls. She told me I was a demon, the devil's child. I never received any positive comments.
37. In summertime when we were outside on the grass **SR 59** had her favourites surrounding her. One of her favourites was **SND 160**. She used to get them to say things to me like 'no wonder your father didn't want you he couldn't be bothered washing your wet bed'. These comments were hurtful because I knew my daddy loved me. **SR 59** made me sit with my back to her and I was getting sunburned but she didn't care. I believe **SND 160** went to Sligo with **SR 59**.
38. On many occasions **SR 59** would not allow me to go to the toilet despite several requests. Then I got my legs beaten for wetting myself. I remember one day I was sitting on the grass outside and I had to pee myself because she wouldn't let me go to the toilet.
39. **SR 59** would never let me play. In the hall she always made me stand with my nose in the corner. She said to her favourites that 'one of these nights the

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devil will come and take her away'. Every night after I was frightened the devil would come. She took away all my childhood.

40 **SR 59** used her knuckle to hit me. She hit me on the head and spine. It was very painful. Then the seniors started to do the same on the juniors.

41. On one occasion I watched **SR 59** pull my sister **SND 102** by the hair and kick her. This was normal for **SR 59**.

42 **SR 59** was usually on duty for bath nights on a Saturday night. All those who wet the beds got in the first bath. We all lined up and used the same water. There was Jeyes Fluid in the water. The bath smelled the same as the toilets.

43. One senior would wash us and another one dried us. I still have a problem today with baths because they used a wooden scrubbing brush. It was like something you would scrub the floor with. It used to sting me so badly and I used to scream. The more you screamed the more you got hit.

44. The senior girls hit me with the wooden scrubbing brush on the elbow, shoulders, back and head. It was painful. The worst pain was when **SR 59** or **SR 9** smacked me on the face, backside or legs. It left red hand prints.

45. During the summer we used to bring two big iron tubs on two wooden benches and one was to wash and one was to rinse. The water was scalding and there was head lice in it. The seniors held my head under the water.

46. We were given what I would describe as pork fat or belly. I would describe it as a fatty jelly. I couldn't eat it and I used to throw it under someone else's table. We were desperate to get rid of it. I wore a pinny and sometimes I used to put the meat in my pocket.

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47. One day **SR 59** came over and I still hadn't finished the meat. Then she held my nose and force fed me. She grabbed my throat to make sure that I swallowed it.
48. A few times I was sick on the floor. Once she got a big table spoon to pick up the vomit and succeeded in making me eat it.
49. I have suffered from bulimia all my life because **SR 59** kept saying to me that I had a mortal sin in my soul. I didn't know what a mortal sin was. I thought it was a big black spot inside my stomach and it was getting bigger. So I thought if I didn't eat food it won't grow inside me. It started when I was 10 years old.
50. **SR 59** used to come round at 11pm at night and she woke up 'the wet the beds' to go to the toilet. On one occasion I had already wet the bed and she grabbed me out of the bed and made me strip my bed. She then raced me down to the bathroom to put the sheets in the bath. She smacked my face and used her knuckles on my back and head. She grabbed me by the scruff of the neck and took me out to the back stairs. She told me to stand there and she turned the lights off. I had to stay there all night. I was in my bare feet and I must have fallen asleep. I always remember it was a winter night because the wind was howling.
51. I woke up in the morning to **SR 59** beating my legs and shouting. She made me get washed and dressed and then go down to chapel.
52. **SR 59** always shouted things at me like 'it's because your father doesn't want you'. She made me feel I was the reason my mother and father broke up and I carried that guilt with me through life.
53. I didn't get any pocket money or sweets. **SR 52** said it was because I wet the bed.

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54. Sometimes my father used to come on a Saturday and take **SND 102** and I out. He had nowhere to take us as he was living in a men's hostel so we used to sit in a field and he used to buy us McKeown's toffee bars.
55. On a Sunday afternoon there was a film in a classroom on a big screen. If I wet the bed I was made to stand in the corridor until the film was over.
56. At Christmas we put on a concert for the Bishop. He gave out presents and I always wished for a dolly but I always seemed to receive bath cubes, which I felt was a reference to my bed wetting.
57. During the summer holidays we were sent to families. One year I was sent to **SND 161** to a lovely family called the **SND 161**. The first time I went I was about 9 years old. I really liked being out on the farm. I loved it. I could have lived the rest of my life there because I wasn't getting touched or abused.
58. If we had any problems with our teeth we were sent to Riverview Park near Nazareth House where the welfare office was. It wasn't a dentist's surgery. They pulled out my teeth even though they could be filled. I have false teeth now and I blame them for this.
59. One night **SND 103** had **SND 105** over sitting in the chair beside her bed. They were whispering to each other. These girls were older than me and maybe about 14/15 years old. They called me over and **SND 105** pulled my hand and made me touch **SND 103**'s vagina. They kissed and threatened me to do it too. Eventually they allowed me to go back to bed. This happened over a period of about 3 months and I never reported it as no one would have believed me.
60. The older girls getting the younger ones to touch them was normal. They blackmailed me by threatening that they would tell **SR 59** that it was all my fault.

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61. It must have been something they learned on summer holidays when they stayed with families. I feel that these families weren't checked out properly. A girl called **SND 162** was abused on her summer holidays.
62. Nobody told any of the girls about their body growing up and about sexual development. I didn't know about periods or puberty.
63. In Nazareth House I was sexually, physically and emotionally abused, neglected and bullied.
64. One day I was taken by the Social Worker Miss Black in a Volkswagen to Dhu Varren children's home.

Dhu Varren, Portrush (1969 – 1970)

65. I went to Dhu Varren on the 7th November 1969 when I was **■** years old. It was like one big family. It was great. I went to **■** High School in Coleraine and I loved it. If you were late in you were taken up the back of the stage and you would get six of the best with a cane. I only got it once and it taught me never to be late.
66. The home trusted me to get the bus and go into Coleraine to my school and to come back home again.
67. **XY 3** worked as a carer in the home and she lived in Ballymena. She used to give me vodka and cigarettes. I was about **■** years old. She went on a date to the beach and brought me along. She used to make me sit and turn my head and look at the water while she had sex with her date.
68. **XY 4** was in charge. There was a nurse and she was from Belfast. They were lovely people. They didn't know **XY 3** was giving me vodka. I was very well fed in Dhu Varren.

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69. I befriended a boy called XY 5. I told XY 5 about things that happened in Nazareth House. XY 5 and I were touching each other. I was showing him what the Priest was making me do.
70. One night I ran away from the home to go back to Derry because I thought I told XY 5 too much. I spent the night in a caravan with students who were good to me. The following day I got a lift back to Derry with a man called SND 104. He was staying in a nearby caravan on Dhu Varren caravan site. I was about 14 years old.
71. One day SND 104 pulled up outside my school. He took me and my friends SND 107 and SND 163 for a run in his car. He sent them to get chips but he took me away and then he abused me.
72. Other times he collected me at school and took me to the reservoir and he was touching me and making me touch him. He started taking down his trousers and moving my seat and I got up and I ran out of the car and I kept running towards the reservoir and he kept calling me back. He grabbed me and he took me home.
73. On 26th July 1970 I ran away to my sister's house in Derry. I returned to Dhu Varren briefly but was placed with my sister on the 7th August 1970. Social workers came and took me to the Sisters of Mercy in Newry on the 20th January 1971.

Sisters of Mercy Home, Newry (20/1/1971 – 18/3/1971)

74. I was taken to the Sisters of Mercy Home in Newry on 20th January 1971 when I was fourteen.
75. SR 49 was a nice old nun. She made me feel very welcome. There were nice girls in the place. There was kindness.

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76. I was there for about three months.

St Joseph's Training School, Middletown, County Armagh (6/4/1971 – 5/4/1974)

77. I was moved to St Joseph's Training School in Armagh under a Place of Safety Order on the 18th March 1971 when I was [REDACTED] years old.

78. I loved it. I'd never had a hug in my life and I got a hug of [REDACTED] SR 67. There was [REDACTED] SR 68 and [REDACTED] SR 69 who was the head nun. She loved us all. They treated us like human beings and trusted us. The nuns were kind and considerate.

79. I was so happy there and the nuns were so lovely. I wished I had lived there the rest of my life. I was so happy because I was safe.

80. I left St Joseph's to go and live with my mother in [REDACTED] on the 28th August 1972. I was officially discharged from St. Joseph's on the 5th April 1974.

Life after care

81. I left care when I was [REDACTED] years old. I married when I was [REDACTED]. I was married for eighteen months and had a daughter called [REDACTED] SND 164. However, I couldn't cope with having a family. I turned to drink and drugs. I have been back and forth to England and have never been able to settle anywhere. I have two sons called [REDACTED] SND 165 and [REDACTED] SND 166 to another partner.

82. I feel I have been punished all my life. I couldn't tell anybody about the abuse. I felt rejected. I felt like everybody hated me and I had nobody that would give me a chance in life. I was destroyed and damaged. I was robbed of my childhood and my life.

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83. Many friends have died who were also abused [REDACTED] **SND 167** died last year. **SND 168** died as a result of drink and she told me she was sexually abused as a child.
84. A nurse came once and gave us a sugar cube vaccine for polio. I didn't get any inoculation injections, not even for BCG because they kept moving me. I was eighteen months here and eighteen months there. I don't think I got half the injections I should have.
85. I have tried to commit suicide on several occasions. I have taken overdoses and jumped in the Foyle. I have also self harmed. I have been in psychiatric units in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the past. I now attend a support worker once every two weeks. My support worker is [REDACTED], a nurse from a Mental Health Team in [REDACTED]. I go out shopping with her and for a chat. I have told her about the abuse I have suffered.
86. I saw a Spotlight documentary about abuse 3 or 4 years ago. Following this I attended a victims and survivors meeting in the City Hotel in Derry. This encouraged me to make a statement to the police around this time. I have been dealing with Constable Vincent Gillan in Maydown Station. My solicitor is KRW Law in Belfast.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed

HIA 49

Dated

19/9/2013

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Witness Name: HIA 49

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

ADDENDUM TO WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 49

I, HIA 49 will say as follows:-

1. This is an addendum to my witness statement dated 19th September 2013.
2. I have been advised by the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse that the legal representatives of Father SND 106 have stated that I have misidentified him. I am told that the legal representatives have suggested that a Father SND 407 was the Chaplain at Nazareth House, Bishop Street, Derry during a large portion of the relevant time that I was a resident there. I am also informed that the legal representatives have suggested that the nickname of that priest was SND 407
3. The Inquiry has asked me if I recall Father SND 407 or SND 407 SND 407, whether as a former Chaplain in Nazareth House or a visitor. I do not recall a priest called Father SND 407 or SND 407. That is not to say there wasn't such a priest. However I do not recall the names of any of the Chaplains or visiting priests during my time in Nazareth House other than Father SND 106 and Father SND 61 whom I name in paragraph 23 of my first statement. There were many priests who came to Nazareth House to say Mass, hear confessions, take benediction or just to visit.
4. In paragraph 35 of my statement dated 19th September 2013 I set out details of abuse I suffered at the hands of Father SND 106. The Inquiry, in light

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of the assertion by Father **SND 106** s legal representatives that I am mistaken, has asked me to explain what occurred in as much detail as I can.

5. I recall that Father **SND 106** was quite small and stocky. He had a very good head of dark hair and he had a round face.
6. The abuse I am referring to involving Father **SND 106** took place on a bench beside a wall in the playground of Nazareth House. My recollection is that Father **SND 106** visited the home often. He used to come out into the playground and would grab a child and bounce the child up and down on his knee whilst singing a song called 'there was an old woman who swallowed a fly'.
7. He bounced me on his knee on a couple of occasions. He held me tight and rubbed back and forth against me. He had what I now know to be an erection doing this. At the time I would have understood it as him having something hard in his trousers. I felt uncomfortable at the time because of the tight way he was holding me. When he released me I ran away from him down the playground. After the second occasion I stayed away from him in the playground.
8. My belief is that it must have occurred during the summer months as I recall wearing a light summer dress like the other girls. I was only about eight or nine years old at the time.
9. I did not tell anyone about this at the time as I feared I would be beaten by the nuns for telling stories about a priest and that they wouldn't believe me anyway.
10. I recall hearing other children say 'there is Father **SND 106** when Father **SND 106** **SND 106** would arrive at the home. He was known in Nazareth House as 'Father **SND 106** or **SND 106**'.
11. I confirm that it is my belief that the priest who abused me in the manner described in paragraph 35 of my first statement was Father **SND 106**

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Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed **HIA 49**

Dated 22-1-2014

#Allegation 49- **HIA 49**Name; **HIA 49**Born: **[REDACTED]**(Taken from the Portadown Records)

Baptised St Patrick's, Portadown
 Father's Name; **[REDACTED]**
 Married: Mother abandoned children
 Recommended by : Mother Superior Nazareth House Ballynafeigh Belfast also Rev **[REDACTED]**
 Received: August 24 1957
 Left: 27/28 March 1958
 Observations: Transferred to Nazareth House, Ormeau Road

(Taken from Nazareth House, Belfast)

Date Admission: 27 March 1958
 Date of Discharge: 18 July 1958
 Recommended by: Nazareth House Portadown

(Taken from Derry Records)

Where born: **[REDACTED]**
 Parents Names: **[REDACTED]**
 Recommended: Rev Mc Guicken
 Received: 1 June 1964
 Left: 12 October 1965
 Observations: Parents Living (Separated)

Our Reference: FJC/KC/5163
 Plaintiffs Solicitors: KRW Law
 Plaintiffs Sols Ref: MIS/45377/CMCK/PTM

Solicitor: Kevin R Winters & Co
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Allegation:

- Personal injury, loss and damage by reason of negligence on behalf of the Defendants
- Abuse and neglect extending over a considerable period of time

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TYRONE COUNTY WELFARE COMMITTEE.

Coneywarren Children's Home
Case Card

Name HIA 49
Sex Female Date of Birth 1961
Place of Birth Religion Roman Catholic
Address prior to entry into Home c/o
Date of Admission 29th November, 1961 School

FAMILY :

MOTHER.		FATHER.	
Name	.....	Name	.....
Address	.....	Address	.....
Married or Single	Married	Married or Single	Married
Occupation	House duties	Occupation	Labourer

BROTHERS.		SISTERS.	
Name	.....	Name	.....
Address	.....	Address	.....

OTHER RELATIVES.
Name
Address
Cavan, Castle derg.

Reason for Admission Homeless
General State of Health
Terms of Reception Nil
Medically Examined on Admission Discharge
Medical Card with Dr.
National Health Registration No. Family Allowance No.
If Milk and/or Vitamin Token Books Not Attached, state Reason

REMARKS :

Parents and family arrived from and are homeless.



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Reg. no.

Admitted 12.3.64.

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SND 102

Admitted 1.6.64.

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HIA 49

Born (i) [redacted] (ii) [redacted]

Baptised: [redacted] Parents [redacted]

Rec. by Fr. M. Gaudin.

Mother deserted children as father returned to Ireland.

Taken by parents. 12.10.65.

LRC/vr

15th March, 1971.

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B:

Father:

Mother:

The above named child and her family have been known to this department since 1965. There were many marital difficulties, particularly as [redacted] was not keen to shoulder her responsibility in looking after the children. There was eventually a break up in the family and HIA 49 was received into care on 23rd May, 1966. Parental Rights Order granted in respect of her at the Juvenile Court on 6th December, 1966.

[redacted] has from time to time contacted her [redacted] requesting the childrens return but could never provide care for them. She was last reported to be living somewhere in the [redacted] area

We were unable to find a permanent foster home for HIA 49 but during the Summers of 1967 - 69 she was boarded out for holiday periods. Until the end of 1969 HIA 49 was placed in Nazareth House, Londonderry. However, in October 1969 HIA 49 behaviour became so bad that Nazareth House refused to keep her any longer. After extensive enquiries with all other Welfare Authorities a vacancy was found for HIA 49 at Mtu-Varren Children's Home, Portlough, and she was transferred there on 7th November, 1969. She settled there for only a short time, and began misbehaving again in March, 1970. School reports during this time described her as a very difficult child who seems to have no respect for anyone and ignores the normal rules laid down for the running of the school.

Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(Sections 103(a), 156(2) and 158(2) - Form 19)Training School Order: Refractory Child or Young Person
taken into Care of Welfare AuthorityLondonderry Development Commission
as Welfare Authority for the
County Borough of Londonderry,

Complainant

HIA 49

Londonderry,

Defendant

Petty Sessions District of Londonderry

County of Londonderry

Before the Juvenile Court sitting at Londonderry.

The Londonderry Development Commission, as Welfare Authority for the County Borough of Londonderry, having satisfied the Court that **HIA 49** **HIA 49** (hereinafter called the Defendant), being a child, was received into its care on 6th December, 1966, on a Parental Rights Order in accordance with the provisions of section 103 of the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968, for the following reasons:-
The failure of [REDACTED] to provide proper accommodation, maintenance and upbringing, and having satisfied the Court that the Defendant being in such care is refractory.

It is hereby ordered that the said child (whose religious persuasion appears to the Court to be that of Roman Catholic) be sent to a Training School, namely St. Joseph's Training School, Middletown, Co. Armagh, forthwith.

And it is further ordered that the Chief Superintendent of the Royal Ulster Constabulary at Londonderry shall be responsible for conveying the said child to such Training School.

Resident Magistrate

This 6th day of April, 1971.

COUNTY LONDONDERRY WELFARE COMMITTEECHILDREN'S SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHILDREN'S SUB-COMMITTEE AT A MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNTY HALL, COLERAINE ON TUESDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1970 AT 11.30 A.M.

Members Present -

[REDACTED]

In Attendance - Deputy County Welfare Officer, Children's Officer and the
Assistant County Secretary.

[REDACTED]

1. APOLOGIES

[REDACTED]

2. MINUTES

[REDACTED]

3. CHILDREN IN
CARE

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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3. Contd.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HIA 49 [REDACTED] 14): The Committee noted that this girl, who is the financial responsibility of Londonderry County Borough Welfare Committee, had been boarded out in this County on the 10th December, 1969.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4. CHILDREN'S HOME

- (a) Matron's Report. (as below)
- (b) Committee Member's Report. Nil.
- (c) Children's Officer's Report - [REDACTED] reported that there were nine children in Dhu Varren and that there was no illness.
- (d) Appointment of Visiting Member - [REDACTED] was appointed visiting member for the month of March.

5. CHILD LIFE PROTECTION

New Registrations - Confirmed

[REDACTED]

Discharges - Confirmed

[REDACTED]

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On 7th April, 1970 it was learned that HIA 49 had been expelled from her school. As a result she was seen by [redacted] who recommended that she should be examined by a psychiatrist. Accordingly she was seen by [redacted], consultant psychiatrist, at his Coleraine clinic on 18th May, 1970. In his report he stated that she appeared to be a sensitive type who tended to bottle-up her feelings and become resentful of everyone around her.

On 26th July, 1970 HIA 49 ran away from the Children's Home, [redacted] and arrived at her sister's home in [redacted] four days later, on 30th July, 1970. She was temporarily returned to the children's home. Her sister, [redacted], requested that HIA 49 be boarded out with her for a trial period, and as a result HIA 49 was placed there on 7th August, 1970. Due to HIA 49's previous bad behaviour we were unable to have her admitted to [redacted] Intermediate School. Eventually the sister in charge of [redacted] Intermediate School agreed to admit HIA 49 to that school for a trial period.

HIA 49 still continued to be troublesome and was referred to this department by [redacted] (Educational Welfare Officer) for irregular attendance at school. She improved temporarily, but in November the sister in charge informed us that she was considering expelling HIA 49 from the school because of her bad behaviour and the bad influence she had on the other pupils. As a result of representations on our part HIA 49 was given another chance.

However, her behaviour continued to deteriorate, both at home and at school. On 14th January, 1971 [redacted] HIA 49 as requested that we find other accommodation for [redacted] HIA 49 as she could no longer cope with her. As a result [redacted] HIA 49 was transferred to Our Mother Of Mercy Home in Newry. This is a special family group type home where HIA 49 was supervised by trained staff. She did not really settle and absconded from the home on 1st February, 1971. It transpired that HIA 49 had been causing trouble at the school she was attending as well as in the home. She was found in Londonderry and returned to the home for a further trial period on 3rd February. Her behaviour did not improve - she shows no respect for anyone in authority or anyone who is trying to help her. She bullied and terrorized the younger children at the school and eventually she was expelled from the school on 12th March, 1971. Moreover, the Home is no longer willing to keep her as she has been upsetting all the other members of the unit.

In my opinion this girl requires strict discipline such as she would receive at a training school.

SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1968
(Section 99)

AUTHORITY TO REMOVE TO PLACE OF SAFETY

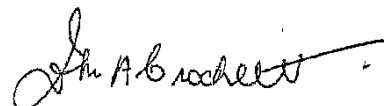
Petty Sessions District of Londonderry
County Borough of Londonderry

To [REDACTED] Children's Officer of the Welfare Office,
East Wall, Londonderry.

By virtue of the provisions of section 99 of the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 you are hereby authorised to take to St. Joseph's Training School, Middletown, County Armagh, a place of safety, [REDACTED] HIA 49 [REDACTED] Care of Welfare Authority, East Wall, Londonderry, a young person who is about to be brought before the Juvenile Court sitting at Londonderry on Tuesday, the 6th day of April, 1971 in accordance with the provisions of section 94 of the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968.

The said young person may be detained in the said place of safety for a period not longer than four weeks.

Dated this 18th day of March, 1971.


Justice of the Peace

Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(Sections 103(a), 156(2) and 158(2) - Form 19)Training School Order: Refractory Child or Young Person
taken into Care of Welfare AuthorityLondonderry Development Commission
as Welfare Authority for the
County Borough of Londonderry,

Complainant

HIA 49

Londonderry,

Defendant

Petty Sessions District of Londonderry

County of Londonderry

Before the Juvenile Court sitting at Londonderry.

The Londonderry Development Commission, as Welfare Authority for the County Borough of Londonderry, having satisfied the Court that **HIA 49** **HIA 49** (hereinafter called the Defendant), being a child, was received into its care on 6th December, 1966, on a Parental Rights Order in accordance with the provisions of section 103 of the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968, for the following reasons:-
The failure of [REDACTED] to provide proper accommodation, maintenance and upbringing, and having satisfied the Court that the Defendant being in such care is refractory.

It is hereby ordered that the said child (whose religious persuasion appears to the Court to be that of Roman Catholic) be sent to a Training School, namely St. Joseph's Training School, Middletown, Co. Armagh, forthwith.

And it is further ordered that the Chief Superintendent of the Royal Ulster Constabulary at Londonderry shall be responsible for conveying the said child to such Training School.

Resident Magistrate

This 6th day of April, 1971.



City of Leeds

Social Services Department

Division 3. East Inner.

79, Roundhay Road, Leeds, LS7 4AA.

Tel. 621075.

Your reference

Our reference DS3/JEH/IP. This matter dealt with by... Mr. J.E. Hill

20th September, 1972.

Dear **SJM 7**

Re: **HIA 49**

Although I know you are familiar with recent events concerning **HIA 49** I feel that some incidents should be brought to the attention of those responsible for her long term care.

Firstly, I must comment that if, as is usual, we had been asked for a home circumstances report, it is most likely that the unsuitability of [redacted] present home - especially for a disturbed girl like **HIA 49** - would have been available to the licensing committee before they made any decision. The placement ran into difficulties so quickly, and finally broke down, apparently irretrievably, that any hopes for resettlement within the family appeared to have disappeared. Under these circumstances, I think the original plan should be re-appraised.

I understand that the Social Worker who has been undertaking supervision on your behalf has given you her opinion, and I must reiterate this viewpoint and ask that the licensing committee is made aware of all these developments.

Although we have no personal criticism of [redacted] or her home, in all the circumstances we feel that she cannot be expected to have the specialised skill or resources to give proper support to a girl like **HIA 49** who you have described as severely maladjusted. **HIA 49**'s behaviour during her stay with her [redacted] indicates that all these behaviour problems are still present.

I should like to have your observations after the licensing committee have considered the situation.

Yours faithfully,

J. E. Hill

Divisional Officer

Miss **HH 13, SJM 7**
St. Joseph's Training School,
Middleton,
Co. Armagh.

Nov 1964

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1st L.C. Church. Parlour

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Helps with correspondence

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Helps with correspondence

Country Collecting

Ladies

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1st L. C.

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Bazaar

Principal

City collecting

Linen Room

Ladies

Teaching

Catering

Country collecting

Guest mistress, laundry

Babies

Men

Teaching

City collecting

Driver, country collecting

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HIA REF:

Witness Name: **Very Reverend Francis Bradley**

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF Very Reverend Francis Bradley, Diocesan Administrator, Diocese of Derry in Sede Vacante

1. I, **Very Reverend Francis Bradley** will say as follows –
2. This statement is the third statement provided by Very Reverend Francis Bradley at the request of the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry and deals with a request for information about **SND 106**
3. **SND 106** was born on [REDACTED] in Buncrana, Co. Donegal. He was educated in Buncrana and Derry. He attended Maynooth and was ordained a priest on [REDACTED]. He was appointed to the following parishes: 1956 – 1957 on loan to Diocese of Down and Connor; 1957 – 1958 CC [REDACTED] 1958 – 1959 CC [REDACTED] 1959 – 1974 CC [REDACTED] Derry; 1974 – 1978 Adm. [REDACTED] Derry; 1978 – 1987 Adm. [REDACTED] Derry; 1987 – 2007 PP [REDACTED] 1995 – 2007 Vicar Forane (VF) [REDACTED] Deanery; 2007 retired. **SND 106** has been retired some six years but would now take on a role as *locum* in various parishes in the [REDACTED] area of County Donegal. He has held responsible roles in the Diocese including VF and Parish Priest, and had an active role in the development of the parishes in which he served.
4. **SND 106** had relatively short periods in various parishes initially; however, he went on to spend more lengthy periods in [REDACTED] Derry, [REDACTED] Derry and [REDACTED] County Donegal. His role as Parish Priest there latterly spanned some twenty years. In addition to his priestly role, he had a pastoral role, which saw him being supportive to various parish initiatives, including facilities for youth. There is no record of him having specific duties or responsibilities for Institutions or Children's Homes.
5. Until the request made by the Inquiry, the Diocese of Derry had never received any complaint or allegation against **SND 106**. This allegation has, in line with the policies and practices in the diocese, been reported to the police and social services and **SND 106** has been asked to step aside from ministry while an investigation is carried out.
6. As there is likely to be an active police investigation, the Diocese of Derry would not wish to comment on the allegation as it would wish to ensure there is no interference, or perception of interference, in that investigation, thereby allowing the proper course to be followed.

7. The Diocese of Derry is actively involved in the programme of *Safeguarding Children* guided by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland and strives to achieve and maintain good practice in the area of child safeguarding as well as the area of safeguarding of vulnerable adults. We have an active link with the civil authorities and co-operate with them on any allegation and subsequent investigation.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed *Francis Bradley*

Very Reverend Francis Bradley
Diocesan Administrator
Diocese of Derry

Dated *18 December 2013*

HIA REF: 49

Witness Name: **SND 106**

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF **SND 106**I, **SND 106** will say as follows;

1. I deny the allegations made in relation to me in the Witness Statements of **HIA 49** dated the 19th September 2013 and 22nd January 2014.
2. I also deny the allegation in note form on a PSNI document dated the 29th May 2013 in relation to me which is attached to the Witness Statement of the said **HIA 49** dated the 22nd January 2014.
3. I confirm that I agree with the contents of the Statement of the Very Reverend Francis Bradley, Diocesan Administrator, Diocese of Derry in Sede Vacante dated the 18th December 2013.
4. I confirm and agree with all the correspondence forwarded on my behalf by my Solicitor, Desmond J Doherty to the Inquiry in relation to the mis identification of me by the said **HIA 49**.
5. I attach a small typescript section from the Very Reverend **SND 228** **SND 228** schedule of Clergy in the Derry Diocese outlining the pastoral career of **SND 407** (otherwise known as **SND 407** **SND 407** He was the Chaplain at Nazareth House 1963 to 1967 and not me.
6. I was resident in **[REDACTED]** 1959 to 1974 and I did not have any connection whatsoever with Nazareth House apart from visiting and carrying out some pastoral duties to adults in Nazareth House from time to time as would be expected of me.

7. I did not have any contact with the children's section of Nazareth House at any time at all.
8. The said **HIA 49** has made a mistake and has mis identified me as the said **SND 407**
9. I reserve the right to make such further addendum to this Witness Statement as required, either as requested of me by the Inquiry, or advised to do so by my legal advisors subject to production and sight of all outstanding documentation in relation to the allegation made against me. I understand that this is currently the subject of debate between my legal advisors and the Inquiry.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed

SND 106

Dated

20th day of January 2014

SND 407

