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HIA REF: 41

Witness Name: HIA 41

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 41

I, HIA 41 will say as follows:-

Life before full time placement in care


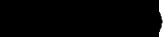
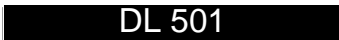
1. I remember life at the age of four. [REDACTED] I was in Nazareth Lodge. Due to the confinement of my biological mother with a baby named NL 56 We did visit him in St. Joseph's Baby Home in the grounds of Nazareth Lodge, 516 Ravenhill Road.
2. [REDACTED]
3. Social services were aware of our plight at [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] Road, we lived there in a dishevelled house, the front sitting room roof was on the floor on top of a settee and an old piano.
4. A young woman looked after us at times, I have since known she was a

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daughter of my biological mother's sister called [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. I can't recall her name.

5. I remember the [REDACTED] who died. She had an Alsatian that bit me and she gave me a coin – 10p – for that. There were bandsmen who lived there and the kids liked to see their uniforms and the Lord Mayor's show went down that road then.
6. My biological mother returned home with a man drunk and wrecked the house burning records and playing them all night "Shirley Bassey etc" along with fighting with him and drinking. This is how we lived running the streets, Great Victoria St, amusements, going up and down lifts in city centre buildings, we never had a cooked meal and stole from shops at will the 3 of us, **DL 87** **NL 57** and myself a year between each of us.
7. One day we asked people in the town how to get to the "Bangor Boats" and beach, we got direction over the bridge where the train station was off Oxford St then, we got money from stealing it in offices in the city centre and in them days you could put your arm into the street post office pillar boxes and take envelopes out and some had money in them, sometimes 5 and 10 pound notes for birthday gifts. We also took money from my biological mother when she was drunk.
8. [REDACTED]


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9. As we got a little older life never changed. We rarely went to school in a year and travelled everywhere at will, along the train track to the cattle market opposite the central train station today in Belfast (beside BT house). We would get on buses and get lost and the police would bring us back to the street and leave us with neighbours .
10. My biological mother was never at home. She did return at times play records drunk and burn them wreck the house and stay a few days and leave
11. A social worker called  DL 501 was visiting the house, I remember she warned both women not to beat us as they did with the shovel and poker. The home was a dump with no bathroom and an outside toilet.


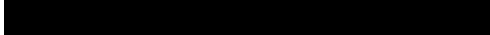
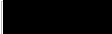

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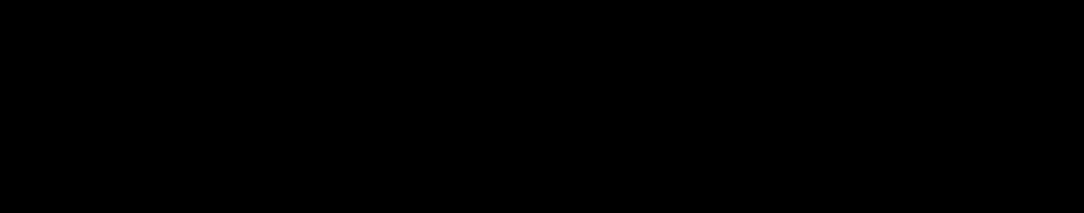
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14. We were treated like vermin by my biological mother and her mother, we had no other family. Relatives etc, life continued as usual, my biological mother came home again with a man  and they both drank played records and wrecked the house. He hit my grandmother they left and my grandmother phoned  to come and told her basically all I have said before was all lies covering for her daughter as truth and to take us to hell away. We were bad seed of the devil.

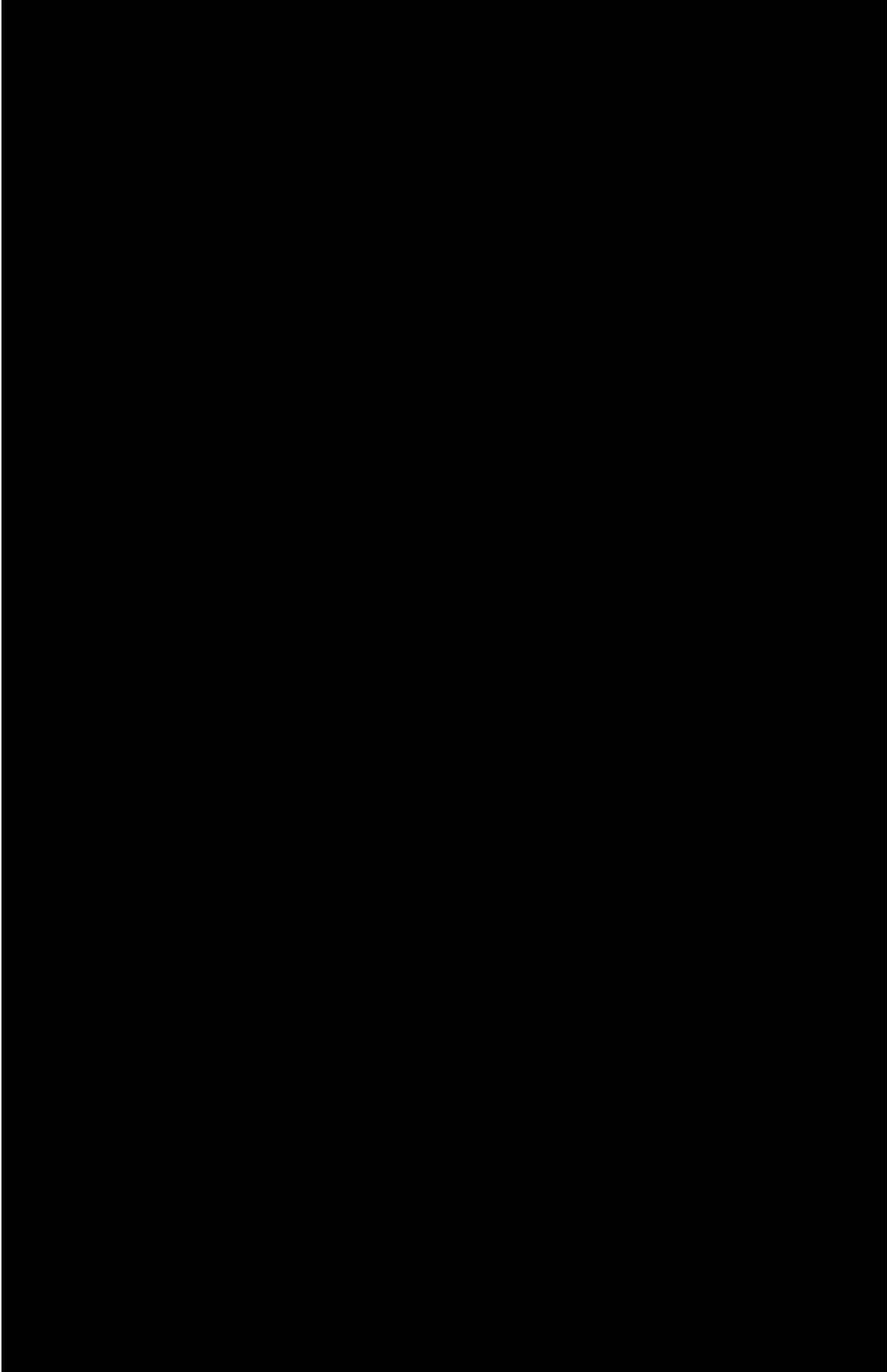
15.  kidnapped us, one at a time and when she drove she told us we were getting a holiday and drove for what seemed hours to the airport. I know the place she left us in was the girls' home 
 I can remember it.  the youngest was there. I have given an account of the wicked evil people who ruled over us there to the Police etc. (we



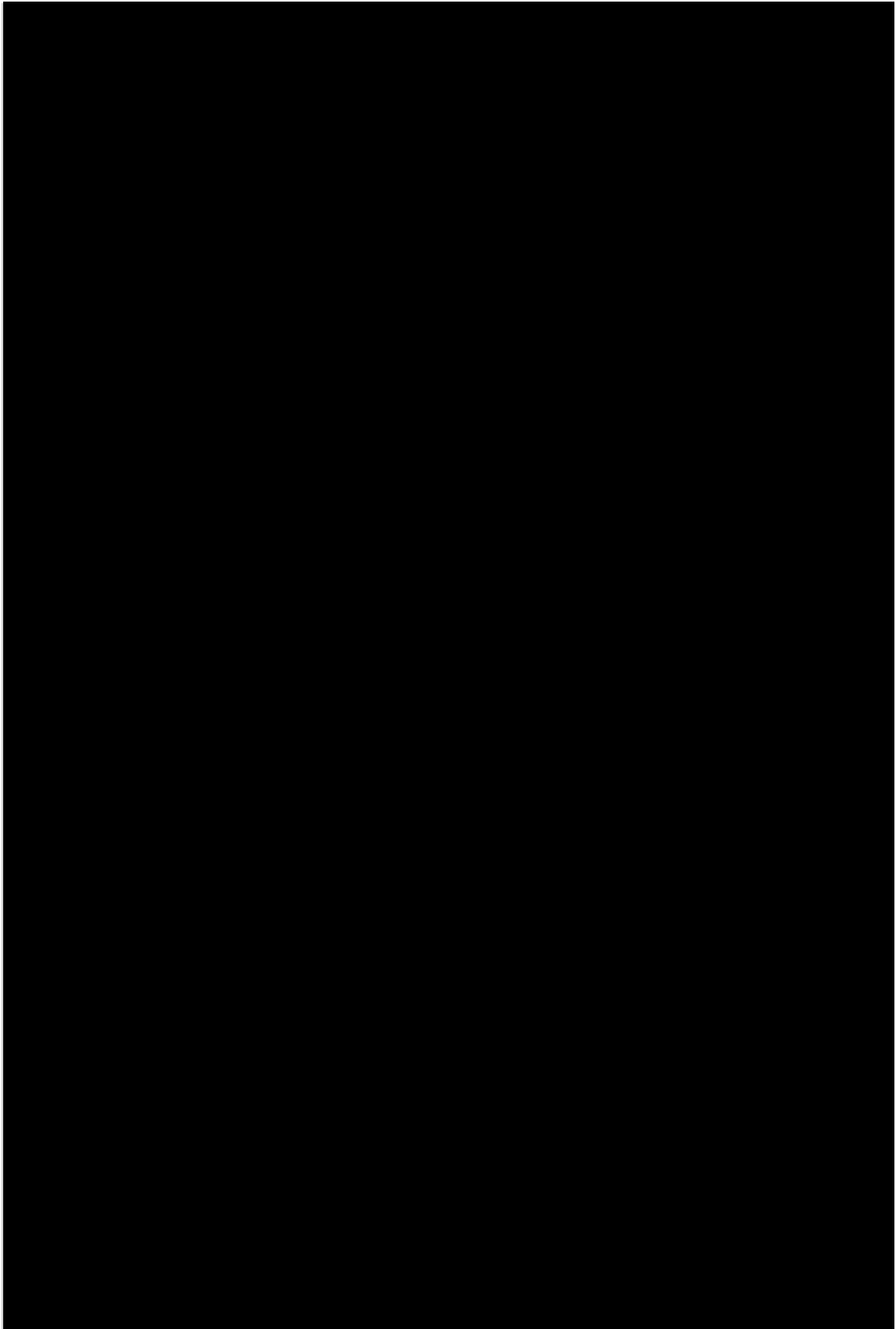
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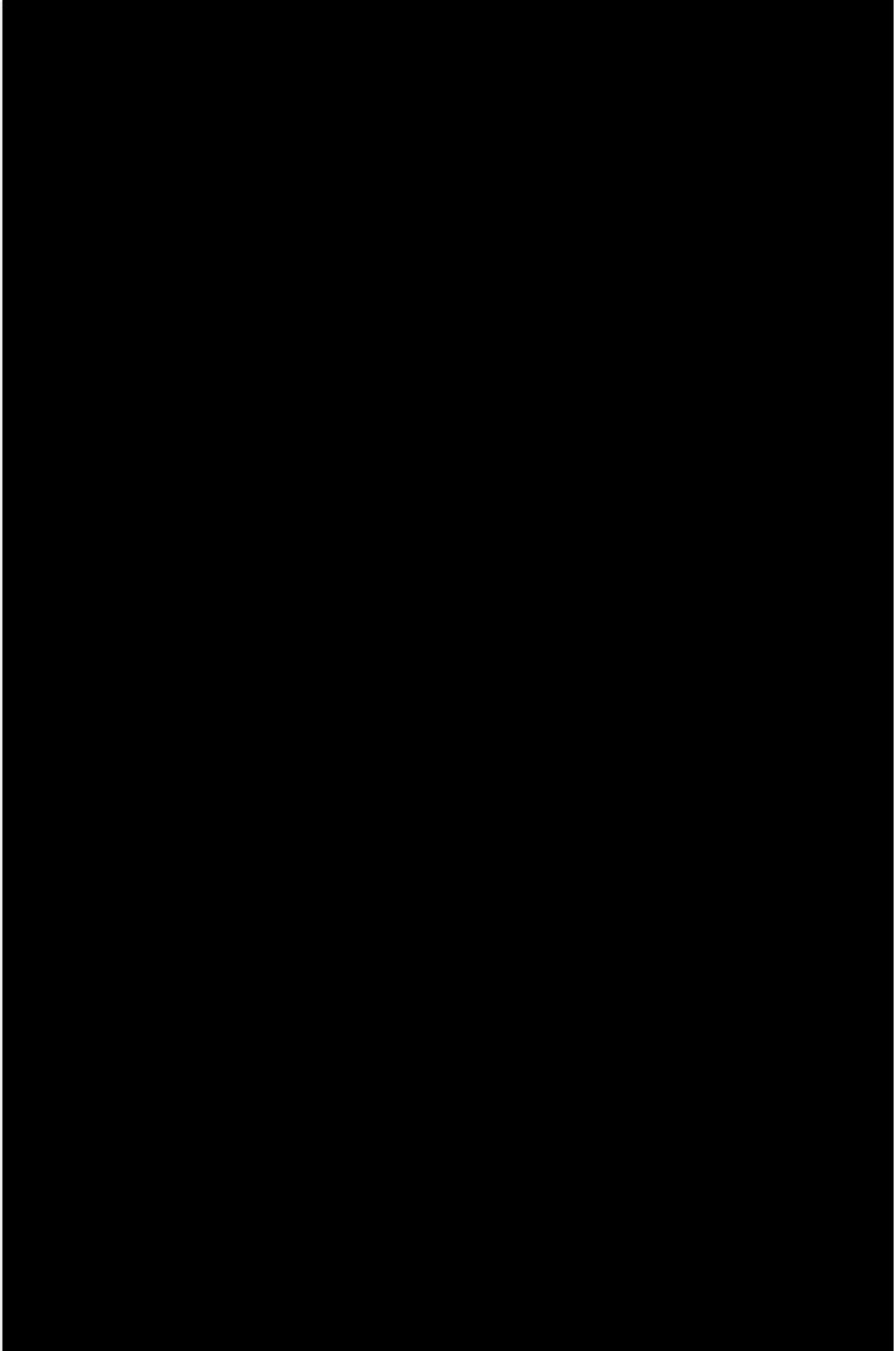
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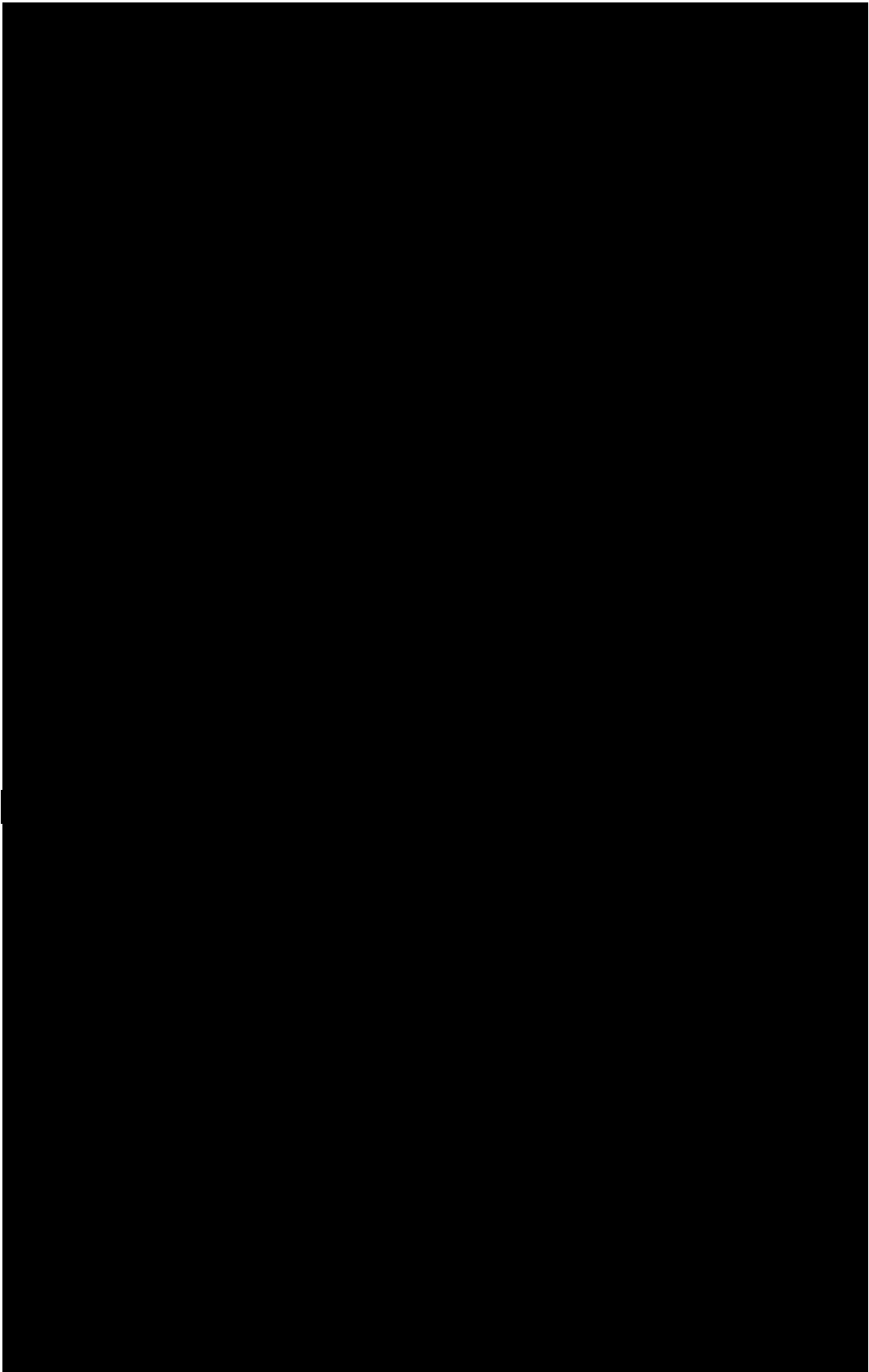
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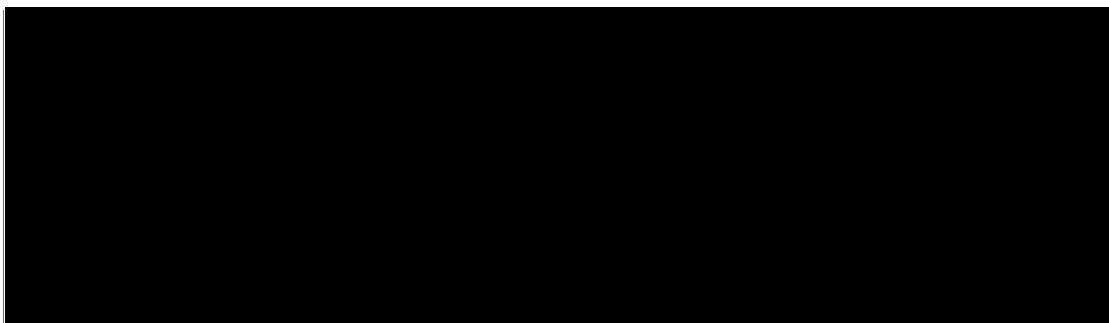
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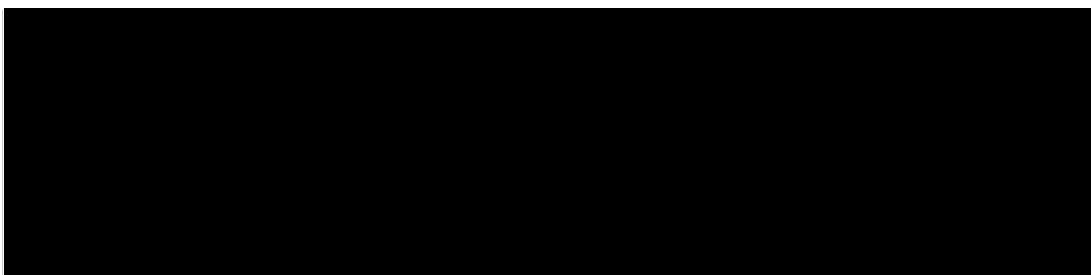
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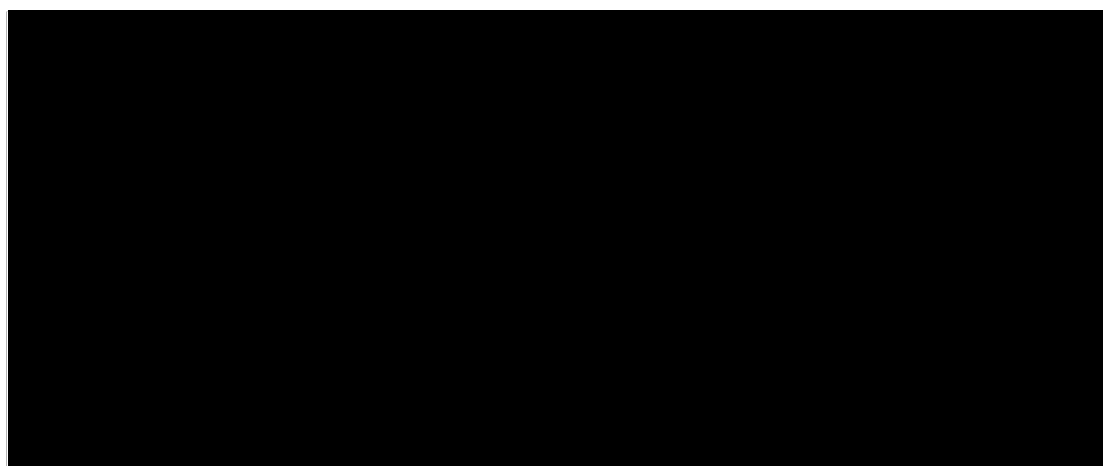
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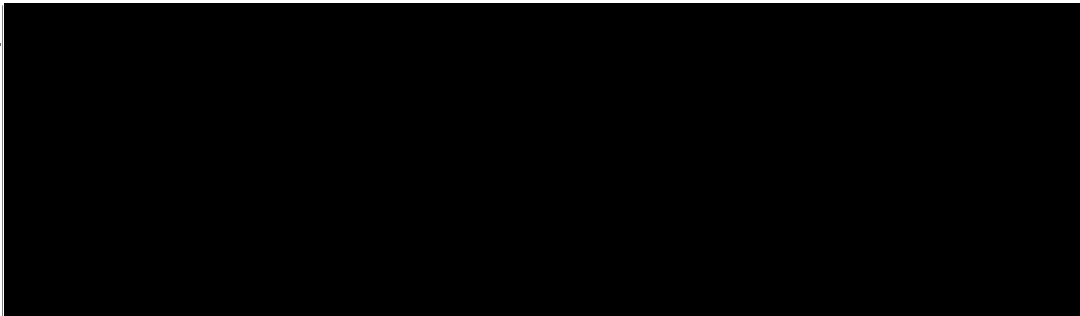
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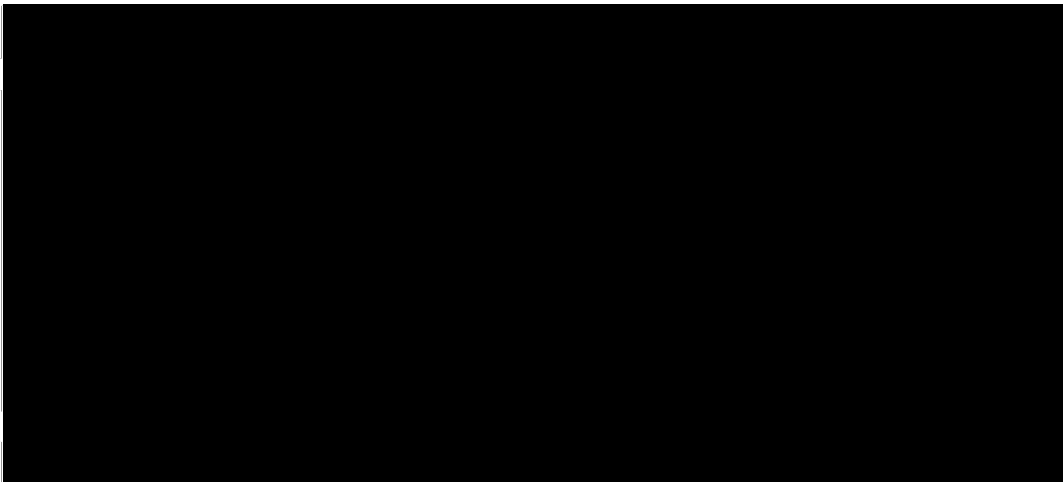
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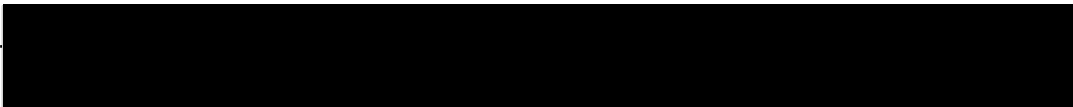
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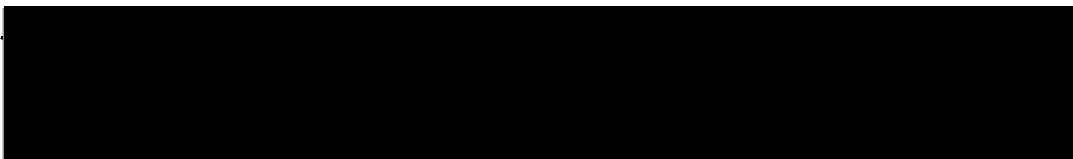
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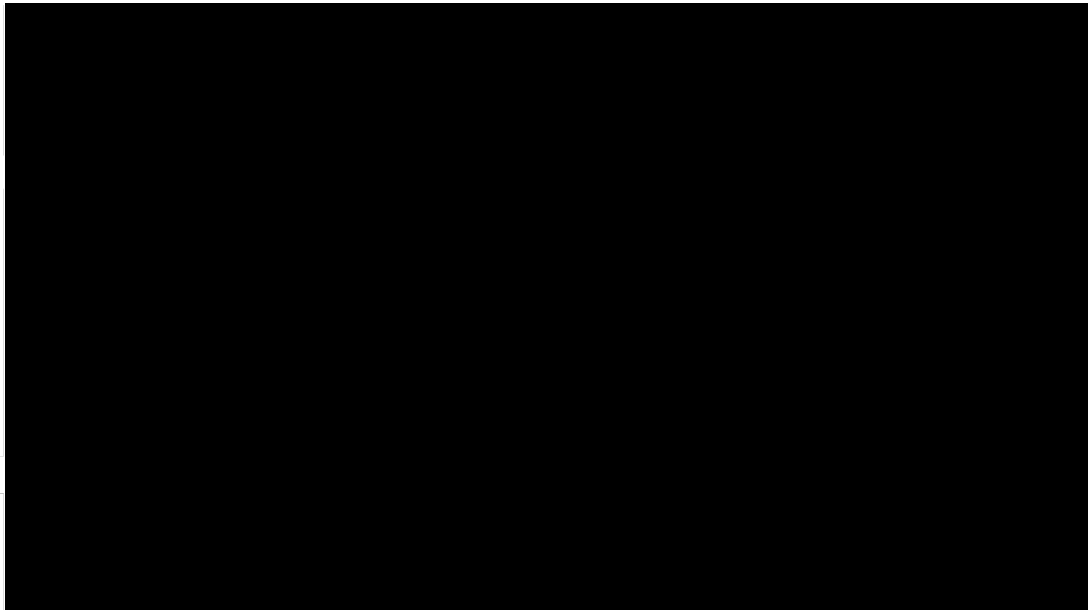
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De La Salle Boys' Home, Rubane House, Kircubbin [REDACTED]

32. I left Nazareth Lodge when I was [REDACTED] years old and was moved to Kircubbin to the De La Salle Boys Home. I was taken there by [REDACTED] NL 187 she had been [REDACTED] for a few years. I was deceived and coerced into going to De La Salle from Nazareth Lodge by 2 new sisters, SR 156 and SR 46 who beat and tortured me and coerced social services to do this by phone. I believe that I was moved to De La Salle because I had been running away from Nazareth Lodge because of the way I was treated there. I remember the day I was taken to the De La Salle I cried all day. When I arrived at De La Salle I was introduced to BR 2 He was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at De La Salle. I was then taken to chalet [REDACTED] where there were around

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16-20 other boys. **BR 23** was my house master there. Brother **BR 23** was a [REDACTED] man and I think he was [REDACTED]. We were left regularly on our own at night. I can remember **BR 23** coming back drunk from the main house. He seemed to be drunk a lot of the time. He was a very violent man. He beat me often for what seemed very menial things I had done. He always beat me with his fists. He beat all the boys in my chalet. Chalet [REDACTED] he left no-one or staff in chalet [REDACTED] and got drunk in Rubane House. The boys were left alone. It seemed like someone was always getting beaten. Above the outdoor swimming pool was the school yard, this was tarmac. I was sitting on the steps of the table tennis room. The bell had just gone off in the morning time when **BR 23** appeared. **BR 23** started punching me. He punched me in the table tennis room. It was the smoking and line up room TT room. The boy sitting next to me was called **DL 65** from [REDACTED]. He said to **BR 23** 'HIA 41 didn't hit anyone, it was me". **BR 23** then told **DL 65** to go on into school as the bell had went. **BR 23** punched, kicked and slapped me right round the 4 walls of the table tennis room. He hit me everywhere, around my head and body. He beat me right around the walls until I got back to the door again. **BR 1** **BR 1** arrived and as I made an attempt to walk past both **BR 1** and **BR 23**, **BR 23** hit me one last slap across my face. I was very irate. I remember cursing and swearing. I had been blamed for hitting **DL 48** when in fact **DL 65** had hit him. **DL 48** who was raped and abused hung himself after **BR 1** [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] I remember crying and headed into the school. I can remember then going over and punching **DL 48**. There was another housemaster who came to work in chalet [REDACTED]. His name was **DL 81**. This man brutally beat me and the rest of the boys in chalet [REDACTED] by punching us. One incident I recall was that I had said I wanted to dry the dishes instead of washing them and he punched me in the face, knocking me to the floor. This was the way he treated everyone. [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] I believe she was called **DL 404**. I can recall after I was in De La Salle for around 6 months **BR 2** came into our chalet late at night. He said that he was looking for cigarettes. He made all the boys in my

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room get out of bed. He made us strip off completely naked. Then he lifted our privates and looked in our backsides. He did this to me and all of the other boys, one was [DL 90] I think [DL 53] was also there. [REDACTED] was the other boy. [BR 2] told us he was looking for cigarettes as he lifted our privates and looked around the area of our backsides. We were standing as he did this. I also received some severe beating from Brother [BR 2] for virtually nothing. One incident I recall was during school hours. I had walked near the farm yard entrance and for this he violently attacked me, punching me and kicking me to the ground. Also when I was in chalet [REDACTED] a Brother [REDACTED] and [BR 25] came up from [REDACTED] in the summer months. [BR 25] had [REDACTED] and was around [REDACTED] tall. This man used to come in and take the boys out of bed. He stripped you naked and put you in a shower. This happened to me regularly. On one occasion there was a fella called [DL 131] and [DL 47] [BR 25] was standing watching me in the shower. He did not touch me. He made us face the wall in the shower with our backs towards him until he told us we could move. One by one at 3am it was sexual. I think he was masturbating. I got out and got dried and then he allowed us to go back to bed. The shower was always freezing cold. He was also violent towards me, regularly beating me with his fists and feet. Due to me getting a job [REDACTED] I was just around [REDACTED] years of age. This was because [BR 18] was [REDACTED] and two of the boys got me a job [REDACTED] I was very relieved to get a job on the [REDACTED] because a lot of the school activities, gaelic football, ended in me getting a beating. I have previously made a statement in relation to physical abuse by the [REDACTED] [DL 149] now [REDACTED] in operation overview. [DL 149] [REDACTED] A school teacher teaching [REDACTED] The Police statements made against him [DL 149] are numerous and far, far, more serious than mine [HIA 41] he is an evil man who brutalised the children in Rubane House De la Salle Boys home, in the [REDACTED] years he was working there as a school teacher and carer with the boys from [REDACTED] he did work in the Home after school hours and had his meals in [BR 23] Chalet [REDACTED] while I was there, he showered and slept there. I am aware of a record of him going to Scotland with

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some of the residents proving this point, he took the boys for activities after school hours in the field below the house and the all weather pitch.

I have attached an incident he attacked me in school. [REDACTED] teacher at the school was a man called DL 149. I am aware that at that time he was a [REDACTED]. He came to the school around [REDACTED]. In [REDACTED] when I was around [REDACTED] years old I can remember we had went into his classroom. He had his head bowed at this desk. He said to us, "Get a book and read it". He produced a box containing books. I was sitting at the end desk to his right as he looked down the class. He threw a book across to me. I said, "Sir, I've read the book", and passed it back to him. He threw it back and said to read it again. I said, "But Sir I've already read the book". At this point he jumped up from his desk and started swinging punches at me with both his fists. The punches hit me about my head. He came behind me and continued to punch me. Then he pulled me by the hair out of the chair and punched me to the floor, then he started kicking me. He stamped on my head with his foot. Some of the other boys in the class stood up and said, Sir, Sir". He told me to get up off the floor. I was crying at this stage and had to sit down again. My nose and mouth were bleeding. The whole class [REDACTED] witnessed this but no one intervened. As a result of this assault I was totally terrified. I had bumps to my head and my nose and mouth was bleeding. BR 77 was a brother and a school teacher and was involved in taking all the camping trips. When I first went to De La Salle he took a group of us [REDACTED]. It involved the [REDACTED] and there was 4 of us to a tent. We got up at 7 in the morning, looked after ourselves, making breakfast and dinner. I then filled my rucksack and with the weight I could barely walk. We were all forced to march non-stop up the mountains. Anyone who didn't keep up was punished by BR 77. I was beaten, nipped and had my hair pulled by Brother BR 77. He also put boulders in my rucksack. I wasn't fit, I had never done any fitness training yet BR 77 a supreme athlete expected me to keep up. I was sick, crying all day long. This lasted for 12 hours. When we got back to where the tents were we had to cook our powdered meals. On a lot of

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occasions we had nothing to eat because we couldn't get the paraffin burners lit. We were not allowed to help each other. Tent by tent. We were then made to walk down rivers and over boulders until night time. This went on for 14 days without a break. My feet were a mess with blisters. I was really badly sunburned on my face. I went on trips like this twice a year, sometimes to Donegal and sometimes to the Mourne Mountains. **BR 77** was also **DL 149** alternating with **DL 149** if I answered a question wrong he nipped me, pulled my hair or just beat me with his fists. He done this to most in his class. He also sexually abused me in the class store where he kept **DL 149** after school. He told me to take my trousers down and he started fondling me, he started feeling my privates, my penis. He told me to do the same to him. He also entered me sexually. By this I mean he buggered me. This was in the **DL 149** It was after school one day so he told me to remain behind. He spat on his hand and put it in his penis and he then raped me. I was so fearful of him, I didn't say anything, I couldn't have said anything, whatever he said I did. He ejaculated inside me. He also sexually abused me on one of his camping trips to the Mourne Mountains. I had fallen into one of the rivers which he made me jump across – impossible to do. He took me back to the campsite and I was soaked from head to toe. When I started getting my clothes off he followed me into the tent. He came into the tent and I was made to masturbate him. When he had anal sex with me I would have eaten his excrement I was so scared of him. Without doubt the most evil man I've ever heard about. **BR 77** was evil personified.

I had one house father in chalet **DL 149** when I was sent to Rubane House, in chalet **DL 149** his name was **BR 23** after being there 6 months I was sent to live in **DL 149** the house master was Brother **BR 18** until I left, at no time did **DL 149** **BR 1** act as my house master/father until I left in **DL 149** he did however sexually abuse me and most of the boys in Rubane House De La Salle boys home, he never had any conversation with me about anything in my life. I have seen disgraceful untrue writings about me by him in Social Services reports, this was to hide the fact he was one of Europe's leading child rapists, a practice he also plied in St.

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Pat's Glen Road Belfast, he copied some remarks from the teachers and
 BR 3

The remarks and comments emulate from [REDACTED] who
 arrived in DL 149 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] who sexually and physically abused the boys, while in there as
 he worked there after school hours.

The Police told me two years ago he was in this up to his neck and would
 definitely face a trial with the evidence they had on physical and sexual abuse by
 him committed on the boys.

Nothing came of this long awaited Court case, his comments were copied by the
 BR 3 and then BR 1

33. I attended school at De La Salle. Everything at De La Salle was self contained
 so we never got out except for organised visits. De La Salle had its own shop,
 school, chapel, chalets, canteen and a large Victorian house set in 250 acres of
 land. It had its own productive beef farm with sheep and vegetable crops like
 potatoes. The school was run by some of the Christian Brothers. [REDACTED]
 was BR 3, known to us as BR 3. He also [REDACTED]. There
 was a DL 1 who taught [REDACTED]. He would have punched
 me and everybody else in the class regularly, every day. He punched me in the
 ribs. I remember when he punched me it was so hard that I couldn't breathe.
 This type of behaviour happened all the years that I was there. There was a Mr
 DL 6 he lived [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Five days a week this man beat and tortured the
 majority of boys in the home. He was a [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] teacher. DL 6 [REDACTED]. His attacks upon me
 involved the use of many implements such as a hammer, saw, chisel and blocks
 of wood. His violence upon me was that bad that I went to [REDACTED]
 Instead of going to his class I went to the [REDACTED] teacher was DL 242
 from the village. [REDACTED] arranged this for me. He hit me with a joiner's
 chisel one time on my finger causing a laceration. I didn't receive any medical

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treatment for this or any other time. One incident that happened was when I made a wooden box. I made this in the woodwork class and had taken it to the [REDACTED] class, ran by [DL 242] who lived in Kircubbin. I had told [DL 242] I was going to keep a kitten in the box and we made some alterations to the box and put green felt and fairy lights in it. Next time I went into the [REDACTED] class to borrow a saw [DL 6] he asked me about the box. [DL 242] had told him innocently at break time about the box. I told him that it was in my chalet and he called me [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was a nickname he had for me. He never called anyone by their proper name. Then he attacked me with a hammer. He hit me around the back of my shoulders and about my head. I tried to get out of the door but he trapped me and battered me around my back with the hammer. I reported this to [REDACTED] BR 3. It was at that time that he told me to go to the class with [DL 242] instead of [REDACTED]. I was not medically examined. I can remember being very sore for many days. I was badly bruised by this attack from [DL 6]. The hammer attack by [DL 6] was in front of the whole [REDACTED]. There was a [BR 6] who taught [REDACTED]. I tried to avoid him, he was known as the [REDACTED]. When I first went there we were at the outside pool. I was [REDACTED] years old and I climbed out of the swimming pool after retrieving the iron ring for the filter. My nose was bleeding because of the beating he gave me. I was wary of [REDACTED] BR 6 from this day until I left De La Salle because of the way he beat me for getting back into the pool. No-one would ever cross him. This was the first beating that I suffered at De La Salle. When I was at De La Salle, [REDACTED] BR 1 came to replace Brother [REDACTED] BR 2. [REDACTED] This was around [REDACTED]. The boys were always kept together at De La Salle. You weren't allowed to have any time on your own. School ended at 3.15pm. After school at 4pm we were lined up for activities and counted at 4 and 7pm. This was either playing football or hurley or running around the fields. I got an opportunity to work on the farm when I was aged around 14 or just coming 14. I began working on the farm. It was really hard work but I loved it because it got me away from the Brothers and [REDACTED] DL 149 and the violence they inflicted on me. I worked on the farm before school in the mornings as well as at lunch time and after school and at 2am in the morning lambing season. It was at this time that I moved from chalet [REDACTED] to

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██████████ at Rubane.

BR 18 ██████████ was the house master and he was a strict disciplinarian and was very violent towards many of the boys. BR 18 ██████████ was my house master in the ██████████. There was an entirely different set up in the house, below ground level was the Christian Brother's eating and living quarters, their food was cooked by a Servant called ██████████? and served by a houseboy and friend of mine DL 96 ██████████.

On the ground level there was a sitting room for the boys a hallway to the outside and a shoe changing room and a hallway to the school canteen and our eating area for the boys, cold at night, a glass of milk and two plain biscuits were given to us.

The boys had a small seat and sat on it in the sitting room and didn't speak or move. Such was their fear of BR 18 ██████████ he never spoke to the boys and hated them all in the house and home, I could speak, DL 96 ██████████ and another ██████████ boy called DL 155 ██████████. We didn't fear him and were protected by him from the older boys and anyone else. We played pool but the others wouldn't move off their seat for ██████████ years I was in there, he clicked his fingers at them.

The passage to the school canteen was where BR 1 ██████████ sexually abused boys. I've explained the freedom the boys had on a Thursday night due to BR 1 ██████████ taking the boys for showers and sex. Sometimes Brother BR 18 ██████████ took the school canteen at 1pm, it was the quietest in Europe, he gave out the most violent beatings to alot of the boys in the Home no less than Mike Tyson, he had contact with them as they were used to spud pick, move sheep, cattle, gather hay and straw bales etc.

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The house was one home in De la Salle Boys home. There was Chalet run by BR 23. There was Chalet run by a Brother? Then Brother and DL 11 / DL 12. Then Chalet ran by DL 509 and DL 89 DL 89 and Brother? Then Chalet ran by BR 10 and Mrs. no boys ever were allowed into one or the other five homes in one. The other Christian Brother's who had no role in the house or chalet's slept on the third floor in the house and all socialised in the underground quarters. Brother BR 3 BR 77 BR 6 BR 40 minded the boys in Chalet at times and grew crops, others came and stayed in the Summer months. On Thursday nights BR 1 took over as house master. There were 2 large bedrooms for boys on the first floor of Rubane House. I can remember there were around 16 of us who slept there. BR 18's bedroom was next to the 2 large bedrooms. The Brothers living and kitchen areas was on a floor which was below ground level at Rubane House. Every Thursday night was shower night, it was shower night which BR 1 took and the boys were allowed to go anywhere they wanted within the complex of the boys area. Rubane House and school canteen. Two of the boys, one of whom was called DL 69 and the other one called and known as came forward at one time to say that one of the older, bigger boys was abusing them. DL 69 told all of the boys in my bedroom. He told us that DL 70 had been abusing him. He told us that he used to go into the toilets around 4am in the morning. He told us that DL 70 DL 70 took him and into the toilet and carried out sexual acts on them which included masturbating, oral sex and sexual penetration. He also said that DL 70 made himself and abuse each other sexually so that they couldn't tell anyone. One day after religious class, DL 149 called me to stay behind. He questioned me about this. He asked me if I knew what was going on between DL 70 and the 2 boys, and DL 69. I told DL 149 that DL 69 had told us that DL 70 was sexually abusing himself and. I think I told DL 149 the words that DL 69 had used like wanking and riding. I am aware that this had been reported to Brother BR 1. The whole school knew of this and so did DL 149 as he looked

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up to **DL 69** as a great Gaelic player. Whilst I was a De La Salle, Brother **BR 1** abused me. He openly fondled boys regularly. I saw him putting his hands down boys' trousers, both front and back in the school yard. All the residents were aware of **BR 1** and what he was doing. Whilst in the shower on a Thursday night **BR 1** always took one or 2 boys into the shower. There were two showers. He would always let me get into the shower. He would then open the shower curtain and you had to put your hands out to get shampoo. The RUC told me it was the shampoo over the boys' bums he loved. When I was covered in shampoo **BR 1** fondled me, masturbated me and made me masturbate him. He would turn the shower water round or off so as not to get himself wet. This happened both in the shower and the urinal room and also sexual penetration, by this I mean that he had anal sex with me. This happened up until I left, regularly, but not every Thursday. It also happened in **BR 1**'s office. One day I was medically examined, this was with one of the doctors in Kircubbin Village. **BR 1** An appointment was made for me to attend Newtownards Hospital. Brother **BR 1** took me to the hospital. I was then taken to see a doctor at the hospital. When I got back to De La Salle **BR 1** took me to his office and told me to take my trousers down. I was standing naked from the waist down and he was sitting in his chair. **BR 1** then medically examined me, he was known for his medical's, then he started masturbating me. He took out his penis and made me masturbate him. He had hugged me and kissed me on the cheek. **BR 1** was a very quiet mild mannered kind person. He was never aggressive but forceful. I think I was around **BR 1** years old when this happened. When I left Rubane House **BR 1**

BR 1 Also when I was at Rubane House, **BR 1** came to me and told me that I had a visitor. I was sent into the room beside **BR 1**'s office. I was not long there. This was about **BR 1** years before I left De La Salle. When I went into the room the visitor was Father Brendan Smyth. I was shocked to see him. He was sitting at the end of the table with his back to the fireplace. When I went in I sat next to him but he told me that I had to sit on his knee. He asked me how I was doing and that he had missed me. He immediately began to fondle me and eventually took my shorts down. He

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continued to put his fingers in my backside and he just talked of normal things. He eventually took his trousers down and was masturbating me and I done the same to him. This happened several times after this over the last couple of years that I was at De La Salle. He sometimes sexually penetrated me anally with his penis. This happened at least 10 times over [REDACTED] years. He also was encouraging me to go out for weekends with him, however, I never went with him. He sometimes left me messages. I remember these being in envelopes, which were stamped in green with his name and address. I burned these notes and envelopes. When [REDACTED] BR 1 took me to the hospital I can remember that the surgeon had to ask [REDACTED] BR 1 to leave the room before my examination. He was furious and the surgeon looked directly at him. There was a female nurse there also.

34. I met [REDACTED] DL 405 going into Father Brendan Smyth and later in the school yard, he asked me how much money and sweets Father Brendan had given me, the amounts were 2 and 5 pounds. The RUC confirmed this account and Father Brendan admitted abusing me while he was in prison in the north. This was used to prosecute him in the 90's court case.

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36. As I had to check on the cows calving I came from fields approaching the back of the school before 9am. [REDACTED] BR 1 had a boy there sexually abusing him on one occasion I saw [REDACTED] DL 31 a house boy being abused. All boys were on the yard to the right hand side of school from the rear and were not allowed out of that square at the TT room (smoking) room.

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37. I was in the school canteen putting lambs in the oven to heat them abandoned by the ewe. Getting milk to heat in buckets to take to the shed with orphaned lambs and calves, a glass corridor connected the school canteen to the house. **BR 1** took boys there to sexually abuse them between 6.30pm and 7pm. On one occasion I saw him sexually abuse **DL 37** a boy from chalet **■**. We discussed the matter and his distress. As I was a former chalet **■** boy he came to De La Salle Boys Home when he was **■** and attended **■**
38. On other occasions I waited until these episodes ended before coming out of the school kitchen on the former occasion I walked past them as I had the animals feed.
39. When these events happened I left the kitchen through the doors onto the yard and locked them later by a turn of a button on the inside.
40. **BR 1** walked up and down the school yard fondling boys. Everyone there saw this and had no choice in his sexual advances towards boys. It was tea and cake to him, no awkwardness or embarrassment at all. **DL 48** a chalet **■** due to his sexual abuse by **BR 1** **■** and **BR 1** at the same time.
41. The food was the same tripe every week. Rubbish. No toys or presents at Christmas.
42. The clothes were out of date, old fashioned and the exact same clothes were given to all the boys, group by group by the school principal **BR 3** **BR 3**. The fish woman who lives at **■** contacted me to tell me of the abuse in the home.

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Life out of Rubane House De La Salle Boys Home

43. DL 503, senior social worker, Lower Crescent was then put on my case 6 months before I left. Obviously from the social service records to place me where he saw fit. He was a senior, the previous social worker DL 502 was a numboid idiot who spoke of what do you want to do when you grow up. Pathetic and useless.

44. DL 503 was a cunning, skilled man at his job not for my benefit but to clear up another case. He operated like a headless chicken. He set about getting my biological mother to get a flat/house but she got a one bedroom bedsit, Rent 65 pounds and month. She only wanted one child, DL 87 and the other reasons only she knows. The rest of her meant nothing to her. I only knew of us

I had heard of her and met her once as a child. DL 87 was in chalet and went to DL 406 and DL 101 who all lived in chalet. He took no part in the home and did as he liked going home to his mother at weekends and monthly and holiday times. DL 503 started arranging me to go out to on a Saturday now and again and return on the bus at 4-5pm. I was left to walk miles to get the bus from the home and walk in the dark on my own it was very frightening. My biological mother met me at Oxford St Bus Station and instead of getting to know me at her bedsit took me to a pub on Ann St with a man she was kissing and drinking vodka and coke called. I stood at the bar until 4 and got the bus back to the home. This happened often and sometime to a bar called the lifeboat beside Dubarrys it was on the corner next to the boats.

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- [REDACTED]
43. It was arranged for me to stay with who I thought was an auntie called young [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I did meet her when I was younger when she was at our biological granny's in [REDACTED] with another daughter called big [REDACTED]. I was told they were my biological mother's sisters, but in recent years I realise she was in fact big [REDACTED]'s daughter, making her a cousin.
44. Anyhow I stayed two weeks at Christmas and was supposed to go to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and bond etc. Young [REDACTED] had 3 girls and it was not the place for a young boy to develop and play etc they were a lovely family, you won't find better, father called [REDACTED]. Lovely home, instead of going to [REDACTED] to stay at weekends before I left, I never spent one night there before I was dropped off at the door in [REDACTED].
45. With my dog I had in the home farm. My biological mother started shouting when [REDACTED] DL 503 left and told me the dog had to go, it was all I ever loved. He didn't tell her about it. Anyhow the dog stayed for a while. I kept quiet about everything as my biological mother had threatened me along with [REDACTED] DL 87 to do so. And I wanted to escape the Aushcvitz home.
46. I was only 16 and was in care of the state until 18. So I had 2 years of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] DL 503's regime to get through.
47. Since the [REDACTED] my biological mother had been going out with a man called [REDACTED], he had and owned his own home at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] but lived with us he had a job as [REDACTED] and was well off.
48. The bedsit had a slanted roof, the front room was tiny and had a small bedroom. A sink on top of the stairs, no heat, hot water that was the cooking area which was 4ft x 2ft. The bathroom was downstairs, shared with a larger flat of students, they had a landing area, large sitting room and kitchen, you had to pay to have a bath. I swear by almighty God that nothing had changed since [REDACTED] with this evil woman and social services.
49. She ate in the best restaurants and hotels, the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Chinese etc. and drank from Friday to Sunday every single weekend.

50. The front sitting room had two beds in it one for **DL 87** and one for me. An electric 2 bar fire. The place was freezing. My biological mother took herself off every morning and took nothing whatsoever in the whole wide world to do with me. I got 12 pounds per week on the dole. She took 10 pounds and the dog was put in **██████████** vets dog home on the **██████████** at £7.50 a week. I didn't have 10p after I walked there to give them two pounds a week of the bill, eventually **DL 503** took the **██████████** home to his home in **██████████** I was grateful as it was like giving a child away.
51. There was an outstanding bill of £170. **DL 503** wrote a plea begging letter and gave it to **██████████** the vet to ask for time to pay.
52. My biological mother and **██████████** came home every Friday and Saturday night drank, fought and smashed the place up. She punched the face of me as I slept, screaming about the bastard I'd come from, I suffered terrible abuse of this kind every weekend. **DL 87** was like a prince and attacked and spat on me. **██████████** attacked me violently also. The police were called twice. I reported this to **DL 503** and asked to be moved somewhere safe. He spoke to her, and nothing changed. The students suffered the riots she caused below us and eventually fled the flat on the middle floor, she then got the landlady to give it to her. I then stayed in the bedsit which **DL 503** agreed. I thanked God I got rid of all three of them.
53. I moved onto the **██████████** and was hanging out with boys and girls I grew up from the home Nazareth Lodge, in **██████████** youth club and knew others from my days at primary and secondary school. The club had an unemployment club. I had gotten on to a bricklaying course apprenticeship on the **██████████** and worked also from 8-1am in the **██████████** to pay the rent in the bedsit on **██████████**
54. I was only getting 17 per week and the bus was £5 or £6 rent living etc. I had to give it up. I walked everywhere I went. I also was going to **██████████** where lads were thrown from Rubane. I received nothing for clothes, food, help

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from social services yet I was still in care until 18.

55. **DL 503** made appointments for me at lower crescent but rarely was there. Life was pretty grim. He never told me that my biological mother had 8-9 kids or any info about my life. When I asked him, I wanted my Social Services records and he said there were none, by law I was entitled to them when I was 18. More cover up of the State's failure.

56. When I was 18 I was told by other lads at the hostel you can get records etc. I went and saw him in University St and he told me there were none and gave me the 3 pages I gave the Inquiry. I never read it as it starts off with what I knew, if I had of read it all I might have known she, biological mother had all these children, but I don't think the penny would have dropped as it's not the sort of thing you'd think of. I had to steal food and clothes until I was 18 to survive. **DL 503** wrote of my thinness and rags I wore in his reports and how he lent me £50 to get the electric on in the bedsit and how hard it was to get it from his bosses. **DL 503**

57. **DL 503**
The Catholic Church told me that because I came from the same womb I had no rights to their identity. I made social services and the Roman Catholic Church eat their words. **DL 503** ignored all pleas for help. I turned up in the house where my sibling was adopted, and then told the social services adoption agency in **DL 503** to bring my adopted brother to me in there and they did as I had opened his adoption file, and they didn't want me to walk into his house as they have a one way process where the adopted person is giving all your details and you get nothing. The Roman Catholic Church, the North Korean State of Northern Ireland and social services all worked hand in glove in all of the child abuse committed on the child citizens of this country.

58. **DL 503**

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[REDACTED]

60. [REDACTED]

61. [REDACTED]

62. [REDACTED]

63. [REDACTED]

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

HIA 41

Dated

12/3/2014

Report

Re: HIA 41 Family

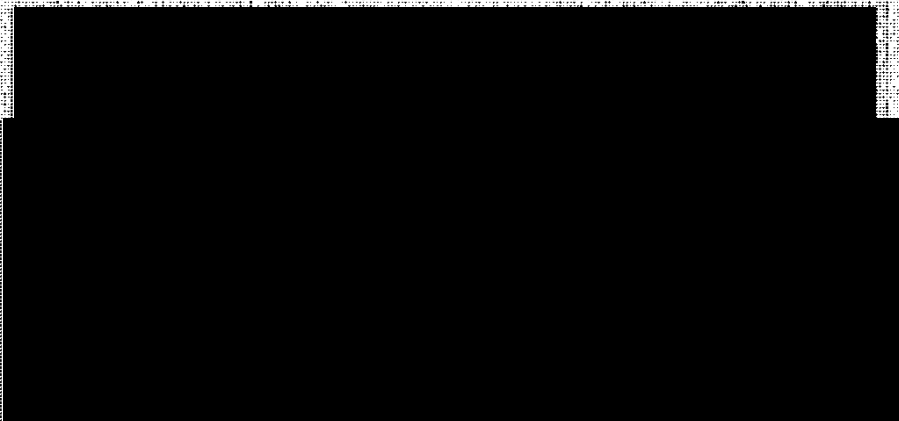
Address: [redacted] (Berkeley)
 California: DL 87 [redacted] Primary School
 HIA 41 [redacted] Nazareth Lodge P.O.
 NL 57 [redacted] Nazareth Lodge P.O.
 NL 56 [redacted] Nazareth Lodge Nursery School
 Family Income: \$1.50 Supplementary Benefit:
 \$1.50 Family Allowance

This family has been known to the Welfare Department since [redacted] [redacted] DL 87 HIA 41 and NL 57 were admitted to our care when [redacted] DL 407 was confined with NL 56. At this time DL 407 was separated from her husband. A Social Worker from this Department continued to visit when the children were discharged home. However contact was broken when the family moved to [redacted] Street from [redacted] Street. It was resumed in [redacted] at the request of the police who had seen NL 57 HIA 41 [redacted] DL 87

tramping from school. When the police approached these children they discovered that they had stolen a transistor radio from the grounds of Nazareth Lodge, confectionary and K&B from the counter and cash register at Supermac Ltd. The children were very hysterical and unruly in the police station. However, because of their ages the police did not charge them with any offense but asked our department to maintain contact with the family.

Their home consists of two small reception rooms and very small kitchen downstairs, two bedrooms upstairs and an "outside" toilet. It is usually quite clean, though frequently untidy, and is in reasonable decorative order.

During frequent home visits DL 407 appeared to be a rather unstable and depressive woman. She herself had an unhappy childhood, her parents separated when she was young. Her father (who died only last year) appears to have been an alcoholic, and DL 407 says she was afraid of him as a child.



Despite frequent contact with this Department, DL 407's behaviour seems to have deteriorated and her drinking has become heavier. She seems fond of her children, but is inconsistent in her love and disciplining of them. She complains that they are aggressive with each other and that she is unable to discipline them. She often makes remarks to express her disapproval or goes out and leaves the children with their grandmother. The periods when she leaves the children with their grandmother have become longer and more frequent recently. Since the birth of the last baby [redacted] DL 407

HIA 41 (d.o.b. [REDACTED])
 De La Salle Boys Home
 Kiroubbin.

Mother :- [REDACTED] DL 407
 [REDACTED] Street, Belfast.

HIA 41 was transferred to De La Salle Boys Home on [REDACTED] from Nazareth Lodge, where he has been under a Fit Person Order since [REDACTED]. He had become very unsettled in Nazareth Lodge. He was truanting from school and ran away on several occasions, and the Sisters found it difficult to cope with his behaviour.

HIA 41's brother, DL 87, who is also in De La Salle, goes home every other week-end. However, DL 407 was reluctant to have HIA 41 home for week-ends. She has never had a close bond with him and felt that she would not be able to cope with both boys. DL 407 suggested that HIA 41 could spend week-ends with her niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Avenue, [REDACTED], Belfast.

I visited Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] and discussed the possibility of HIA 41 staying with them. They were both very keen that he should stay with them. Mrs. [REDACTED] told me that, of all DL 407's children, she has always been particularly close to HIA 41 and has a good relationship with him. He also relates well to her husband and their three children.

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] are a very pleasant young couple, [REDACTED] respectively. They have [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] has been employed in [REDACTED] for the past nine years. The living conditions in the home are very high, the house being very clean and comfortable. The house has three bedrooms, but as the [REDACTED] sleep in the same room, HIA 41 would have a room to himself.

Mrs. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] impresses as being a very caring and capable wife and mother. It would appear that she is now the most stable member of the family. When DL 407's mother died two months ago, Mrs. [REDACTED] and her husband made all the funeral arrangements, and she was buried from their home. Mrs. [REDACTED] also does shopping and cleans house for DL 407's alcoholic brother who now lives alone. I found her to be very sympathetic towards DL 407. Although both she and her husband recognised DL 407's failings, they felt that she should not be condemned for what had happened in the past, and they commented that they were pleased to see her forming a stable relationship with her boyfriend, [REDACTED].

I feel that Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] would be able to cope well with HIA 41, that they would be caring towards him, while at the same time giving him a certain degree of discipline. HIA 41 is settling well into De La Salle, and I feel that he would become more settled if he were to spend some week-ends with Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]
 Social Worker. [REDACTED]

EASTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

PROGRESS REPORT ON CHILD IN CARE

Child's Name: **H/A 41** d.o.b. **[REDACTED]**

Home Address: **[REDACTED]** Section admitted/committed to care: **95**
Belfast

Date: **[REDACTED]**

Parental Rights Order Yes/No: **[REDACTED]** Date: **[REDACTED]**

Previous placements in care: **Fit Person Order** **[REDACTED]**

Order	Placement	date	Reason for leaving				date
			Planned move	Break-down	Dis-charge	Other	
1	Convent of Mercy	[REDACTED]	✓				[REDACTED]
2	Nazareth Lodge	[REDACTED]		✓			[REDACTED]
3	Kirkubbin	[REDACTED]					
4							
5							

Present Placement: *Children's Home/~~Foster Home~~/~~Home of the~~ (*Delete as appropriate)

Address: **De La Salle,**
 (Include Name of Foster Parents) **Kirkubbin**

Date Placed: _____

Dates of visits since last report. Identify to whom the visit was made, e.g. child, parents, and underline those on which the child was seen.

[REDACTED]							

Mother visited monthly.

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3	De La Salle Kircubbin	<u> </u>					Present
4							
5							

Present Placement: *Children's Home/ Foster Home/ Home on Trial. (*Delete as appropriate)

Address:
 (Include Name of De La Salle
 Foster Parents) Kircubbin

Date Placed:

Dates of visits since last report. Identify to whom the visit was made, e.g. child, parents, and underline those on which the child was seen.

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Case Review on **HIA 41** held in De La Salle on **[REDACTED]**

Those present:

[REDACTED] BR 1

[REDACTED] S.S.W.

[REDACTED] S.S.W.

[REDACTED] S.W.

DL 502, S.W.

See attached reports.

On the face of it all agreed that **HIA 41** appeared to have found for himself a very comfortable niche in Kircubbin. He showed no apparent sign of disturbed behaviour and showed absolutely no desire for either family or outside contact. It was felt however that while this provided no management difficulties, at present, that it was important to encourage outside activity as a preparation for discharge from care. Furthermore while superficially all seemed very well, underneath it was thought that **HIA 41** may not feel quite so secure as he presented and that his easy going, fun loving exterior is a front put up to cover true feelings.

HIA 41 is therefore to be considered for an adolescent group either based in South Belfast or if one exists in Newtownards. Also as there appears little possibility of discharge to a family member when he reaches 16, his name is to be put forward for hostel accommodation.

[REDACTED]
Senior Social Worker

[REDACTED]

INTERNAL CASE REVIEW

DATE: [REDACTED]

NAME OF HOME: DE LA SALLE BOYS HOME
KIRCUBBIN

NAME OF CHILD: HIA 41

DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]

DATE OF ADMISSION: [REDACTED]

DATE OF PREVIOUS CASE REVIEW: [REDACTED]

PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND ONGOING PROGRESS (if any): HIA 41 has now been [REDACTED] years in the home and has [REDACTED] more to go until he reached school leaving age. He is quite happy in his present environment and does not take life too seriously. He always wants to have 'fun' rather than get down to the more serious side. His main occupations at the present time seem to be pets and his work on the farm. Presumably he will remain here until he finishes school.

CONTACT AND RELATIONSHIP WITH:

- (a) Parents: Of late HIA 41 has been going out on alternate Saturdays to meet his mother. She has always kept contact with him by letter. He now seems to enjoy this regular visit to his mother and hopefully longer visits will result.
- (b) Other children in the Group: HIA 41 is well accepted. Perhaps a lot of his popularity stems from his clownish attitude at most times and his ability always to have a quick answer or smart remark to any question put to him. Will bully if allowed to and shows signs of a bad temper at times.

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File 125

HIA 41 4-9-2012

To dc g mc lwaine,---- sorry about the phone i got rid of it due to hassle ,

I wish to withdraw my last police statement and have no further contact with the continuing
ruc/psni institutional child sex abuse and torture inquiries since [REDACTED] hat have gone nowhere for
the third class catholic victims of the state committed by roman catholic church in northern Ireland.,

Peter robinson intends protecting the state and martin mc guinnesss the roman catholic church
thats what we gathered in the last 2 years in Stormont, and the rest is obvious. **HIA 41**

HIA 41