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Witness Name: HIA 26

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 26

I, HIA 26, will say as follows:-

Personal Details

1. I was born on [REDACTED].
2. I was the [REDACTED] children. There were [REDACTED] girls – in [REDACTED] HIA 262 and myself. There were only one or two years between all of us. My mother died of TB and cancer in [REDACTED] and the welfare officer at the time, [REDACTED] put all my brothers and sisters in care. My father was a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] My sisters [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went to [REDACTED] My other two sisters, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went to live in [REDACTED].
3. My sister [REDACTED] was twenty one at the time and she was married so she hid me for over six months and the authorities did not get me until [REDACTED]. They put me in care as they considered my sister to be irresponsible. They told me they were just bringing me down to see my brother. They bought me a bow and arrow and left me in Rubane House, Kircubbin.

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Rubane House, Kircubbin [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

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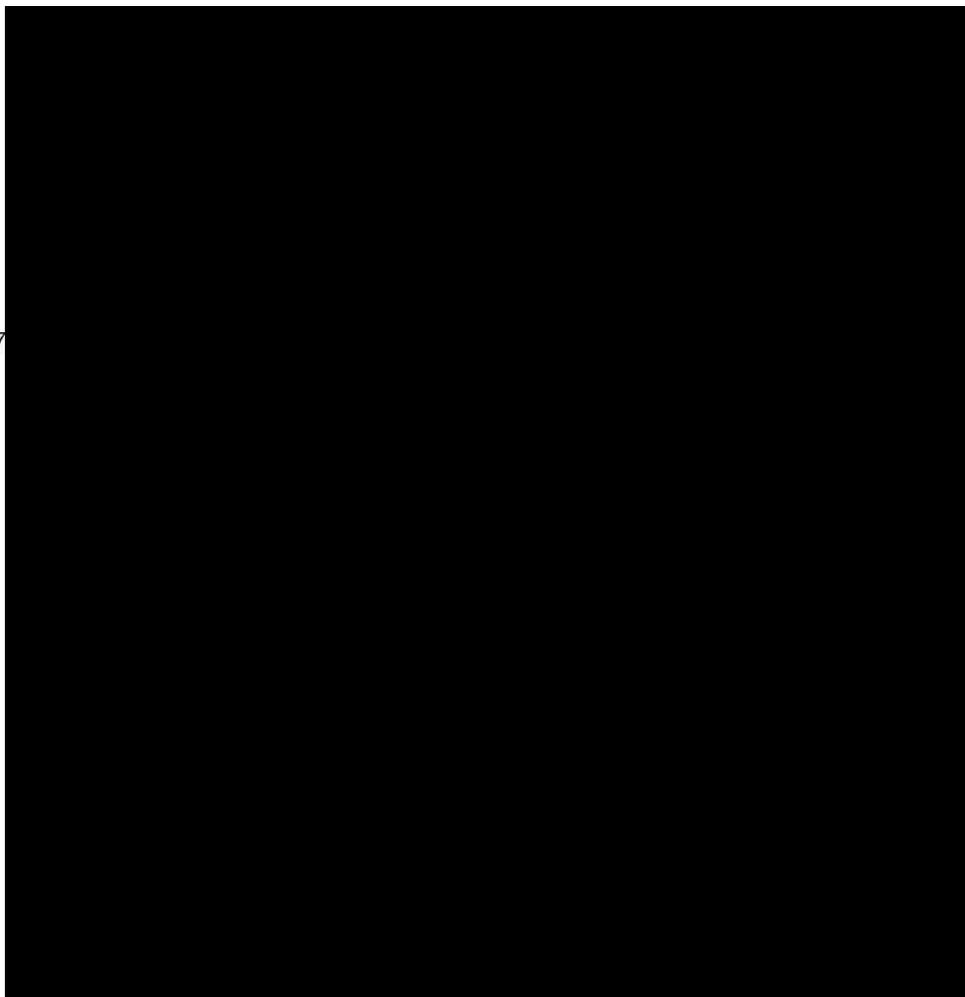
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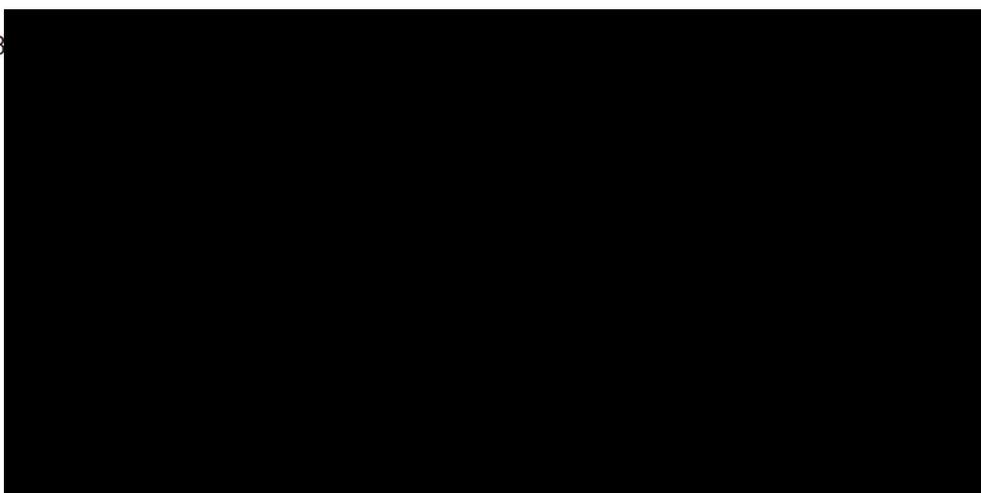
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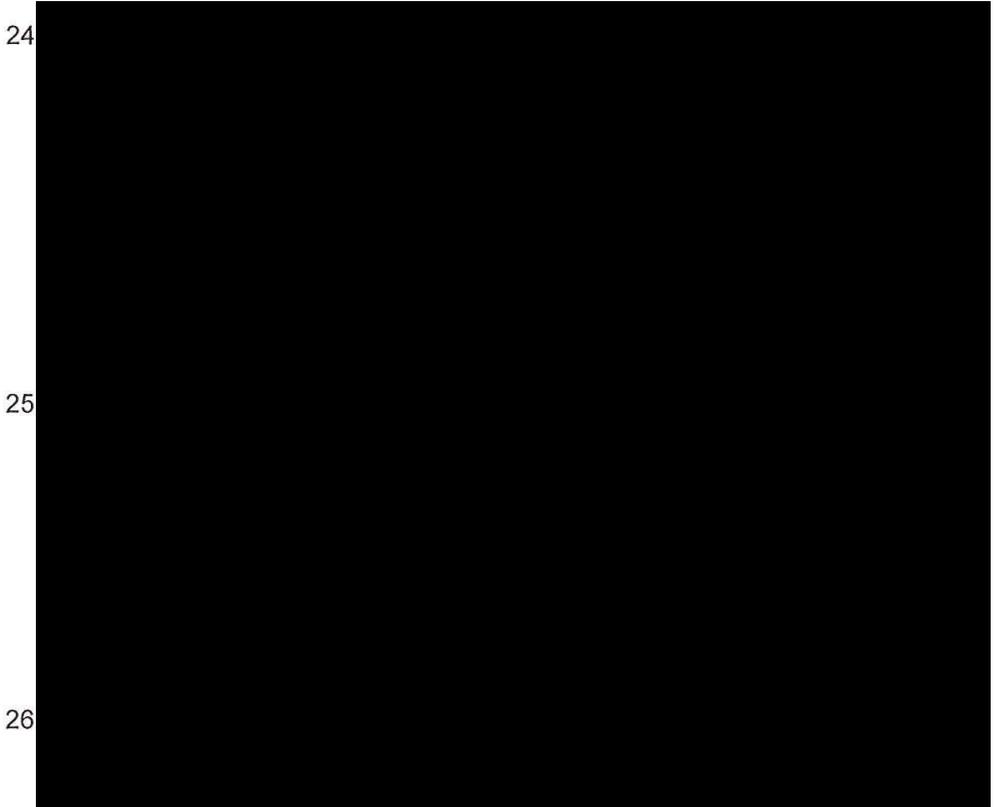
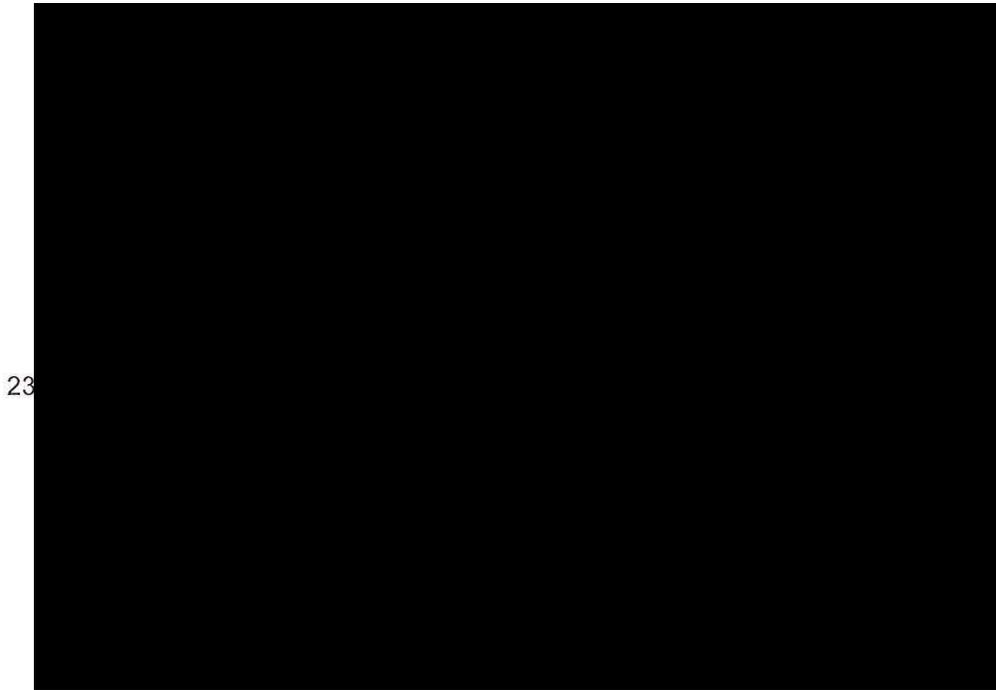
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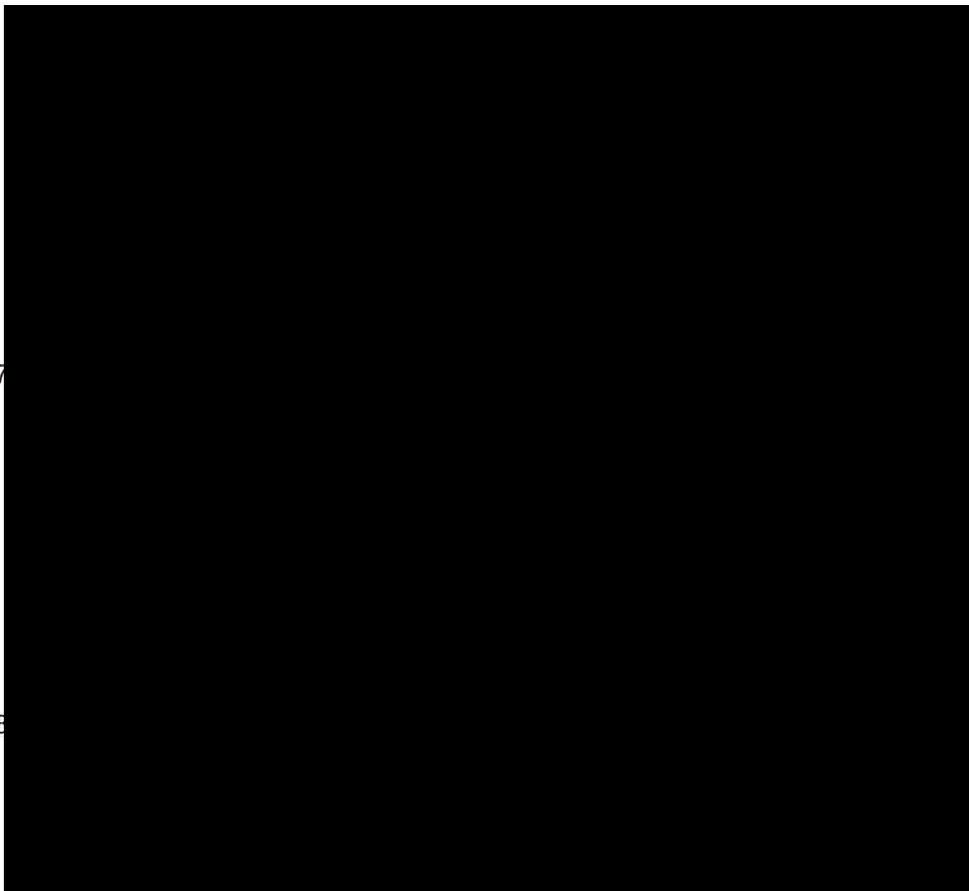
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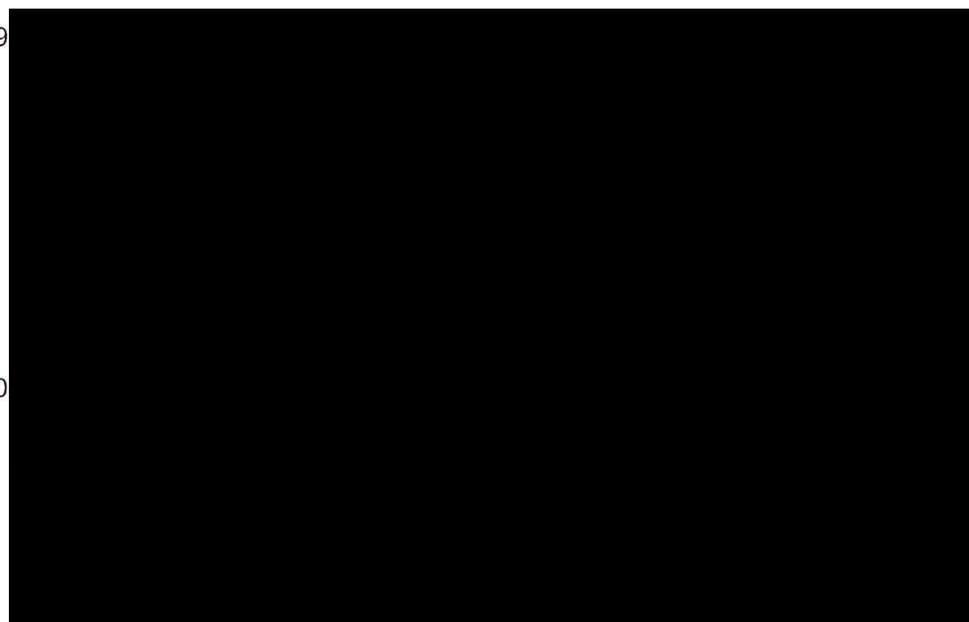


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St Patrick's Training School, Glen Road, Belfast [REDACTED]

34. I was placed in St Patrick's Training School on [REDACTED] I kept running away and getting in to trouble and being readmitted to the school. I kept seeing Brothers at St Pat's who had abused me at Rubane House and I was afraid of these Brothers. I cannot recall the names of these non-Rubane Brothers. They did not work there but they used to come back and forth between the institutions and this made me run away. I was punished by being kept locked in a small room with a sloped wooden bed. They kept you there for two or three days. Another form of punishment was to make you wear shorts, two odd shoes and they would cut lumps out of your hair to try and stop you running away.

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35. BR 26 approached me when I was in the punishment cell. He felt all around me and tried to sexually assault me there and I kicked the legs off him.
36. BR 42 used to make you run around the yard. He would get us to form two circles and he would stand in the smaller circle as you ran round the outer circle and each time you passed he would wallop you with a hurley bat. This game could go on for ten or fifteen minutes.
37. I often tried to self harm when I was in St Pat's and I have scars remaining on my hands and wrists since this time. I was trying to get to hospital so that I could run away but they never took me to hospital. BR 26 just cleaned and bandaged up the wounds himself in the home.
38. The staff at St Pat's could not control me so I was sent to borstal for absconding. They sent me to Millisle. I appealed and got back to St Pat's only to run away again. I was sent to Crumlin Road Prison when I was [REDACTED] for absconding. I went to [REDACTED] but they caught me and brought me back and I was sent to borstal yet again. Later in life I returned twice to Crumlin Road with convictions for theft.

Life after care

39. I was questioned by the police in 1995 about abuse by the brothers. Someone must have reported it and they came to question me. I told them about the abuse I had suffered during my time at Rubane House.
40. A criminal case was brought to court regarding the abuse I suffered but no one was convicted. It was heard at Newtownards and Downpatrick court but Judge Gibson did not proceed with the case and I was told that this was due to so many of the Brothers now being deceased that they would not get a fair hearing and due to the lapse of time.

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41. I took a civil claim against the Order and named Brothers in 1998 which was settled out of court on a no liability basis in 2005. My claim settled for £35,000. I was told by the lawyers that as a lot of these people were dead it was not going anywhere. They got me to sign a blank piece of paper and I signed it but I was not feeling well when these discussions about my settlement were taking place. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I was on medication for depression and in my view I was not in a fit state to either understand or sign any settlement agreement. It is my view it was dirty money.

42. I married at [REDACTED] and I was with my [REDACTED] wife for [REDACTED] years and we had a [REDACTED] who is now over [REDACTED] years old. I experienced psychological problems during my first marriage and was admitted to psychiatric care following an overdose in [REDACTED]. I have had a number of attempted overdoses since that time.

43. I married for a [REDACTED] time in [REDACTED] when I was [REDACTED] and we had [REDACTED]. My daughter has a son so I have one grandchild. I had a nervous breakdown during my marriage and we broke up as my wife could not cope with my mental illness. Both my marriages failed due to my mental health difficulties which were caused due to the abuse I suffered during my time in care.

44. I was able to seal these memories away in a box in my brain but over the years it has just crumbled a bit and more memories are coming in. My brother was also in Rubane but he doesn't talk about the home either even though I now see him once or twice a week. Some of my siblings are now deceased but I have two sisters and one brother still alive.

45. I complained to the police recently because I felt that they didn't do the job they were supposed to do in 1995 and up until it went to court in 2000. They lost paperwork amongst other things and I complained in the end to the Police Ombudsman. PONI said they could not do anything about my complaint and I

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think it was forwarded on to Detective Inspector Wilson. I could never really understand why I was not brought to court as a witness.

46. I have struggled to get relevant paperwork from the Order. Also, I have been told that there are no medical records for me from my birth until I was fifteen. They were all sent down to the home and I think they were destroyed.

47. I have always worked. I was a [REDACTED] then I was a [REDACTED].

48. After care I found that I did not mix well with other people. I couldn't stand crowds at all. At one point my head just went and I was actually signed in to a hospital but I cannot remember where now. I used to have to go to different day centres and then I went to [REDACTED] Crumlin Road. My past is just constantly in my head. I wake up in cold sweats, as if it's happening now.

49. I spoke more recently with a female officer from the police Child Protection Unit. I also gave video evidence to the police about six months ago. I do not know what they are doing now with my evidence as I have not received any feedback. I did not get any help from anyone until I got a CPN, [REDACTED] from North and West Belfast Trust. I currently attend counselling with a Clinical Psychologist, [REDACTED]. I am supposed to see a psychiatrist every few months but at times I cannot attend these meetings as I do not feel able to participate. It was a psychiatrist who organised the counselling and CPN visits for me. That is the only help I received. The police took statements and I was left to deal with the aftermath myself which is totally wrong. There should have been something put in place to help people who suffered abuse.

50. I am getting help at the minute. It is slow but sure progress but at the end of the day it is very difficult to cope with how I am feeling about my time in care.

51. I had locked my memories of my time in care in a box in my brain and had been able to seal those thoughts away for many years. However, when the

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police spoke to me it opened the floodgates, things crumbled a bit, more memories came back to me and I took a couple of breakdowns. I feel my mental health has been deteriorating since 1995 and I have been admitted on various occasions to the Mater Hospital, Knockbracken Health Centre and Windsor House.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed **HIA 26** _____

Dated 28/2/14 _____

HIA 26

D.O.B. [REDACTED]

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MOVEMENT HISTORY

(COMPILED FROM LOG BOOK ENTRIES – MAY CONTAIN SOME GAPS/INACCURACIES)

[REDACTED] REMANDED TO ST PATRICK'S T.S.
 [REDACTED] DISCHARGED
 [REDACTED] REMANDED TO ST PATRICK'S T.S.
 [REDACTED] ABSCONDED
 [REDACTED] RETURNED TO ST PATRICK'S T.S. BY RUC
 [REDACTED] COMMITTED TO ST PATRICK'S T.S.
 [REDACTED] ABSCONDED
 [REDACTED] ABSCONDED
 [REDACTED] ABSCONDED-RETURNED BY RUC
 [REDACTED] ABSCONDED
 [REDACTED] TO HMP
 [REDACTED] COMMITTED TO BORSTAL
 [REDACTED] RETURNED TO ST PATRICK'S (APPEAL UPHELD)
 [REDACTED] ABSCONDED
 [REDACTED] IN POLICE CUSTODY IN [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] RETURNED TO ST PATRICK'S T.S.
 [REDACTED] COMMITTED TO BORSTAL TRAINING

DECEMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
50 at breakfast
1 at home - [REDACTED]
5 absce [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HIA 26

to drink - back and remain for 1 week

HIA 26

brought in by Police @ 10.30 p.m.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
52 at breakfast
4 absconded [REDACTED]
20 city boys out for the day
31 at dinner
1 in attention room -

HIA 26

[REDACTED] came in drunk & disorderly. ✓

DECEMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 50 at breakfast

2 in detention rooms - HIA 26

1 in sick bay - [REDACTED]

3 abs [REDACTED]

no school

51 at dinner [REDACTED] out of detention room for dinner

1 in detention room - HIA 26

52 at tea

1 in detention room - HIA 26

5 abs - as above.

Power failure tonight from 7-7.30.

[REDACTED] 51 at breakfast

1 in detention room - HIA 26

1 in sick bay - [REDACTED]

out to school - [REDACTED]

52 at dinner [REDACTED]

in bed

53 at tea

4 abs

1 at Teah - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*Both James & James boys in bed at the proper time
Boys went from the Spide.*

HIA 26

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HIA 26

in the detention room

[REDACTED]

for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HIA 26

still in the detention room

[REDACTED]

for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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HIA 26

d.o.b. [REDACTED]

The above named youth was committed to the Training School from the Juvenile Court sitting in Belfast on the [REDACTED] The charges against him related to Burglary.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT: In testing HIA 26 was found to have an I.Q. of [REDACTED]. He did not like the idea of going to class here which he was required to attend on a part-time basis. The only period he seemed to settle in the schoolroom setting was for two weeks immediately before Christmas and for five weeks after it. His dislike of the requirement of attending class was motivated, we suspect, by the restrictions it imposed on his freedom. In [REDACTED] HIA 26 was seen and examined by Dr. Weir, the Special Care Consultant who visits the Training School. Dr. Weir indicated to us that in his opinion HIA 26 was not a fit subject requiring Residential Special Care but at the same time we could expect fairly frequent periods of erratic and unpredictable behaviour from him. The Consultant said he would review the boy from time to time on his visits to the School but unfortunately Dr. Weir has been off duty due to illness for some time now.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING: HIA 26 was assigned to the woodwork department on a part-time basis, a choice of his own as he said he liked the woodwork periods when in Kircubbin. Actually one could say that he liked the woodwork shop here but he liked his freedom more! He absconded several times from work and this had a disruptive effect on the department.

CONDUCT: From the outset it was obvious that HIA 26 would present plenty of problems as he had a colossal 'chip-in-his-shoulder' against being sent to the Training School the very first day. We spent hours on end, day in and day out, trying to ease out that chip but all to no avail. Last summer his HIA 262 was involved in a series of charges with HIA 26 that resulted in the latter being sent to the Training School. HIA 262 appeared before the adult Court and had, we understand, a suspended sentence imposed. HIA 26 just could not understand this reasoning and he felt, to use his own words he should have "got off the same as HIA 262. We explained that the Court looked very carefully into the cases of both boys and the fact that HIA 262 was [REDACTED] and of age for work obviously had some bearing on the decision arrived at. HIA 26 would not listen to this line of reasoning.

Being very familiar with the very tragic family background we tried every approach possible in this case. HIA 26 was assigned to work in the Surgery/Sick-Bay unit



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of the school where he was almost entirely under female influence. This approach, we thought, would help him best of all. He did very well for about six weeks but then he started to take advantage of the situation and he abused it.

Details of the family background, will presumably, be available to the Court from other sources but we would particularly refer to the member of the family whom we think HIA 26 feels closest to. We refer to [REDACTED] who lives in [REDACTED]. She has a very young family and from our assessment of things plenty of problems on the horizon. Her husband who has a long criminal history was recently tarred and feathered for allegedly failing to appear at the last Recorder's Court.

CONCLUSION: HIA 26 has absconded on ten occasions - at least. Details on the attached sheet. Private houses and vacant houses attract his attention and he seems to specialize in stripping the latter of copper and lead. We in the Training School have taken every measure at our disposal to try and help HIA 26 but he now seems determined to go his own way.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW

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ADDRESS: MIGUEL HOUSE, CASTLETOWN, PORTLAOISE, LAOIS Ireland
Master Tape Seal Number(s): T0223015A DOB:
PLACE OF INTERVIEW: GROSVENOR ROAD
DATE OF INTERVIEW: 06.03.13
TIME COMMENCED: 1107 HOURS TIME TERMINATED: 1127 HOURS
INTERVIEWING OFFICERS: OTHER PERSON(S) PRESENT:
1 21570 JARLETH LENNON 1 S COLLINS, SOLICITOR
2 PW2246 NOELLE GRAY 2
3 3

MADE BY:
Tape Number and Tape Times: T0223015A

This interview is being tape recorded. It is being conducted at an interview room at Grosvenor Road Station. The date is the 6th of March 2013 and the time is 1107. I'm Detective Constable Jarleth Lennon attached to the Child Abuse Investigation Unit at Tennent Street. Other officer present is - Detective Constable Noelle Gray also attached to the Child Abuse Investigation Unit at Tennent Street Police Station. I'm a interviewing, if you could just say your full name.

BR 26 BR 26
And also present is.
SOLICITOR Seamus Collins.
Okay, BR 26 you've got Seamus here with you as your legal representation, if you want to

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speak to him in private at any time during the interview just let us know and we can stop the tapes okay. BR 26 you've attended here voluntarily today in order to answer a number of questions about allegations of a sexual nature going back to your time at St Patrick's training college in Belfast. Before I ask you any questions about that I'm going to caution you. You do not have to say anything but I must caution you that if you do not mention when questioned something that you later rely on in court it may harm your defence, if you do say anything it will be given in evidence. Also I'll remind you that you're not under arrest you're here voluntarily, you're not obliged to remain and if you do remain you've the right to legal advice, do you understand all that.

BR 26

Yes.

Okay, as I say these allegations are from your time in St Pat's, as a teacher in St Patrick's College so if you just explain em, what your role was and the times that you were there.

BR 26

I was a Housemaster.

Ah ha.

BR 26

And the Housemaster's role essentially was the care of boys in the school.

And what time, what time period were you there please.

BR 26

From [REDACTED] until [REDACTED].

And throughout that whole period your role was Housemaster did you have various positions.

BR 26

(Inaudible).

You were.

BR 26

And, and a lot of it is em [REDACTED].

Okay and when did you start that role.

BR 26

About [REDACTED] years, maybe [REDACTED]

Okay.

BR 26

Either about [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] yes.

Okay so from [REDACTED] onwards so right from, is that the role you started off in the school as, was as Housemaster.

BR 26

Ah ha.

And that was the position you held the entire time you were there, was there any other roles that you did.

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As you know I'm a member of a religious congregation.

Yes.

BR 26

And I was appointed [REDACTED] about [REDACTED], say about [REDACTED].

Okay, [REDACTED], did you say.

BR 26

Yes.

That's a religious title is that a.

BR 26

Yeah that's right yes.

[REDACTED] and what did that involve.

BR 26

The em, [REDACTED] is a community leader.

Okay.

BR 26

To put it in a nutshell.

Yes, in terms of religious services and so on is that right.

BR 26

Yes and the administration of the community.

Okay, the community being the Brothers at St Patrick's then is that right.

BR 26

Yeah, that's right yeah.

Okay, all right em, in, in 19, around [REDACTED] there was a pupil at, or a boy in the care of St Pat's who was called [REDACTED] HIA 26 does that name sound familiar.

BR 26

It does yes.

Yes and what can you tell me about [REDACTED] HIA 26 in his time there with you.

BR 26

[REDACTED] HIA 26 was a very unsettled young lad and ah, he, he was a very regular absentee, absconded from the school.

Okay.

BR 26

And then sometimes picked up by the police, sometimes picked up by staff and returned to the school. Things were very difficult outside because of the civil unrest that had started.

Yes.

BR 26

And there was an awful lot of concerns for anybody that would be absent from the school.

Ah ha.

BR 26

Purely simply for their safety alone.

Yes.

BR 26

But time and time again [REDACTED] HIA 26 absconded and we were left with no option and I repeat no

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option to but to bring him to the Court and explain to the Magistrate what the situation was.

Ah ha.

BR 26

Regarding this boy and eventually he was committed from (inaudible) in other words (inaudible) to Borstal.

The Borstal being still in St Pat's then too.

BR 26

No, no, no.

No, where was the Borstal.

BR 26

Millisle.

In Millisle okay, oh yes okay. And all right, and what about during the period that he was with you at St Pat's how long was that.

BR 26

I'd want any documentation in front of me, I can't possibly give you the days and dates (inaudible).

That's okay, and he absconded a lot during the period he was with you before he ended up being sent to Millisle.

BR 26

Yeah.

And what sort of punishment or how did you deal with his behaviour, to prevent it.

BR 26

On in the training school we had a system of rewards and privileges.

Okay.

BR 26

For boys they could obtain certain em, marks for, for attending a week and work but there (inaudible) or whatever they were at and then they could also obtain certain award of marks for behaviour.

Ah ha.

BR 26

And (inaudible) those marks they could earn certain privileges, his pocket money was determined by the number of marks that he had.

Yes.

BR 26

Pocket money was allotted every week, the privilege of going home at weekends, it would want to be very serious to, to break him off for weekend leave really he would want to have (inaudible) very serious because you would always like youngsters to keep in touch with their families.

Ah ha.

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Right. Em, HIA 26 was in (inaudible) when the time came and he had to be brought back to the Court and we had to exchange to the Magistrate and I was the one actually doing the Courts at the time and em, I remember em, the Magistrate at the time happened to (inaudible) at the Juvenile Court for years.

Okay.

BR 26

And my case that he said we will adjourn for 10 minutes, he wanted to consult with his legal colleagues on the bench and after a while came back and he said we have consulted and he said we (inaudible) the school house can't contain this boy and the concerns and he was going onto Borstal training.

Okay.

BR 26

He was in Borstal for a period and he decided to appeal and he won his appeal.

Ah ha.

BR 26

And that brought him back to the training school.

Yeah.

BR 26

And he was fine for a while but then he got itchy feet, he faulted again continuously.

Okay, if a, if a boy had absconded and was brought back em, other than dealing with his behaviour by way of rewards em, either being provided or withheld such as pocket money or whatever were there any other forms of punishment em, for.

BR 26

Well he, he was certainly, he was certainly losing of privilege of open leave for him, a period.

Okay, and what about corporal punishment in those days, this was early 70s so I presume it was legitimate.

BR 26

It was the resort, the last resort.

That was the, so you would always deal with it primarily by.

BR 26

Absolutely.

Okay, and was there any sort of you know review done or em em, meeting if they done absconding, were they sat down and asked to explain their behaviour or anything.

BR 26

Of course, of course he was.

And who would that of been with.

BR 26

The Housemaster who had responsibility for him, each Housemaster had a group.

All right and were you HIA 26's Housemaster at that time.

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I can't recall that now at the moment no.

Okay.

BR 26

I can't recall that.

All right.

BR 26

But I had the responsibility of going to the Courts.

Okay.

BR 26

And that was another part of my role.

That was your job and when it came to HIA 26 em, but you can't remember if you were his Housemaster in.

BR 26

I can't specifically remember.

Okay, em, and when a Housemaster em, had one of the absconder's returned and sat down was that, how did, what was the format of that meeting, how did that go about.

BR 26

We basically would interview the boy and, and talk to him about his, his transgressions and what's the cause, have you problems here.

Yeah.

BR 26

Are you being bullied, are there problems outside.

And where would these meetings take place.

BR 26

It would have been the Housemaster's office.

Okay and who would usually be present.

BR 26

The Housemaster's office, there would be 4 at least 4 maybe even 6 desks there and people are in and out all the time.

Okay so it wasn't an individual private office per Housemaster.

BR 26

No, no, no, no.

You all shared one office.

BR 26

We shared one yeah.

Okay, and in that Housemaster's office the boy was brought.

BR 26

That's right.

And asked to explain his behaviour.

BR 26

Ah ha.

And generally there would have been other Housemaster, if not there but certainly coming

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and going during these meetings.

BR 26

All, all the time.

All right.

BR 26

It was the hub of the whole place.

Okay do you, did you ever have one of these meetings with HIA 26 .

BR 26

I would of spoken to HIA 26 time and time again you know about his behaviour and that.

Particularly in the lead up to Court.

BR 26

Absolutely yes.

Interaction I assume.

BR 26

As I would to, as I would to every boy that was going to Court.

Okay.

BR 26

Whether even ones that weren't going to Court at all but if they were troubled and should we say troublesome.

Yes, and these, them times that you did speak with HIA 26 again would that always have been in the Housemaster's office.

BR 26

In, invariably yes.

Always there. Em, okay and can you remember, can you picture any individual incidents that you were with HIA 26

BR 26

Not really.

Nothing stands out as any individual, anything different to any other boy.

BR 26

No.

Okay, the complaint that we've received from HIA 26 is of the back of his time in St Pat's and the fact that he'd absconded and he does admit that, that he kept running away and he says he ran away very often. And he said when he was brought back em, and he does talk about eventually being sent to Borstal so em, he makes allegations that when he was brought back he was brought in for an interview with you again like you said. He doesn't say where these interviews took place em, but that when the 2 of you were alone that you tried to kiss him and fondle his private parts and that he punched and kicked at you to defend himself, to prevent that happening. Do you have anything to say about those allegations.

BR 26

Nothing could be further from the truth.

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Okay, but did you ever try to kiss him.

BR 26

Never.

Okay, did you ever try to fondle his private parts.

BR 26

Never.

He goes onto explain that his penis area, did you ever touch him on that area.

BR 26

Never.

Did he ever attack you physically.

BR 26

Never.

Punch or kick you.

BR 26

Never.

Okay, did he ever get in trouble for hitting any member of staff.

BR 26

Not that I know of.

Okay. Em, where was his bedroom at the time or where would the boys have slept.

BR 26

The dormitories.

But in.

BR 26

Open dormitories.

In open dormitories and how many boys to a dorm.

BR 26

Well maybe 12, 16.

Okay and were, you say open dormitories did the rooms have, they were in rooms with lockable doors were they.

BR 26

Ah yes, but having said that we have to be very conscious of the fire regulations to.

Of course, and did you ever speak to him in his room.

BR 26

It wasn't his room.

In his dormitory I mean.

BR 26

Oh yeah, yeah speak to everybody in the dormitories.

You did then.

BR 26

Yeah absolutely.

Would there have been times you would have been in the dormitory alone with him.

BR 26

There would have been 15, 16 other boys there.

Yes but when I say alone, he on his own with no other boys there.

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BR 26 No, no.

BR 26 That wouldn't of happened.

BR 26 No.

BR 26 Okay, he.

BR 26 They would have been supervised by night staff.

BR 26 Okay. He also says that em, when he defended himself from your advances he punched and kicked you that you left the room and locked it behind him, did you ever lock him into the dormitory.

BR 26 No.

BR 26 Did you ever lock him into the Housemaster's office.

BR 26 No.

BR 26 Em, he said that this happened a couple of times a day and it maybe happened up to about 20 times in total.

BR 26 No.

BR 26 And that he retaliated against you because he was stronger than you or sorry stronger he says, I think he may mean stronger than he is at the time of this interview. These are the allegations that he's made against you of the indecent assault is the offence, trying to kiss him, trying to touch his private parts in specifically his penis area and you've denied any of that ever happened.

BR 26 Absolutely.

BR 26 Noelle have you anything to ask – just em, for other people obviously you know maybe further down the line other people maybe listening to this interview, can I just ask what St Pat's is, just in case anybody who is maybe listening to this interview would not know what St Pat's was.

BR 26 Sorry.

BR 26 What is St Pat's, was it a school, was it a training school.

BR 26 A training school.

BR 26 Training school and all young boys.

BR 26 All boys, yes.

BR 26 From what age.

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Oh I'd say 12 to, 12 to 17/18 on admission.

Okay, and would that be admission for bad behaviour or something that's maybe happened at home would they have got sent via the Courts to you, to yourself at St Pat's.

BR 26

The majority of them would, would have been in for offending.

Okay.

BR 26

Majority for offending, breaking and entry and taking and driving away.

Yeah.

BR 26

A sad whatever.

Okay.

BR 26

And a limited number would have been sent in for reasons of care.

Okay.

BR 26

Because they had (inaudible) and other institutions that they were in.

Okay.

BR 26

But ah, the authorities had out, outgrown them, so troublesome that they couldn't be managed or whatever.

Okay.

BR 26

And these authorities would of (inaudible) to the training school (inaudible)

Okay and would that of been boys from all over the province would of went.

BR 26

All over Northern Ireland yeah.

All over okay, that's okay. And those who were sent through the Welfare system, was that always managed by the Courts or was that through a church sometimes as well, what, did the church have the power to sent boys to St Pat's in those days.

BR 26

Sorry.

Did the church, could the local parish have sent.

BR 26

No, no, no the church had nothing to do with it.

It was always Court ordered.

BR 26

That it, ah ha.

All right, em, was there a BR 42 that you can remember at the, on the staff with you at that time.

BR 26

There was yes.

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Was he also known as [REDACTED] does that make sense.

BR 26

Maybe, maybe I.

A boys nickname perhaps for him.

BR 26

Perhaps, perhaps yeah.

Yeah, em, and do you know what his surname was or what his.

BR 26

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], BR 42 okay. There are other allegations around BR 42 but they're not in relation to you they are just part of his same complaint just to confirm that he was there at that time. Okay, I don't have any more questions to ask you about HIA 26 complain – no – no is there anything else you want to say at this stage in relation to what we've asked you about HIA 26 .

BR 26

No.

SOLICITOR

I think there's just one thing I want to say, HIA 26 made 3 statements to the police during the 1990s and he referred to other matters mainly Rubane House, Kircubbin but he also did mention the fact that he was in St Patrick's and during none of those statements did he mention any allegations at all against my client or any other Brother in relation to his stay in St Patrick's.

Okay, I'm not familiar with those statements at the moment, we can certainly check records and dig those out to add them onto the file.

SOLICITOR

Okay.

When did you think the statements were made.

SOLICITOR

Well I'll tell you the exact dates of the statements, there were, the statements were taken em, in, the first statement was taken 27th of September 1995.

Okay.

SOLICITOR

The second statement was the 1st of November 1996 and the third statement was the 11th of November 1996.

Okay.

SOLICITOR

And can we just confirm for the record the date that HIA 26 made this further statement in respect of the allegations today.

This was done by way of ABE interview and it's recorded on the 5th of May 2012.

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SOLICITOR That's fine.

Em, do you know who recorded these, how these statements were recorded at the time.

SOLICITOR Em, well they were.

Are they police statements.

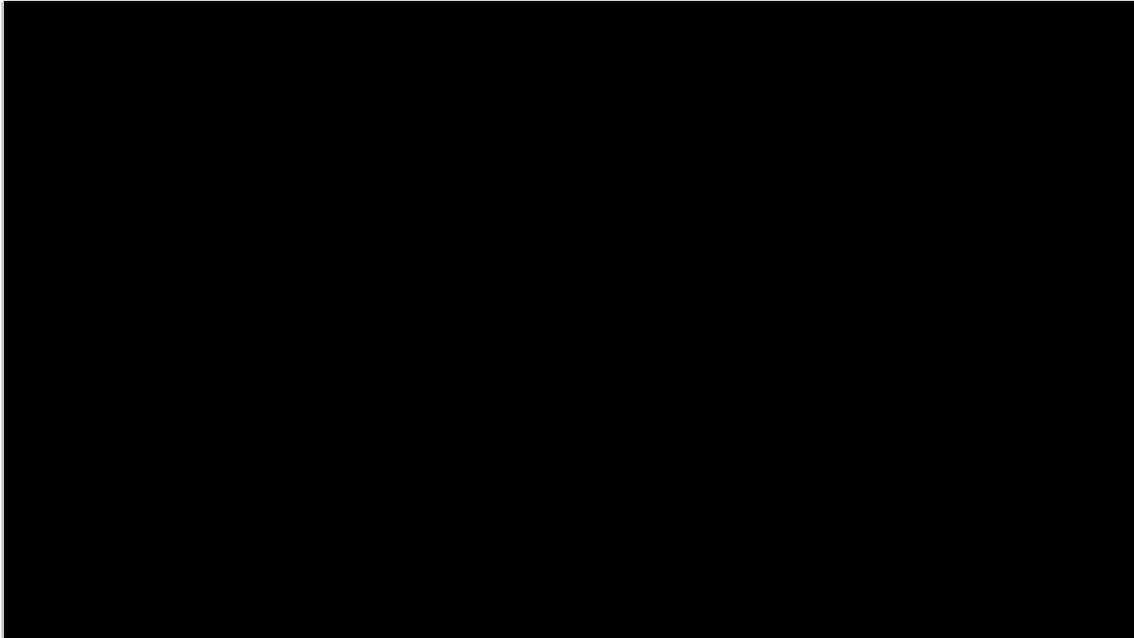
SOLICITOR Yeah, there they are they.

Okay, yeah we'll get them off tape.

SOLICITOR And your colleagues in Newtownards will have those.

Okay, again no further questions then at this stage about this **BR 26** so the time is 1127.

**CHECKED AND CERTIFIED AN ACCURATE TRANSCRIPT OF TAPED INTERVIEW NO: T0223015A OF
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6. **HIA 26** made a statement to the Inquiry on 28 February 2014 and had been interviewed by the police about his allegations on 5 May 2012. The police interviewed me about his allegations on 6 March 2013.
7. **HIA 26** states he was placed in St. Patrick's Training School on  and was there for one year. I remember him. He was unsettled and regularly absconded from the school. Sometimes the police picked him up and brought him back and sometimes staff at St. Patrick's were able to find him. He had to be brought back to the Courts as we were unable to control him and this is probably why I remember him. Eventually he was transferred to the Borstal at Millisle. I also accept **HIA 26** may have been placed in the isolation room on occasion. This was regulated and he would not have been kept there for 2 or 3 days at a time as he alleged. I also completely deny his allegation that I attempted to fondle and kiss him when he was in the isolation room. I have no clear recollection of him cutting his wrists and attempting self-harm, but if he did, I would have sought medical assistance from the nurse in the surgery department.

