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HIA REF: 519

Witness Name: HIA 519

## THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 519

I, HIA 519 will say as follows:-

Personal details

1. I was born on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] County Tyrone. I was part of a large family, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
2. When I was a teenager I was warned by paramilitaries not to visit a local family whose father had been [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] One day when I was at [REDACTED] masked men came in and said they were going to blow my kneecap off, they were interrupted when the Army came past and I managed to get away. The threats towards me had been ongoing for some time and I decided to run away from [REDACTED] I ended up in Belfast and got on boat. It turned out the boat wasn't going anywhere and the authorities became involved and decided I was at risk. I was placed in St Pat's in Belfast for one night.

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**St Patrick's Training School – [REDACTED]**

3. On my only night in St Pat's I was battered as part of a ceremony initiating you into the system. The older boys made me stand on a table and sing into a sausage as if it was a microphone. This was called 'Singing the Sausage'. They threw food at me for refusing to sing and the staff made me clean up the mess. The older boys also peed on my bed.

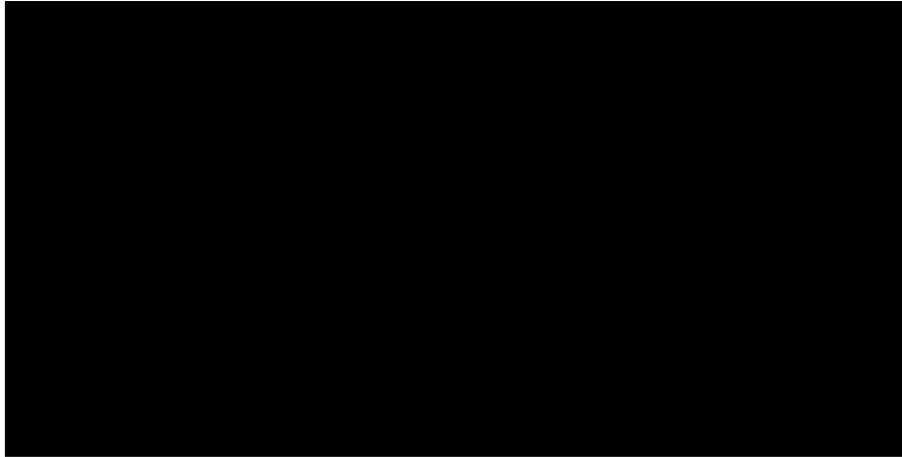
**De la Salle Home, Kircubbin – 1977?**

4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]

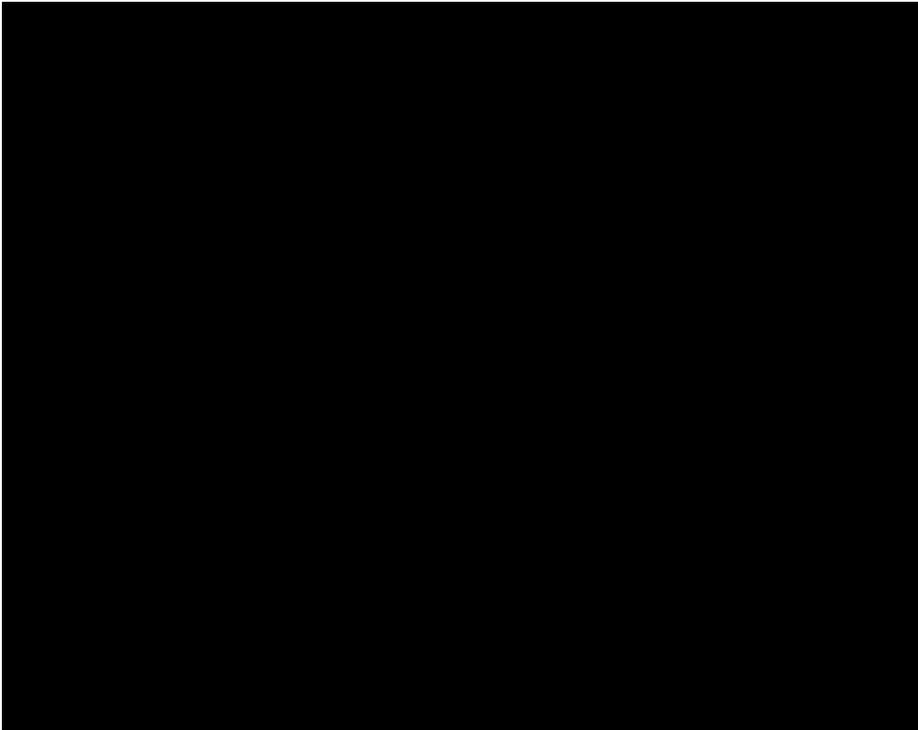
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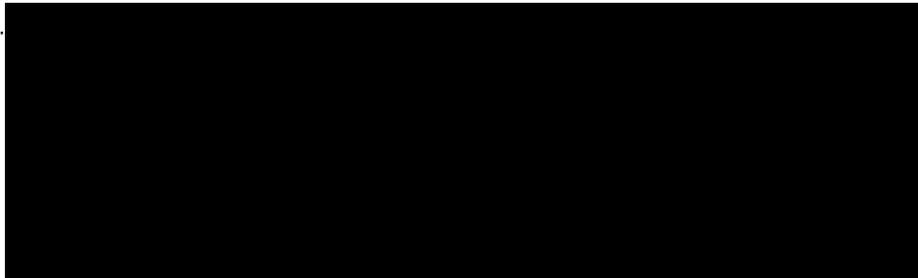


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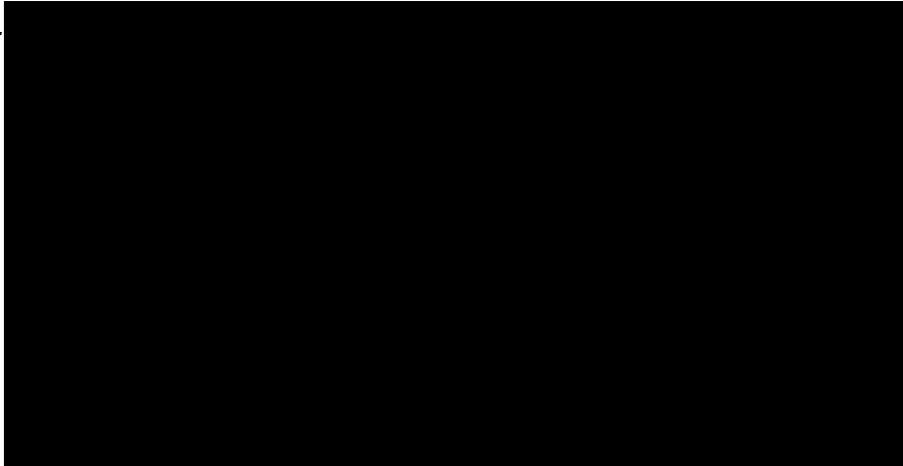
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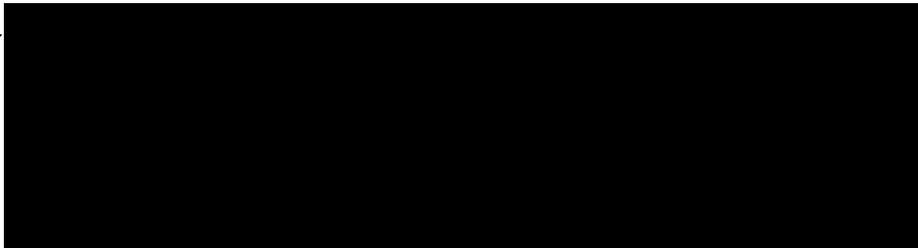
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**Life After Care**

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15. At some point I returned to live with my family but eventually I moved to England and settled in [REDACTED] I lived there for [REDACTED] years and worked in a number of places as a [REDACTED] I spent 19 consecutive

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years as the Chairman of the Residents Association where I lived. I friend in [REDACTED] became unwell and I moved there [REDACTED] years ago to care for him. I have now settled in [REDACTED] and have no plans to leave.

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Statement of Truth

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

Signed           **HIA 519**          

Dated           9/7/14

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HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

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being heard before:

SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)

MR DAVID LANE

MS GERALDINE DOHERTY

held at

Banbridge Court House

Banbridge

on Wednesday, 19th November 2014

commencing at 10.00 am

(Day 69)

MS CHRISTINE SMITH, QC and MR JOSEPH AIKEN appeared as  
Counsel to the Inquiry.

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12 (12.05 pm)

13 (Short break)

14 (12.10 pm)

15 WITNESS HIA519 (called)

16 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

17 MS SMITH: Good afternoon, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies

18 and gentlemen. This afternoon's witness is HIA519,

19 "HIA519". HIA519 wishes to take a religious oath and he

20 also wishes to sustain his anonymity for the purposes of

21 the Inquiry.

22 WITNESS HIA519 (sworn)

23 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, HIA519. Please sit down.

24 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

25 MS SMITH: Now, HIA519, just before I come to your evidence

1 I am just going to outline where certain papers are in  
2 our material for the Panel Members and anyone else who  
3 needs to know the numbers.

4 HIA519 gave an Inquiry statement, which is at RUB922  
5 to 926, and just to be clear that HIA519 was unhappy  
6 with the detail in that witness statement and has  
7 prepared his own statement, which has been added to the  
8 bundle, and that can be found at RUB8887 through to  
9 8900.

10 The Order's response is at RUB429 -- sorry -- 4249  
11 to 4251 with the exhibits at 4252 to 4273.

12 The Health & Social Care Board has provided  
13 a statement, which is at 8686 to 8687, which indicates  
14 that, as HIA519 had been placed in Rubane at the behest  
15 of the Probation Service, they have no records  
16 pertaining to him.

17 There is a police statement that HIA519 gave to  
18 police in 1996, which is at RUB62702 to 62704.

19 There are other police statements in the file, which  
20 are at 64221 to 64232, and there is an interview with  
21 a **DL 423**, which can found at RUB64236 to  
22 64252.

23 Now, HIA519, this is the -- if we can put up, first  
24 of all, please -- and I hope, HIA519, you are content  
25 for me to use the original statement that -- the Inquiry

1 statement to go through with you some of the details,  
2 and if we haven't got all of the details or have got  
3 details incorrect, then we can look at those in due  
4 course, but if we could just go back, please, to 922,  
5 RUB922, now this -- I know you are not entirely happy  
6 with this statement, HIA519, but I am just going to use  
7 it to guide you through your evidence, if I may.

8 Your personal details are set out here in  
9 paragraphs 1 and 2, and then if we could go on to  
10 paragraph 3, you talk about being placed in St. Pat's  
11 for one night. Now I am just going deal briefly with  
12 what you say about St. Pat's, and you talk about what --  
13 you describe in this paragraph -- and I know you give  
14 more detail about this in the second statement -- that  
15 on your one night in St. Pat's you were battered as part  
16 of a ceremony initiating you into the system. Older  
17 boys made you stand on a table and sing into a sausage  
18 as if it was a microphone. This was called 'Singing  
19 the Sausage'. They threw food at you for refusing to  
20 sing. The staff made you clean up the mess and then  
21 those older boys also peed on your bed later on and you  
22 were made to sleep in that wet bed. That's the only  
23 time that you were in St. Pat's and that's the complaint  
24 that you have about your time there. Is that correct?

25 **A. That's correct.**

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19 If we can just scroll on down through that, there  
20 was an incident involving you being threatened by people  
21 in the area in which you were living, because you were  
22 speaking to someone who was at the  
23 time. You as a result of those threats left to try to  
24 get the boat to Liverpool and you were caught in -- on  
25 the boat in Belfast, and then you were taken to St.

1 Pat's, and from there you went to Rubane, and while you  
 2 were in Rubane the Probation Service got an amendment to  
 3 the Probation Order to allow you to reside in Rubane.

4 Now you don't remember the exact details of that,  
 5 but we went through all of those details earlier today  
 6 and you would accept that that's essentially what  
 7 happened?

8 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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