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HIA REF: 100

Witness Name: HIA 100

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 100

I, HIA 100 will say as follows:-

Personal Details

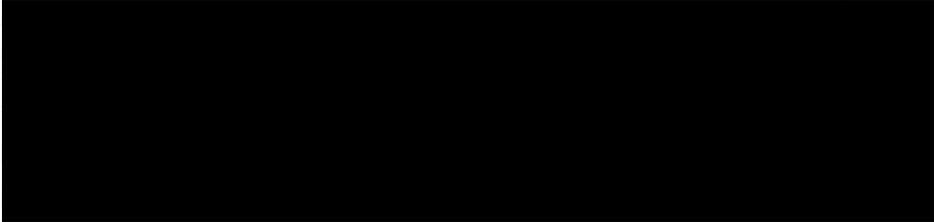
1. I was born on [REDACTED] I was the [REDACTED] youngest of [REDACTED] brothers and I had a normal childhood.
2. When I was [REDACTED] I was convicted of loitering with intent. A friend of mine ([REDACTED]) and I were walking through a Woolworths store and a tall detective with ginger hair accused us of stealing purses and stealing off the counters. We were only looking at toys. I could smell drink off him. This drunken detective assumed that we had stolen from the store when we had done nothing of the sort. He took us to Musgrave Street Station, my mother was called and I was charged with loitering with intent. [REDACTED] was not charged with any offence. I was convicted and put in care. I was in there for nothing. The fact that I was wrongly put in care makes me really angry. I recall being brought before a panel of two men and one woman and my father was in court with me but I do not recall having any legal representation.
3. I was placed in St Patrick's Training School, Glen Road for two years and I should never have been there as I didn't do anything wrong.

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4. I grew up in a bad area and some of the people I knew weren't as bad as those in the institution I was in. They were violent and sick and I look back on it now and I know that they shaped my whole future and my behaviour.

5.



St Patrick's Training School, Glen Road, Belfast 

6. When I was put in care I was very naive, very shy and now I know how frightened and petrified I was. Some of the brothers had their own gang of handpicked people in charge of dormitories. I recall **BR 6** and  **BR 42** were there during the period of my stay. I also recall one other Brother called **BR 47** I do not recall the names of any of the boys in their various groups.

7. You would just ignore the violence. Some of the boys in charge would punch and slap you depending on their mood. The dormitory had a window with a venetian blind and the brothers could look in to the dormitory and they could see you. If you spoke to someone next to you while you were in bed you could get caught. If you did it again you were punished. There was a religious statue of St Patrick in the middle of the dorm and you had to kneel down and pray before it with your back bolt upright. You were not allowed to slouch or to sit back on your hunkers. If you slouched as I did, you were sent out onto the landing by the older boys which was tiled. They would leave you kneeling there all night.

8. There were two civilian  employed at the home who were , **SPT 1** and **SPT 37** **SPT 1** took . One Saturday we had returned from the cinema to the home and we weren't allowed to speak at the tables at mealtimes. He took eight of us away from

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two tables for speaking to each other. He lined us up and slapped all of us on the face. I was [REDACTED] at the time but very small and he tried to get me to cry when he hit me. He hit another boy called **SPT 38** and he had had enough so he stabbed **SPT 1** with a fork and some of them ran away. **SPT 38** is deceased now.

9. I used to be upset by the fact that we were referred to by people outside the home as "bad boys". I was in there but I didn't do anything wrong but you were always told you're in the home for bad boys. I knew I wasn't bad but I was there anyway and so some of the kids who played out on the streets nearby weren't allowed to come out and play with me, they weren't allowed near me because I was in the home for bad boys.

10. **BR1** [REDACTED] was always touching you up and pulling you in towards him. He made me put my hand inside his long robe and masturbate him. This started soon after I arrived at St Patrick's and it happened on at least a monthly basis. It often took place in the store outside the dormitory or near the swimming pool area or at the Brother's house as he would take you there on occasion.

11. There was a small swimming pool. When you would come out of the swimming pool or come off the football pitch and get undressed **BR 1** would smack you on the bum and leave his hand there telling you to hurry up or wait until you were completely naked and make sure you got properly dried and look at you. I was not the only one he did this to and he did it in a very matter of fact way. **BR 1** was [REDACTED] I would estimate [REDACTED] I think he would have been in his [REDACTED] when I was in the home.

12. I was abused by **BR 47** He took me in to his room and tried to penetrate me but couldn't so he just then put it between my legs. After this he did have penetrative sex with me. On other occasions he would have made me perform oral sex or masturbate him. These incidents happened

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regularly, monthly and sometimes more frequently. It happened mainly in his room which was attached to the dormitory.

13. During this time other people knew about the abuse. I wasn't the only one. There were other boys being abused and I could see what was happening to them. I could see the pattern. We did not discuss it but I could tell from the pattern of the Brother's behaviour. You could see the Brothers shepherding the boys out of the room, they would be gone for long periods and I could tell from the expression on their faces upon their return that they had experienced the same treatment as I had been subjected to since my arrival at the home.

14. I am not sure who was in charge of the home at the time but [REDACTED] **BR 83** seemed to be the [REDACTED] at the time. I did not feel that I could report the abuse to him. I never told my brothers or my parents about the abuse. My [REDACTED] brother [REDACTED] had been in the home two or three years before me but had left by the time I arrived. I did not speak to him either about the abuse I suffered there.

15. The day after I arrived [REDACTED] **BR 83** asked me if I was related to [REDACTED] and I told them he was my brother. He said "if you're anything like him you're in for a really rough time here". He was frightening looking back on it.

16. They all seemed like big men to me, apart from [REDACTED] **BR 42** as I was young and small. [REDACTED] **BR 42** never hit me. [REDACTED] **BR 6** never subjected me to sexual abuse but he was really violent. [REDACTED] **BR 47** also hit you and he instilled fear in you. They usually hit you with their hands. You would get the odd punch in the ribs, you were forever getting slapped and hit across the back of the head and stuff like that. They would hit you if you were cheeky or did not do what you were told but to be honest they did not need an excuse to hit you. I was just riddled with fear of them all the time.

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17. Everybody in school knew that **BR 47** was [REDACTED] as well as boys, it was common knowledge. He had [REDACTED] at the same time as he was raping boys. It was absolute common knowledge. I never witnessed it but everybody knew about it.
18. At times he would call me and I deliberately pretended I didn't hear him and ran across the yard to kick the ball or something. I was going to get a beating anyway because I didn't hear him calling me, another slap and having to do all the dirty jobs. So I got into sport because you didn't have to talk to anybody.
19. My escape was [REDACTED] We trained in the gym at St Patrick's. It was an escape from my friends inside and outside the home. I was afraid of them finding out about me or what happened in the home so I would have been a loner. I couldn't mix with others and I didn't want to.
20. There were gangs and they had the leaders in charge and their wee foot soldiers, the weaker ones and that included me. There were boys in charge who were older and closer to leaving age and they would get others boys in their group to do sexual favours for them otherwise you would have got beaten or got a hiding. They did this on occasion openly in the dormitories. Everybody knew what was going on, they knew when you were seen going into a room or a store or something. You used to get called 'wee bum boy' or 'wee ball roof'. The Brothers could watch through the venetian blinds and would have known this type of peer abuse was taking place. I do not recall the names of these older boys.
21. I did not get a good education at St Patrick's school. I am self educated, I educate myself through crosswords. I cannot remember a great deal about my education at St Patrick's.

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22. **BR 47** was quiet but evil and he would flip at times as he was short tempered. He had [REDACTED] **BR 42** would have been [REDACTED] **BR 6** was [REDACTED]

23. There was a junior and a senior side for the boys at the home. I think you moved to the senior side when you were about sixteen.

24. You would get up in the morning, make your bed, go for breakfast, go to school, play in the yard, back to school until late afternoon and then you got your dinner. In the morning you cleaned the dormitory and polished it using buffers, one would have polished and the other would have to shine the wooden floors. There was a lot of cleaning and mopping and you took your turn doing the toilets, shower and wash basin.

25. You weren't allowed to speak at the table during meals. You had recreation, a television room and a training room for boxing or football.

26. You used to get three shillings and three pence in earnings. I don't ever remember getting the full amount. I don't think anyone ever did. After a period of time you would have been allowed out to stay for the weekend. A typical wage was two shillings but if one of the brothers was in bad form then they took points off you – it might be a penny, two pence, five pence or whatever. It went down and down and down and sometimes you got nothing and you didn't get out at all. The brothers would make you queue up in the gym before the boys would go out for the weekend and they would be given money then and allowed out or told they were being "stewed" which meant you were grounded and not allowed to go home. This happened to me occasionally but I got home most weekends.

27. My mother would come up and visit and my father would come at times. A lot of the boys got decent parcels but I was getting very basic stuff. It was embarrassing. In my mind I was asking "why are they letting me stay in here and embarrassing me". I have a lot of serious resentment about everything

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and everybody including my parents as well as the brothers. My mother is deceased now.

Life after care

28. I went through two years of it every day. I had more hate for the Brothers and my parents every day. When I left I absolutely hated anyone in authority. All through my marriage I didn't know what was making me like that. I just thought I was an angry wee person. I knew I was a good person but my actions weren't measuring up. I was behaving badly. They took everything from us, our self respect, our worth as a human being even, education and everything. I find it very hard to control myself.

29. I am a [REDACTED] and try on a daily basis to follow [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has changed my life.

30. Anyone you knew who was in there at the time, there's something wrong with every one of them, either drink, drugs, no relationships. A lot of them are messed up in one way or another. We never talked about it and if I met them now in town or whatever we would never mention it. It's a horrible situation to be in even if I had known what was making me behave the way I do but you can't tell anybody. I wanted to protect my wife and kids from embarrassment.

31. I am wiser today but my coping mechanism was to go and get drunk, take drugs and beat people. It was totally wrong but something that was inside me for years just exploded like a volcano. I don't hate those people today but I am not ready to forgive them. I've come because of the programme I'm on. I realise they are sick. I have children and a wife now and I suppose I have a reputation and an image but I have a problem speaking out about it. I have told my wife but I never made a complaint to the police.

32. Six years ago [REDACTED] for some unknown reason and I gave up [REDACTED]. I was [REDACTED]. I would describe it as attempting

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suicide in instalments. I buried it but like everything else it comes up, and I know that you can talk about it and deal with it, cope with it and then live with it. I found it hard to deal with until I spoke to people who were in the exact same situation as me, who could understand me and who could identify with me. They could understand about the lonely nights and the isolation, suicidal thoughts and anger at everything. I talked to counsellors but they hadn't been through what I'd been through. You need to talk to someone who is going to talk back to you, someone who has walked in my shoes.

33. I've never given any of my kids a hug. I've told them I love them but that's when I was drunk. I don't know why, I just had no feelings. I married when I [REDACTED]. When I came back home I thought it was like a prison because I didn't know how to live, I didn't know how to feel and I didn't know what was wrong with me and I didn't know you could get help either. I was married for [REDACTED] but my wife and I [REDACTED] ago. We have remained friends.

34. I never told my children what happened to me during my time in care.

35. I was sentenced to [REDACTED] in prison for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and when they did a search and stripped you naked and pulled your cheeks apart, that just brought me back and I would think "they're no f****g different from them ones". I drank from the age of seventeen. There was a lot of violence and I took drink in prison but I know I'm not like that.

36. I had [REDACTED] sons and [REDACTED] grandchildren. [REDACTED] of my sons are now deceased.
[REDACTED]

37. I have absolutely no doubt that my time in care moulded my future to a large extent. I have never spoken about it. I still feel vile from the penetration and the abuse that took place.

38. I have come here because I owe it to my wife and kids, they suffered for it. I am also here for all the people I hurt in any way shape or form over a very

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long period of years. I am still to this day very very angry at being in St Patrick's for absolutely nothing other than doing what kids do – looking at toys in toy stores. This still hurts me so badly. I think I have a fair idea today to a certain degree how Gerry Conlon and others felt and still feel.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

HIA 100

Dated

3-2-15.

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Quarter ended [REDACTED]

SECTION 56

REG No	NAME	FROM	TO	No of Days	REMARKS
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	3	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	17	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	10	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	30	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	20	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	31	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	31	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	31	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	28	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	14	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	14	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9	
				270	

HIA100

270 days + 38 1/2 weeks @ 4-3-0 per week = 430.15

[REDACTED]

53 days

[REDACTED]

31 days

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Quartz and 50%

SECTION 30

REG. N.	NAME	FROM	TO	N. OF DAYS	REMARKS
HIA100	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	16	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	16	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	10	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	31	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	31	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	31	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	31	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	29	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	22	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	22	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	15	
				273	

273 days = 39 weeks @ 7.0. per week = 271.0.

[REDACTED]

16 days

[REDACTED]

4 days

NAME

[REDACTED]

15 days

SECTION 5L

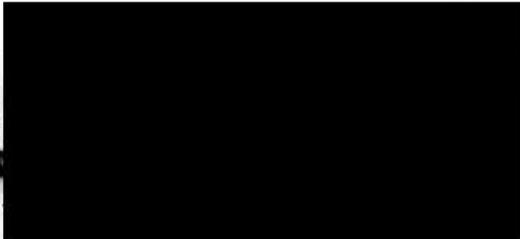
District	REMARKS	No.	NAME OF GUILD		Age on Admission	Date of Admission	Date of Discharge	Period of Remand.	Charge	Police District	REMARKS
			Surname	Christian Name							
		19-1479	J. L. COOBY	J. L. COOBY		19-1479	19-1479				
		R-305		HIA100							

Juvenile Court

R.C.

FAMILY:

Father
Mother
Brother
"
DECEASED
Brother
"



Sept. 26: -1 -
Oct. 24: -1 -
Nov. 22: 13: -

Family Allowances:

18: -

43: 11: -

HOME:

Small house of four bedrooms, living-room and kitchen. Clean, comfortable and fairly well furnished.

PARENTS:

Father has worked most of his life for [redacted] is at present out of work. She works sometimes part-time [redacted] Both parents are well-enough meaning and would wish to see their family doing well but their control is defective.

HIA100

Attends [redacted] Attendance stated to be good and class work average. Is inclined to be troublesome in school. Health normal. Is a member of the [redacted] and has won many cups and medals for his [redacted]

PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS ARE:

B.E. & Larceny - Probation two years - [redacted]
Officebreaking and Larceny - Fined 40/-
B.E. & Larceny (2 cases) - Probation two years and Remand Home one month
Commission of Further Offense - Probation two years

During his probation period [redacted] HIA100 seemed to spend the most of his spare time in the [redacted] He attends well at school and the parents say they insisted on his being indoors at a reasonable time each night. I have repeatedly warned both parents that a very special effort would be needed on their part to see that [redacted] HIA100 was kept out of further trouble. They appreciate the need of this but unfortunately do not seem to have the "know-how" to carry out consistent control.

J.L. McKenna Probation Officer



SPT-47361



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1950

TRAINING SCHOOL ORDER : OFFENCE (Section 59)

THE QUEEN
At the Prosecution of Robert H. Boyle
District Inspector of the
ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY,

Complainant

Petty Sessions District of

HIA100

Defendant

County Borough of

Before the Juvenile Court sitting at

HIA100

(hereinafter called the Defendant) who appears to the Court to be a child (being under the age of 17, having been born, so far as has been ascertained on the

age of 14, has this day been found guilty (he having obtained the age of 14, but being under the age of 17, and though informed by the Court of his right to be tried by a jury, having consented to be dealt with summarily, being of the age of 14 years, and his parent or guardian, though informed by the Court of his right to have the child tried by a jury, having consented to the child being dealt with summarily), for that he

on the being a ransacked person, did loiter in certain places of public resort known as Littlewoods Stores Ltd. and Woodworth's Stores Ltd. with intent to commit a felony, contrary to Section 4 of the Vagrancy Act, 1824, as amended.

which is punishable in the case of an adult with imprisonment.

And the Defendant was resident in the district of the Council of the
And the offence was committed by the Defendant in the

It is hereby ordered that the Defendant (whose religious persuasion appears to the Court to be that of Roman Catholic) be sent to a Training School, namely St. Patrick's Training School, Belfast forthwith:

And it is further ordered that the District Inspector of the Royal Ulster Constabulary at shall be responsible for conveying the Defendant to such Training School:

And it is further ordered that residing at in the being the parent, person liable to make contributions in respect of the Defendant, shall pay to the Council a weekly sum of one shilling until the Defendant ceases to be under the care of the managers of a Training School, and in further sum of

Dated this

[Signature]

Resident Magistrate.



Take Notice that you are required, under a penalty of Two Pounds, to give notice forthwith to the said Council of any change of address. No sums are payable in respect of any period during which the Defendant is out on licence, or under supervision from a Training School
No. 10/58. W499.1500.6/54.D.ED.101



NORTHERN IRELAND PROBATION SERVICE

Telephone: [REDACTED]

C. A. DUKE
Principal Probation OfficerOur reference: [REDACTED]
Your reference: [REDACTED]

Dear BR46 [REDACTED]

re [REDACTED] and

HIA100 [REDACTED]

At the [REDACTED] Court on the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was sent to your Remand Home for one
month on a charge of loitering with intent.
HIA100 [REDACTED] was committed to the Training School
on the same date for the same offence.

I enclose some information about both boys.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. McKenna
(J.H. McKenna)
Probation Officer

BR46 [REDACTED]

Rev. [REDACTED]

St. Patrick's Training School,
Glen Road,
BELFAST, 11.

J44b

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The Home: Parlour House, kitchen, scullery, 4 bed rooms.
3 Single and 2 Double beds. neat and fairly well
furnished. Rent: 11/6d. per week.

The Family: Father: [REDACTED] Unemployed at present, fit only
for light work.
Mother: [REDACTED] Housewife, works part time in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] F.A. 18/- p.w.
[REDACTED] Working [REDACTED] sends £2.p.w.
[REDACTED] Employed [REDACTED] gives £3.p.w.
SUBJECT: HIA100 [REDACTED] St. Patrick's Training School.

EDUCATION : Subject: attended [REDACTED]

RELATIVES: Aunt: [REDACTED]

Uncle: [REDACTED]

N. B. Subject is interested in [REDACTED] and when out for the day
visits the [REDACTED] and is friendly with the
Warden, [REDACTED]

Date of Visit: [REDACTED]

R. Murphy
Welfare Officer.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

St. Pat's v St Peter's Inter - (Under 15).

[REDACTED] admitted until Monday 12th April
He Home sleeping in back bay

[REDACTED] out with friends until 5.30 p.m.

[REDACTED] put out of dining room & no dinner

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[REDACTED] put out of the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

So. Boys to Windsor park.

16 Seniors.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Downmabrics

out to-day.

[REDACTED] out to-day.

[REDACTED] in

[REDACTED] out to Antonium
with friends.

[REDACTED] St. Peter's 2.

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Register No.

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PARTICULARS OF ADMISSION.

Date of Birth	Age	Date of Admission	Date of Birth
Religion	Legitimate or Illegitimate	Religion	Religion
Charge	Court	Sentence of Detention	Charge
Previous Court Proceedings	Supervisor ends		Previous Court Proceed
Local Authority Responsible for Maintenance	Probation Officer (if any)		Local Authority Respon
Probation Officer (if any)		Probation Officer (if any)	

PARTICULARS OF HOME.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT.

PAI

Parents - Father (name)	Address	Parents - Father (name)	Address
Mother (name)	Address	Mother (name)	Address
Occupation	Character	Occupation	Character

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION ON ADMISSION.

Family History

DESCRIPTION.

Parental Attitude

Height 5-9" Eyes blue
 Figure slim Nose regular
 Complexion fresh Hair dirty fair
 Marks on Person none

Possible Local Friend

Possible Local Friend

Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous

PARTICULARS AS TO LEAVING THE SCHOOL BY LICENCE OR DISCHARGE.

licensed. [redacted] to his [redacted]
 [redacted] to [redacted]
 20 [redacted] [redacted]
 [redacted] [redacted]
 [redacted] [redacted]

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Using strong language in Chapel also smoking

Bullied forcibly also threatened
a student if they complained. 12/11/65

late back Sun. night. Arrived 8-30pm

Calang U with

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Constant misuse in dining room

HIA100

Continually out of bounds

BR42

HIA100

Out of bounds. Bullying

BR42

CONDUCT

HIA100

Xmas [redacted]

Home Friday 25th to Sunday 27th. Out by day - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

[redacted]

[redacted] in [redacted] Championships.

[redacted]

Inattentive in class. Lack of interest noted.

[redacted]

Nuisance in dining room - never shuts up. Constantly annoying and distracting others.

[redacted]

Lazy in class.

[redacted]

General conduct quite good, although he can be a bit of a nuisance at times.

[redacted]

Home Sunday [redacted]

[redacted]

2nd Juniors

[redacted]

Home on leave

[redacted]

To [redacted] with [redacted]

[redacted]

Home on holiday until Tuesday [redacted]

[redacted]

Using strong language in Chapel.

[redacted]

Home on holiday unti. [redacted]

[redacted]

19.

HIA100

No. [REDACTED]

NAME [REDACTED]

REFERENCE No.

HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]

Date of Committal and offence.	Date of Birth	Date of admission	Date of Lic. or discharge	Period of detention expires	Occupation on leaving School
Loitering with intent [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Licensed [REDACTED] Discharge [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

HEALTH

Education

Conduct

Vocational Training in School

Progress

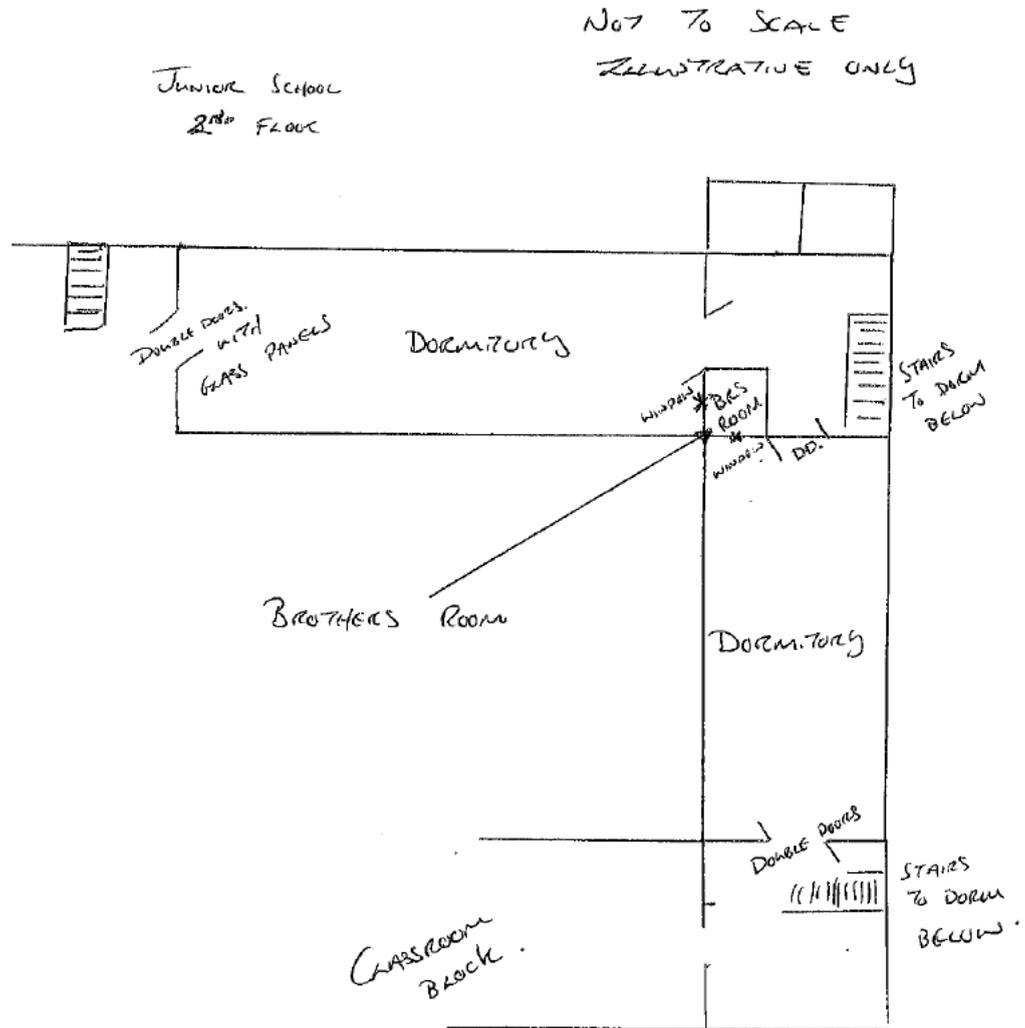
Character

Interests

Reports of Welfare Officers and Friends

[REDACTED] Licensed to his father. [REDACTED] to work as [REDACTED] Wages: £5. p.w.
Working as above. Interview with his parents. Doing well at home.
Working as above. Good report from employer, [REDACTED] Working.
Still employed with above firm and doing well at home.
Interview with his mother who informs me that [REDACTED] left above employment and is now working with [REDACTED] Wages: £5. per week. [REDACTED] Changed employment. Now working [REDACTED] No one at home when I called.
Still employed as above with [REDACTED] Good report from his father.
Interview with his father. Working as above. Doing well at home.
Working with his mother in [REDACTED]

HIA100 [REDACTED] was at home when I called. His reception of me was at first a little suspicious and hostile. As our talk progressed h became a little more friendly, we discussed his job and the future prospects in it. He expressed regret that he had not tak the opportunity to learn a trade, when this was a vailable to him. The relationship between the parents and the children seems to be a reasonably good one, as far as I could see during the time of the visit.



THERE WERE 2 DORMITORIES ON JUNIOR SIDE.

1 ON 1ST FLOOR + 1 ON 2ND FLOOR ABOVE + BELOW EACH OTHER

THE ARRANGMENT WAS REPLICATED ON THE SENIOR SIDE.

1 NIGHT SUPERVISOR PATROLLED ALL 4 DORMITORIES AND
COULD ACCESS THEM ALL ON PATROL BY WALKING
THROUGH THEM AND UP + DOWN STAIRS TO NEXT
LEVEL.

JW FROM DESCRIPTION 35

BR94

RESTRICTED (when complete)

Continuation of Statement of: HIA100 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
his room attached to the dormitory where myself and approx 20 other boys slept. He would order me into his room and he would make me have oral sex and masturbate him. He would penetrate me; I told him it was very painful but he continued on. He would also play with my penis every time. This would happen at least twice a week. BR94 [REDACTED] would touch me up a lot, pulling me hard into him against his penis but I remember his violent behaviour more than the touching up. BR42 [REDACTED] hit me on occasions but never made any type of sexual advances toward me or any other boy to my knowledge. SPT1 [REDACTED] never made any sexual advances towards me at any time, but just like BR1 [REDACTED] BR9 [REDACTED]

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BR42 [REDACTED] they were all sick, evil, twisted, violent bastards. One night in the canteen, eight of us boys were lined up against the wall as we had been talking during dinner. I was the last in the line, and SPT1 [REDACTED] walked the length of it, and struck each boy a severe slap across the face. When he got to me, he struck me very hard, which twisted my face round. I turned my head back and looked at him. My eyes were watering from the pain and shock, but I was not crying. He said "Fucking cry" and slapped me full force again. He walked back along the line, and smacked each of us against across the face, and started again, until one of the boys reached out to a nearby table and grabbed a fork which he used to stab into SPT1 [REDACTED]. We used the distraction to run for it, and all left the canteen. Of course, this meant we were only punished again when we had to come back in. That is one particular incident I remember with SPT1 [REDACTED] but there were several more. He beat me regularly and with particular cruelty. Just like so, so many of the boys that were in St Patrick's when I was there, we have all [REDACTED] over and over again, we have all turned out [REDACTED] A lot of them are dead. Most of us have failed miserably to hold onto relationships with wives, girlfriends or children. I owe this confession to not only myself, but to my wife and children who had to endure

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Okay. Ehh, so, he specifically spells out that, ehh, you did not make any sexual advances, but he does say, just like BR1 , , BR94 and BR42 , they were all sick, evil, twisted, violent bastards. He can remember one particular incident in the canteen, that 8 boys were lined up against the wall because they'd been talking during dinner. He was the...he was the last person who'd been lined up. SPT1 walked the length of the line and struck each boy a severe slap across the face. When he got to me he struck me very hard, twisted my face round, ehh, I turned my head and I looked back, my eyes were watering from the pain and the shock, but I was not crying. Does this incident ring any bells, do you remember?

A

No.

Q

Emm, there had been...

A

From my knowledge, for to suggest even that boys were lined up in the dining room is absolutely crazy.

Q

Were there...would talking have been allowed during dinner?

A

Certainly, it was the...it's a social exercise.

Q

Okay. And...

A

You know, from my recollection when they went in...from they went into the dining room to they came out they were allowed to talk.

Q

Aha.

A

Except when they...they had a prayer before that, you know, that's absolutely crazy.

Q

And had they talked during prayer, for example, and...who would have been expected to keep them quiet when you were in a prayer...

A

Well, I can't...



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Q ...can you remember?

A ...well, I can't honestly answer that because, I mean, if the majority are...are saying their...you can easily see who else wasn't.

Q Okay. So, he says that each of them was struck across the face particularly hard and that his eyes were watering from the pain and shock, but he was not

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said, fucking cry, and slapped me full-force again, walked back along the line and smacked each of us again across the face and started again until one of the boys reached to the nearby table and grabbed a fork, which he used to stab into SPT 1 Were you ever injured by any of the boys?

A No.

Q Were you ever...

A No.

Q ...were you ever assaulted by the...the boys?

A Not there, now, but I, you know, I was assaulted about [REDACTED] later because, emm, I was taking a sports group in the gym and the guy...a guy had taken a knife out of the dining room and I'd asked him to put...he...he'd come into the...the dining room without...or into the gym without his shorts and I asked him to put his shorts on and he didn't. Emm, he told me he wasn't and I said, well, you're not to stay here, he lifted the knife and he just came over and [inaudible]. But, no, that was a very rare incident.

Q Hmm, and that was obviously quite a serious incident and that's why you would remember it.

A Yeah, well, I mean, the guy was eventually transferred to borstal.

Q Okay. The thing about other incidents then, were there any other incidents

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where...

A No, that was about all.

Q ...you were assaulted? Ehh...

A Oh, and I should say also that incident, that wasn't within my remit, I...I took [REDACTED] up there and different [inaudible] simply because I was trying to transfer some knowledge I had to get the kids interested and things.

Q Oh. From your time there you were never stabbed by...at any point with a fork?

A No.

Q Ehh, in the canteen. Do you remember any...any incident like that where another staff member might have been stabbed with a fork, anything along those lines?

A Quite honestly, no. I can remember other major incidents where like, emm, stones were put through windows and though we must remember we're dealing with very...extremely difficult kids.

Q Oh, I appreciate that.

A And that's why we're often...through the years we're often dealing with the political type as well.

Q That...no fork stabbing incidents?

A No.

Q Emm, HIA 100 says that in the commotion that followed, with you having been stabbed by a fork, they all had an opportunity to run and they left the canteen. Of course this meant we were only punished again when we had to come back. That incident doesn't ring any bells at all then?

A No.

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- Q Okay.
- A It's just...
- Q Did you ever strike boys across the face...
- A No.
- Q ...for talking during dinner in the assemb...
- A No, 'cause...
- Q ...or in the dinner hall?
- A Again, there was two sides to the school, one was the junior school and the other was the senior school and there was this kitchen gap between.
- Q Aha.
- A But none of the kids we had...we didn't have any problems of that kind.
- Q Okay. Emm, would it have been part of your duties to supervise the canteen?
- A Sometimes you had...that was included sometimes in our duties, depending on, I mean, every member of staff be...no matter what his role at Saint Patrick's, remember we were there from usually, if I can recall, 8 o'clock in the morning 'til about nine fifteen at night. So, part of your extraneous duties, which was what they called it then, was supervising or staying there between, emm...emm, after teatime, which was about half six, until about they went to bed at 9 o'clock. So, we all had to partake of that.
- Q Okay.
- A Every member of staff in the school, irrespective of his...his...his official duty.
- Q Okay. Emm, says that is the one particular...that's one particular incident he remembers, but there were several more. He did beat me regularly and with particular cruelty. Emm, that's the allegations that he's made against you. So, he does, you know, specifically say that you were a cruel, eh, Teacher in

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the school or Social Worker/House Master there. Would you have had a reputation for being...

A [Inaudible].

Q Yeah.

A Emm, that's maybe all, I mean, I've just told you that I initiated a whole lot of things up there because I wanted to be, you know, we wanted...we wanted to be child focused, the original, I mean, people, ehh, would have seen training schools as a...as the old concept where the groups are stuck in there and they're locked up. I mean, the open situation offered, emm, staff with the necessary opportunity to do different things and I think most people up there would say that I took that opportunity.

Q Okay. Emm, have you any more questions, that's the allegations there, SPT 1 that's the one particular incident we've discussed. He does make general cruelty complaints, but without any further specific details to put to you I've no further questions at this point. Is there anything else that'd you like to say, anything...

A No, that's...

Q ...we haven't covered or you'd like to add on tape at this point?

A No, just that, ehh, I've already said that we were not commissioned in any way to...to, emm, discipline individuals, emm, and that's the way it was.

Q Would other of the...one final point, would other...other Brothers, for example, have issued discipline outside of their remit? Obviously it was the Headmaster or the Principal and so on, at that level the discipline was supposed to be handed out, but would some of the clerical staff or other of the...the Social Workers, would they have been quicker with their hands

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perhaps?

A Not in my estimation. There was this structure and, I mean, it was a sort of a get-out for everybody on the staff. Emm, I know we may not necessarily have agreed with the punishment that was handed out at the top level. Emm, because, you know, as people like [inaudible] there would no...no two...no two were alike.

Q Aha.

A And maybe we, eh, maybe at that time I would have thought that, eh, you know, we...we can't be prescribing different treatment, ie punishments for different kids, but approved schools were approved schools and to the best of my knowledge that I can remember, in Saint Patrick's the kids were very well looked after and very well cared for and whilst the Brothers had this reputation and in a sense I think it was a very good one, they looked after the kids and, emm, as you said, at that time there was punishment and and I can't remember what it was, maybe 2 or 3 slaps or something like that there, but I can't remember, 'cause I was never...I was never there.

Q Okay. So, during your entire employment at Saint Pat's you would never have been involved or even been witness to any of the physical punishment then?

A No.

Q Is that what you're saying?

A I don't think it's right to call it physical punishment, I mean...

Q Physical chastisement perhaps.

A Yeah, well, in a normal every day classroom it was exactly the same.

Q Yeah.

A Emm, and, I mean, the chastisement by way of strap in the educational side of

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Saint Patrick's, ehh, was always transferred to the Principal of the school, who had overall responsibility for it. Emm, and I just think that, you know, in those days they were very well looked after, the problems came later when the political guys started coming to do the staffing, it proved so difficult for them.

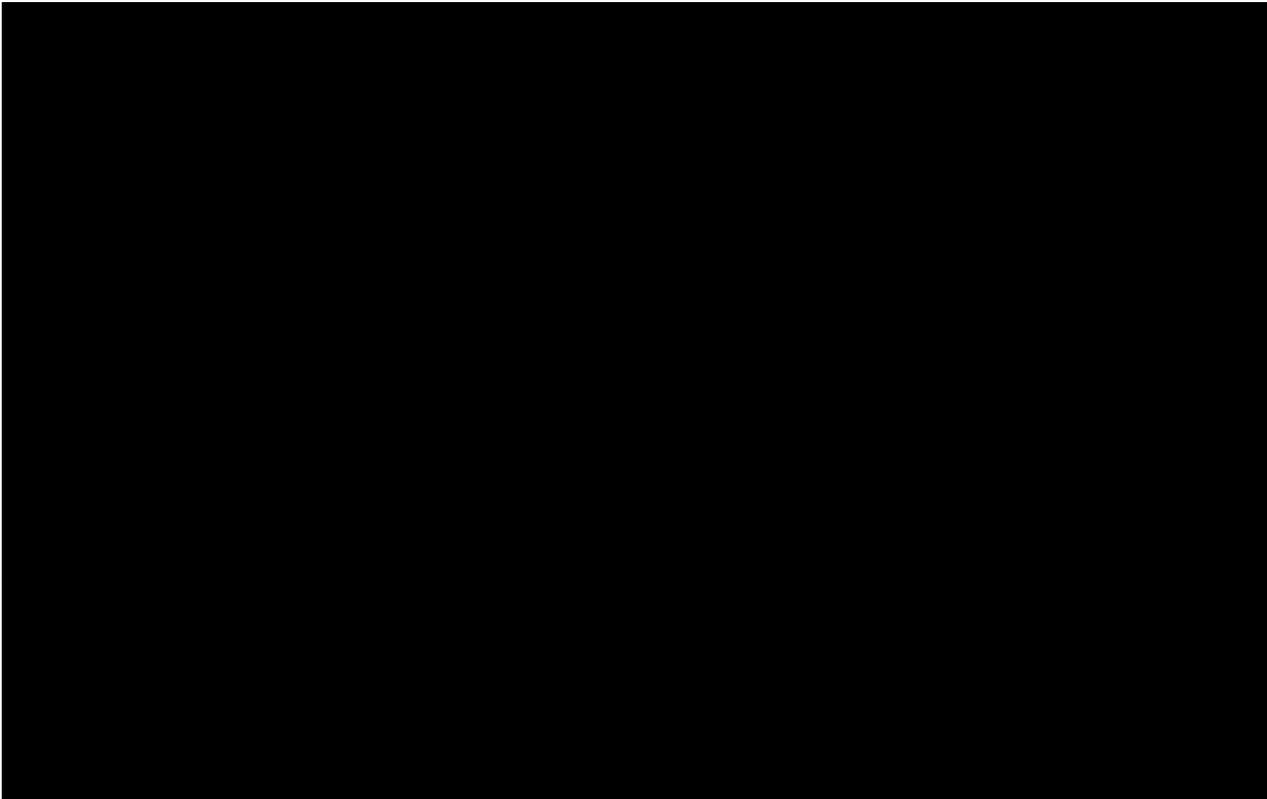
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Okay. That's great. The time is, ehh, 1232.

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continuously touch me up and then say that he needed me to go to stores or somewhere he wouldn't be seen or disturbed and make me masturbate him or have oral sex with him, and on occasions he would put his penis between my thighs, although he never actually penetrated me. This type of abuse would happen 3-4 times a week. He was also very bad tempered and would slap, punch, and kick me on many occasions.



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asked to come up because as I say, I had a fair bit of experience with youngsters and inaudible that way, you know.

Q He goes on later to say that BR94 would touch me up a lot, he pulled me hard against him, he pulled me hard into him against his penis, did you ever pull any of the boys against your, that area of your body.

A No, never.

Q Ever pull anybody against you in a sexual way.

A Never, no, I wouldn't dream of it, you know.

Q He goes on to say that he, rather, more than the touching up though he does remember your violent behaviour.

A I wouldn't say I was in any way violent.

Q Did you ever lose your temper with the boys and lash out.

A Not, you know, not in the sense of physical, maybe verbally I might have given a couple of shouts or something like that, you know.

Q Okay.

A Some of them might be misbehaving at the likes of the swimming pool or games hall and you'd give a shout at them but as far as being physically, no.

Q You may have lost your temper occasionally with the boys but it would have been a verbal.

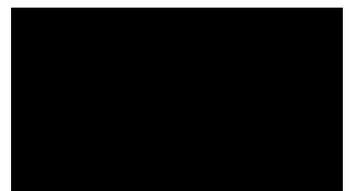
A Verbal, yeah.

Q You don't ever remember being violent with them in a physical way.

A No, no.

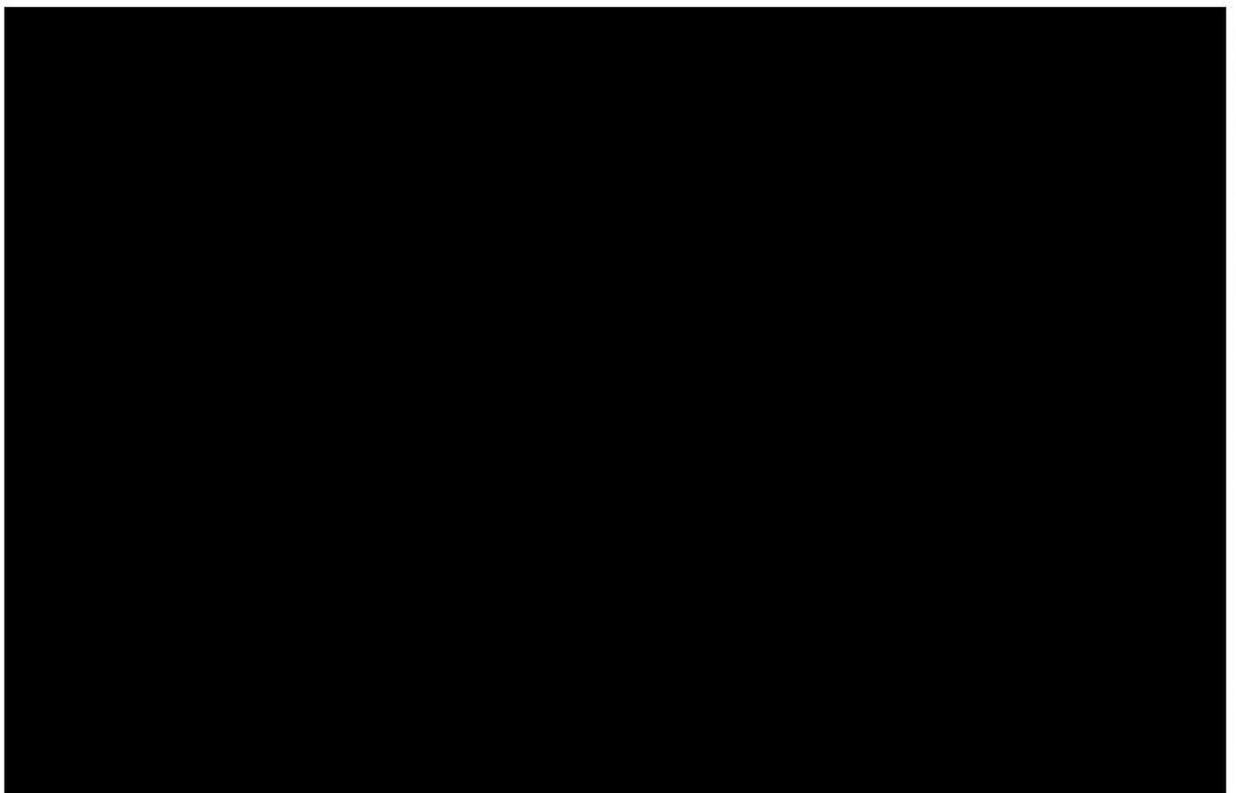
Q You did deal out corporal punishment sometimes for minor things but it was only two or three slaps you said.

A Yes.



COMPLAINT 1 - ^{HIA100} [REDACTED] - HIA REFERENCE 100

5. HIA 100 made a statement to the police on 25 September 2013 and he subsequently made a statement to this Inquiry on 3 February 2015. In his HIA statement he has claimed he was at St. Patrick's Training School, Glen Road, Belfast for two years, between [REDACTED] and I would have been [REDACTED] in the junior section throughout that period. In his police statement he alleges that after a short period of time of arriving in St. Patrick's he was subject to threats, then violence and then sexual abuse. His specific allegation against me is described as follows: ^{BR94} [REDACTED] "would touch me up a lot, pulling me hard into him against his penis but I remember his violent behaviour more than the touching up". However in his HIA statement which he made approximately seventeen months later he stated ^{BR94} [REDACTED] "never subjected me to sexual abuse but he was really violent". This is a clear contradiction. When the police put this allegation to me during my interview I denied sexually abusing him in this or any other way and I am certain this did not happen.
6. HIA 100 also alleged I was violent and would hit him a lot. He has not specifically stated how I was violent towards him but he said in his HIA statement in relation to a number of Brothers, including myself that they would hit you with their hands, the odd punch in the ribs or hit across the back of the head. I specifically deny each and every one of these allegations. I have already explained that I only used corporal punishment sparingly when it was permitted to do so. I used a strap and gave no more than two or three slaps on an outstretched hand. The system of rewards and privileges described above was more commonly used for less serious misdemeanours.
7. I do not have a clear recollection of ^{HIA100} [REDACTED]. The name is vaguely familiar to me but he does not stand out. He was one of many hundreds of boys who would have been in the junior school during the period of time I was [REDACTED]



early [redacted] Do you remember him?

A: No I cannot recall him.

Q He claims he was slapped by you on a regular basis with a strap.

A: He could have received a strap from me but it would not have been regular or on a frequent basis.

Q ^{HIA100} [redacted] was there from [redacted]

A I can't remember him.

Q He says you hit him on occasion.

A: That may be. I can't say. Again I did sometimes use the strap but it was seldom and for discipline purposes.

[redacted]
Q. What was the punishment for boys who ran away? They lost privileges.

Q where they ever physically chastised for that? Only by management. I would not have been involved.

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SIGNATURE OF APPROPRIATE A [redacted] BR94

SIGNATURE OF SOLICITOR: [redacted]

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10. Complaint 7 – [HIA100] HIA 100.

[HIA100] made a statement to the police on 25th September 2013 and also made a statement to the Inquiry on 3rd February 2015. The police mentioned his allegations against me when I was interviewed on 16th April 2014 and I informed the police I could not remember [HIA100]. This remains my position. In his Inquiry statement [HIA100] specifically stated I never hit him. He also said I was known by my nickname of [REDACTED]. However in his police statement he contradicted this as he alleged I did strike him on occasions although he also said I never made any type of sexual advances towards him. As I cannot recall [HIA100] I can only say I may have used a strap but only if he engaged in misbehaviour.



12. I have dedicated my life to working with boys who were disadvantaged. I tried to help them as best I could and I am most disappointed that at this stage of my life I have had to respond to false allegations made against me by a small number of those who were at St. Patrick's Training School. I wanted to make this statement to make it clear I deny all of these allegations but I am not sure, because of my age and health, whether I will be able to attend at the Inquiry in person.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed:



BR42

Dated: 1/9/15