

HIA REF: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name: **NL 122**

## THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF **NL 122**

**NL 122** will say as follows:-

1. I was born on [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] area with the family name of **NL 122**. I changed the spelling of my name slightly in later life. I believe I was placed as a baby in the nursery at St Joseph's Baby Home before moving to Nazareth Lodge Home aged five years where I remained until eleven years. I then moved to Kircubbin until I was sometime around the age of sixteen years. I have no wish to discuss my own experiences in any of these homes.
2. I returned on occasion to Nazareth Lodge on [REDACTED] mornings where I sometimes helped out a man named **NL 198** [REDACTED] **NL 198** retired and I secured his job. My duties were to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. My immediate supervisor was **NL 11**. There were other employees there as well as me who did the same work such as **NL 200** and **NL 201**. I have no knowledge of a [REDACTED]. I never had any dealings or supervisory roles in respect of the children at the home. I have never chastised or punished any child at the home. I have read the allegations apparently naming me and I deny them absolutely.
3. I was asked to appear at a police station and had the allegations put to me. I did not bring a solicitor as I had nothing to fear from the investigation and denied the allegations to the police completely. The only explanation I can make is that the complainants are making a mistake over identification. I also believe that I never worked into nights and that the children at the home would have been at school when I was at work as I finished normally between 4.30 and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday. I had no connections to any of the children and would not even have known any of them during my employment.
4. I deny sexually or physically abusing any child at any time in any way. I deny the allegations and suggestions made by **NL 8**, **DL 40** and **HIA 48**. There is simply no truth in this and the incidents as described never occurred.

Dated this <sup>10<sup>th</sup></sup> day of February 2015

Signed **NL 122**