

HIA REF: []

NAME: []

DATE: []

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

Witness Statement of **SPT65**

I, **SPT65** aged 18 years and over, will say as follows: -

1. My date of birth is [REDACTED] I worked as a Residential Social Worker from 1975 to 1997. I retired in [REDACTED] I worked in St Patricks Training School between 1975 and 1997.
2. In a Witness Statement from **HIA 275** he has stated that '... only some members of staff were abusive to me. There were certain members of staff who just did not like me because they were from the same area.' He goes on to say 'The other person is called **SPT65** and is over [REDACTED]
3. I have no recollection of a **HIA 275** whatsoever from my time working at St Patricks Training School. I do not recall him or know him in any capacity or any of his family. **HIA 275** identifies me as being [REDACTED] I am approximately [REDACTED] in height and in approximately [REDACTED]
4. I wholeheartedly deny ever being cruel to any child in my care at any time throughout my career. At no point did I hit **HIA 275** with a wet towel or a bunch of keys. This is an entirely untrue allegation.

5. With regard to the handwritten recording provided at page 8 of the Disclosed Material, I would say I recall a Christmas Day during my time at St Pat's when I failed to attend work and then came in on the following day, December 26th. However I would deny the assertion that I struck [REDACTED] SPT 119 on this date. I note the writer of the handwritten record is not identified and the writer does not appear to have witnessed such an incident but rather states that they were 'informed later that evening' of it.
6. The follow up note appears to refer to the 'incident on Dec 26th.' I recall being spoken to by [REDACTED] BR 98 about my failure to attend work on Christmas Day and attendance on Dec 26th under the influence of alcohol, but do not recall any reference being made to [REDACTED] SPT 119. I believe the 'incident' referenced is my absenteeism and consumption of alcohol.
7. Page 10-11 of the Disclosed Materials outlines an allegation from [REDACTED] SPT 119 that I was aware of him having injuries, specifically bruises. He has stated 'Just didn't do anything about it'. I do not recall ever seeing [REDACTED] SPT 119 with bruises or marks of any kind. I would have been under an obligation as a Social Worker to report any injuries to any child and immediately bring them to the Sick Bay to be examined. I further would have been obliged to raise any concerns I had about a child's physical and mental well-being.
8. At page 12 of the Disclosed Materials the statement I provided to Detective Sergeant Paula Gilmore has been attached. I stand over the contents of same.
9. I am not aware of any other information I have that would assist the HIA Inquiry. I am willing to attend at any Hearing of these allegations to give evidence in respect of same

Statement of Truth

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

Signed **SPT65**

Dated 3/9/15



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On December 26th, I was informed that [REDACTED] SPT65 had not reported for duty. I rang him & informed him that his failure to report for duty on that day, as also on Christmas Day, was totally unacceptable. He replied: "Do you want me to come in?" I replied, "Of course I do."

I was informed later that evening that [REDACTED] SPT65 had come in, obviously under the influence of alcohol, and had struck [REDACTED] SPT119 who was.

On Friday, January 11th, SPT65 came to my office to discuss the incident on Dec. 26th. He was obviously agitated but showed no sign of alcohol.

22 - 12 - '95

SPT65

spoken
to for not doing
sleep in duty in
the unit. Saul House
(resident in Ghanaia)
on Monday night
last 21-12-95.

Verbal warning
issued - to be
recorded on file
for six months.

Signed:

BR26

Present:

BR90

SPT52

RESTRICTED (when complete)

Statement of Witness

Statement of: **SPT65**

Age of Witness: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

I declare that this statement consisting of _____ page/s, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature of Witness: **SPT65** Date: 21/04/2013
Service/Staff # if police/staff

Signature witnessed by: _____
(Appropriate Adult)

Signature of Member: P Gilmore 20534 Date: 21/04/2013
by whom statement was recorded or received Service/Staff # if police/staff

I was employed as a Residential Social Worker at St Patrick's Training School between **SPT65**

SPT65 On Sunday the 21st April 2013, I was spoken to by Detective Sergeant Paula

Gilmore in relation to a former resident at St Pats. I can confirm that I remember **SPT119**

SPT119 who came to St Pats from Orana Children's Home in Newry. D/Sergeant Gilmore

explained that **SPT119** had made a complaint of sexual and physical abuse during his time at St

Pats. I can confirm that I did not witness anything like this in relation to **SPT119**. D/Sergeant

Gilmore also told me that **SPT119** in his witness statement had said I would have witnessed

bruises that he had as a result of an assault by **BR26** I can confirm this is not the case, I

don't recall this. D/Sergeant Gilmore also informed me that **SPT119** had said he had told me

about the beatings, again I refute this. **SPT119** did not speak to me about being assaulted by

any member of staff at St Pats. My general memory of **SPT119** was that he was very disruptive

during his time at St Pats.

Certified a true copy of an original signed document

Signature of witness:	SPT65
Signature witnessed by: <small>(Appropriate Adult)</small>	

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Saturday 15th April 1995.

Dear Mr

SPT52

'I would like to state a fact to you. Aprox 2 weeks ago I reported to SPT65 SPT65. I felt that there was some sexual activities going on between SPT62 and SPT61. I said to him I seen some things going on and I was very anxious about what was going on. I give SPT65 severely opporunities when these things where taking place. I am not aware if SPT65 went to Board of Mangement. I feel I have to say something to the Board of Mangement. I got a responce from SPT65 as if I was assuming this happened and that I was over exaggeration. I am aware that SPT65 had to decide to talk or not to talk to these boys are not

I say that this took place at around 10:45am and also at 1-2pm. There where an number of incidents which took place.