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Statement of Witness

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| <i>Name of Witness</i> | Olly Isaac |
| <i>Date of Birth</i> | 30/04/1958 |
| <i>Address and contact details</i> | |
| <i>Occupation</i> | Senior watch house officer, Queensland Police Service |
| <i>Officer taking statement</i> | Detective Sergeant J A MISON |
| <i>Date taken</i> | 02 / 10 /2012 |

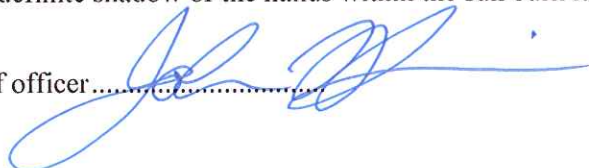
I, Olly Isaac state;

1. I am 54 years of age.
2. I am currently employed as a Senior Watch house Officer with the Queensland Police Service at Richlands.
3. I am a former employee of the Department of Communities, [herein referred to as the department].
4. I moved to Australia from New Zealand in about 1988. Prior to moving to Australia I was employed as a prison officer in New Zealand.
5. In about late 1988 or early 1989 I commenced employment with the department as a youth worker at the John Oxley Youth Centre (JOYC) located at Wacol. Back then (JOYC) was a detention facility for a range of kids. I would say these kids are in the form of two types. One of these types I would describe as being what I call as wayward youth. That is children who display extreme behaviours and are difficult to control. The other

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category of children are what I would say “in the system”. When I say “in the system, I refer to children who have been through the criminal courts.

6. When I first started at (JOYC) the manager back then was Peter Coyne.
7. In 1989 to 1990, I was not aware of any major issues at (JOYC). There would have been the usual workplace stuff though but I don't remember. I felt back at that time there was insufficient training for staff working at (JOYC).
8. I have never given any evidence before any inquiry into the activities at (JOYC), nor have I never provided any written statement to any inquiry or union official about activities or incidents at (JOYC).
9. I have heard of the Forde Inquiry into detention centres. I have also heard of the Heiner Inquiry. I don't really know what the Heiner Inquiry was about though.
10. The first time that I have been interviewed about my time as an employee at (JOYC) is when I met with Detectives Mison and Parer on Tuesday 2nd October 2012.
11. The only time I have advised someone about my concerns at (JOYC) is via the chain of command when I have reported something through the centre. By that I mean on occasion I have reported my suspicions of sexual abuse of detainees to management at the centre. I have never provided any details of my concerns of these sexual abuse incidents to any person not working within the actual employ of the centre. On these occasions I reported to management at the centre and no one else.
12. The first incident I wish to explain related to my observations and conversations with a female detainee in the early 1990's. I don't know the exact date or year. I remember one day I was working at (JOYC). At the time I was on a 3pm to 11pm shift. On this day I remember some detainees had returned to the centre from an outside a trip. The detainees and teaching staff went to a dam. I think this dam was the Wivenhoe. I remember seeing a female detainee by the name of Shelly Neale. Shelly was wearing her togs with board shorts over the bottom. I remember her skin was red with sunburn. I also remember noticing what appeared to be handprints on her back. These handprints looked to me like they were from some person that was facing her front and holding her back. The prints were quite clear and there was a definite shadow of the hands within the sun burn itself.



13. I said words to the effect to Shelly "Was sun cream applied to your body and face?"
14. Shelly then asked "Why".
15. I said words to the effect "How did this happen? At the time I was referring to the handprints on her back.
16. Shelly said words to the effect "We were floating in a rubber tube in the middle of the lake".
17. I said "Who was holding you in this position?"
18. Shelly then told me it was one of the staff members who work at the centre. She told me his name and I remember his first name starts with [REDACTED]. I can't remember [REDACTED] surname but I remember he had a nick name called [REDACTED]. That is [REDACTED] as from the [REDACTED].
19. When Shelly told me about this I got warning bells and became suspicious. I also observed "Shelly" was not herself after coming back from an outing.
20. I remember I reported this to management. I can't remember who but I remember I reported it. I don't know if it was on paper or verbal reporting. I don't believe the police were informed of the incident by management. I believe that [REDACTED] got away with it. It is my opinion that management at this time didn't protect the kid. Absolutely nothing happened. I thought I did my bit as I passed on the information or concerns I had but no one took it any further.
21. I can't recall whatever happened to Shelly Neale. I don't believe she got any psychological help or anything. I don't even know if there was medical carried out. I was never given any feedback from management on the Shelly Neale incident. I was angry about this incident and it distresses me still to this day.
22. All I know is when I see something wrong or heard about something I report it.
23. As I satted I cannot specifically recall if I did a written report or not. However the process for an incident report at (JOYC) is as follows: Usually an incident report would be handwritten by the youth worker. The incident report would contain information

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including the name of the person who is reporting. Time/date and place of the incident being reported. The nature of the incident being reported. All names of the persons/detainees/staff members involved in the incident being reported. After an incident report is completed the youth worker would then hand it to the senior youth worker working. My understanding from here is that the senior would then hand the report to the principle youth worker who would then review it and then hand it up the chain onto senior management.


24. The 2nd incident I reported to management at (JOYC) occurred in the mid 1990's. At the time I was working in the unit called the Fraser Unit. This was a demountable building. I recall a detainee asked me if he could do some washing. I then told this male detainee that it was okay and I got a female youth worker to accompany him as they had to leave the building. I can't remember the female youth workers name but I would described her as being 20-23 years of age, Caucasian in appearance, brown hair. I do know she used to work as a security officer prior to employment at (JOYC). I cannot recall the male detainee's name but he was about 15 to 16 years of age, Caucasian, about six feet tall, short brown hair and of thin build.
25. The detainee and the youth worker left my unit. When they returned I recognised something wasn't right and became suspicious. To me they both looked guilty of soemthing. I approached the male detainee and youth worker. I told the youth worker to go to another area of the unit. I then told the male detainee to come to his cell.
26. I then had a conversation with the detainee in his cell about what had just happened. The detainee told me he had sex with the youth worker on the dryer. The detainee described this as consensual sex and he appeared happy. I also learnt from him that the detainee and the youth worker had been swapping notes under a door at night to each other.
27. After being told this I took the youth worker to the front office and reported to management. The youth worker was dismissed from (JOYC).
28. The third incident whereby I reported at (JOYC) is as follows; This incident related to a male detainee and a youth worker. I can't recall the youth workers last name however he had a nick name as [REDACTED]. At this time I started a reintegration program for detainees in their last 3 – 6 months of detention. This included trips outside of (JOYC) to do odd jobs like cleaning parks, etc. I remember on one occasion I was driving a detainee in a

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car. I think I was in the suburb of Springwood. One of the detainees was not himself in the car as we travelled. I then said words to the effect to him "Is there anything wrong?"

29. The detainee then said words along the line "Can't tell you about it".
30. After then questioning further the detainee told me one of the staff was trying to have a relationship with him. After hearing this I remember saying "Is that right". With that I turned the car around and went straight back to (JOYC). Upon arrival at (JOYC) I then went to the manager's office. The manager at that time was a Martin Grandelas. I told Martin of my concerns and that I was not happy. Martin and I met with youth worker that day as he started work. The youth worker was then dismissed.
31. There was another incident which occurred at (JOYC) that I was concerned about but was not sexual. This related to the handcuffing of [REDACTED] to the fence of the basketball court. I wasn't working when this incident occurred. I heard about it later. I remember being told it was the manager Peter Coyne's decision to handcuff [REDACTED] to the fence. I was angry about it. Other staff at the centre were also angry about this incident and they management dealt with it.
32. I remember on one occasion I observed a youth worker [REDACTED] was massaging a female detainee [REDACTED] back and shoulder. This occurred in the main building which is called the Lawson Unit. I remember at the time I told [REDACTED] to keep his hands to himself. I remember a short while after [REDACTED] left the centre he began a relationship with the detainee involved.
33. I remember some of the following staff working at (JOYC) back then as; Peter Coyne – manager, Col Bray – principle youth worker, Eileen Bisby – senior youth worker, Ouida Ratapu – youth worker, Bruce Cassidy – senior youth worker, Lorraine Hayward – senior youth worker, Terry Owens – groundsman, Gary Truloff – shift supervisor, Irene Colmer – youth worker and senior youth worker, Trevor Cox – principle youth worker, Jim Douglas – youth worker, Lorraine Draper – Principle youth worker, Jan French – youth worker, Scotty healing – youth worker, marge Judd – youth worker, Sabina Konicanin – youth worker, Peter Mcneven – youth worker, Alexander Muelenberg- teacher, Lola Nolan- youth worker, Brad Parfitt – youth worker, Mariana Pierce – youth worker, Rudy Pekalharing – Principle youth worker, David Smith – youth worker, Gordon "Flash" Teasdale – youth worker, Jill Wesche - youth worker, Mark Mills – youth worker, June West – youth worker, Paul Hamson – Youth worker, Archie Olde-Woblers, youth

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worker, Warren Christensen – youth worker, Jennifer Foote – management, Anne Dutney- Deputy manager, Jeff Manitzky – Psychologist, Jody Preston – Admin, Fred Feige-Youth worker, Lex Clements – Youth worker, Walter Tallis- Shift supervisor, Bronwym Marshall – youth worker, Rodney Reston – Youth worker, Simon Nance- Youth worker, Damien Butler –youth worker.

34. On Tuesday the 2nd day of October 2012 Detective Mison showed me a document signed “very concerned”. I am not the author of this document nor do I recognise the handwriting.

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 2/10/12 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 9 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed at Emmabank  Signature this 2nd day of October 20 12

Witnessed: 
Name J. A. Mison Signature Rank Det Sgt Reg. No. 8065