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**QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION
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Statement of Witness


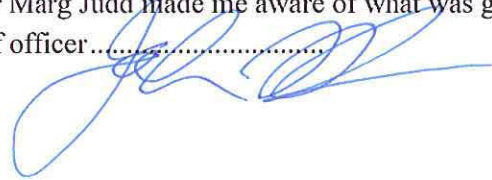
<i>Name of Witness</i>	Simon David Nance
<i>Date of Birth</i>	2/1/1964
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to commission staff
<i>Occupation</i>	Purchasing officer
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Sergeant J A MISON
<i>Date taken</i>	15/11/2012

I, Simon David Nance state;

1. I am 48 years of age.
2. I am currently employed as a purchasing officer for a construction company.
3. I am a former employee of the Department of Family Services, [herein referred to as the department].
4. I commenced working for the department in the capacity of a youth worker at the John Oxley Youth Centre, [herein referred to as JOYC]. I started working at JOYC about September or October 1990. I finished working for the department in 1998.
5. My first manager at JOYC was Ian McIntyre. Around the time I started I was aware that JOYC was desperate for more staff. I also am aware that there had been some problems within JOYC. I was told about a bad riot where some residents and staff had been hurt. I was made aware by other staff that these incidents were handled poorly by the previous management. I was also told by staff that they were not given adequate protections during this riot. I remember a co-worker Narend Nath told me he was seriously assaulted during this riot. Some residents told me about this riot and the fact that they didn't want anything to do with it.

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6. All the information I have about the riot came from talk amongst staff and some of the residents. Information provided to me that one of male residents was given oral sex by one of the girl residents. I also had heard about another incident involving a female and male residents that apparently had sex in the yard. I think I was told that there was no force used by any residents in these incidents during the riot.
7. I was made aware by staff about an Inquiry that was conducted into JOYC. I did not give evidence to this Inquiry as it was before my time at JOYC. From my understanding the Inquiry was mostly about the riot.
8. I have heard of the Heiner Inquiry. I may have heard about this Inquiry from my observations in the media. I know little about this Inquiry but I think it related to the shredding of evidence.
9. I recall being told by other staff at the centre that a female resident whose name is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] "had the wood on" staff and management at JOYC. When I say, "had the wood on", I mean could get management into trouble. I remember [REDACTED] told me that when she was to get released from JOYC that she had information that could bite them referring to management or Peter Coyne. She never actually told me what she was talking about but I think it was to do with the riots that had occurred.
10. I also remember back then that [REDACTED] was always talking about Peter Coyne. From what I understand, [REDACTED] and Peter had a love-hate relationship. I did not work under Peter Coyne, however I was also aware that a lot of the staff at JOYC did not like Peter Coyne either as they had told me.
11. I remember a fellow youth worker Marg Judd telling me that some staff at JOYC would have stuff to answer to if investigated. She told me that some staff hadn't acted appropriately but she did not tell me names or specifics.
12. I remember one night when I came on shift at 11pm. At the start of this shift I observed a youth worker, [REDACTED] alone with [REDACTED] in a cell. This was a real no no as it compromised staff and was inappropriate. I remember [REDACTED] was sitting on the bed with [REDACTED]. I remember when [REDACTED] left the cell he seemed upset. [REDACTED] was also upset. I think I told [REDACTED] that it was not good to be alone in a cell with residents. It was about this time that youth worker Marg Judd made me aware of what was going on

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between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Marg told me that that [REDACTED] had told her that she was in a relationship with [REDACTED]. I think Marg may have also spoken to [REDACTED] about this relationship. I don't know what was said between them.

13. A couple of weeks later [REDACTED] resigned and left JOYC. I believe that [REDACTED] continued his relationship with [REDACTED] after he left JOYC. I also think they had a child together sometime later.

14. I also recall there was talk at JOYC about another youth worker, [REDACTED]. It was to do with [REDACTED] inappropriately touching a girl in a river, creek or swimming pool. I recall the girl involved was [REDACTED]. I did not speak to [REDACTED] about this incident. I found out about the allegations involving [REDACTED] after he had left JOYC. I was not a witness to this nor was I told information first hand.

15. Some of the staff I remember from my time at JOYC back then are; Ian McIntyre – manager, Rod Reston – youth worker, Trevor Cox – deputy manager, Col Bray – principal youth worker, Lorraine Hayward – senior youth worker, Eileen Bisby – principal youth worker, Olly Isaacs – youth worker, Marg Judd – youth worker, Jan Molloy – youth worker, Wayne Armstrong – youth worker, Peter Mcneven – youth worker, Sabina “Connie” Konnicainin– youth worker, Fred Feige – senior youth worker, Danny Lannen – youth worker, Narend Nath – youth worker, Bronwyn Marshall – youth worker, Carmel Belford – youth worker, Damien Butler – youth worker, Paul Poulson – youth worker, Paul Hamsom, - youth worker, Bruce Cassidy – senior youth worker, Grace Chong – youth worker, Warren Christensen – youth worker, Gordon Cooper – youth worker, Gordon Teasdale – youth worker, Janice Doyle – seconded manager from Wilson, Jan French – youth worker, Wally Tallis – youth worker, peter Griffin – youth worker, Gary Truloff – senior youth worker, Scott Healing – youth worker, Gordon Hopps – youth worker, Margaret Hure - youth worker, Dave Hurikino – chef/cook, Noel King – youth worker, Ken Kleiden – youth worker, Gayle Aitkenhead – admin, Dave Lloyd – youth worker, Jodie Preston – Admin, Neville Mathers – youth worker, Lorraine McGregor – Nurse, Alex Mulenberg – manual arts, Mark Mills – youth worker, Owen Morrison – casual youth worker, Terry Owens – yardsman, Arty Muckin – youth worker, Archie Olde Woblers – youth worker, Brad Parfitt – youth worker, Mariana Pierce – youth worker, Jody Preston – Admin, Ouida Ratapui – youth worker, Bruce Reed – youth worker, Josie – cleaner, David Smith – youth worker, Ken Gerke – youth worker, Dawn Webb – youth worker, Jill Wesche – casual youth worker, June West – youth worker, Jim


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Douglas – youth worker, Rudy Pekalharig – senior youth worker and Earl Ramsden – youth worker,


16. On Thursday the 15th November 2012 I met with detectives Mison and Parer of the Child Protection Commission of Inquiry, where I had a conversation about my employment at JOYC.

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 15/11/12 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 1-4 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Signed at Brisbane this 16th day of November 20 12

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

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