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STATEMENT TO MR N. HINER, S.M.
RE: INQUIRY AT JOHN OXLEY YOUTH CENTRE

On Wednesday, 10.1.1990, I arrived at John Oxley Youth Centre at 10.45pm to commence my rostered shift 11.00pm to 7.00am.

At approximately 11.10pm, I was told by Mr C. Bray, Acting Principal Youth Worker, to go to the Senior Youth Workers office. When I arrived Mr Bray told me that Mr Coyne wanted to speak to me on the phone. Mr Coyne told me to do a report on a resident child. I agreed to do this. He told me to consider the use of handcuffs and drugs. I felt that Mr Coyne was having a "dig" at me, as I believe he is aware that I am not in favor of the use of either handcuffs or drugs on resident children at John Oxley Youth Centre.

Mr Coyne then went on to say in a very unsteady voice, "I am aware of your activities to jeopardise my career, and I intend to sue you for all your assets, have you got that". I responded "yes", and he replied, "I will see you later on tonight". Mr Coyne has made these threats to me on four (4) previous occasions.

All Youth Workers on both my 11.00pm to 7.00am shift, as well as the previous shift 3.00pm to 11.00pm, were asked to do a report on the same resident child. I was the only person who was asked to consider the use of handcuffs and drugs.

At approximately 7.10am (11.1.1990), I was in the foyer, at the front entrance to John Oxley Youth Centre, signing off from my shift, when Mr Coyne spoke to me through the sliding glass window of the day control room, in a very hostile manner. He said, "I paid you for 8 hours work and you can't even do what I told you to do". As he said this he dropped the report I had done in front of me. Again, in a very hostile manner, he said, "I told you to address the use of handcuffs and drugs, now do it". I replied, "I don't understand", Mr Coyne said, "I am not going to tell you what to write".

Feeling very intimidated, at this stage, I wrote on the bottom of the report, I was not in favor of the use of handcuffs or medication on resident children at John Oxley Youth Centre.

As I was writing on the report Mr Coyne said, "I have to go to the inquiry today, to answer allegations based on lies that you have told me". I replied, "I have not told any lies about you, and we should not be discussing this here". Mr Coyne said, "You wrote to the Director-General and said I was victimising you, didn't you", I replied "I am not going to discuss this with you". Mr Coyne said, "Have I victimised you?". I replied "I am not going to discuss this with you here". Mr Coyne said, "so you are not willing to discuss this openly?". I replied, "That's right, I am not going to discuss this with you here".

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I walked towards the door to leave and Mr Coyne said loudly, "Come back here", I turned back and he said, "You go to your union with your petty gripes don't you", I replied, "I am not going to discuss this". I then left.

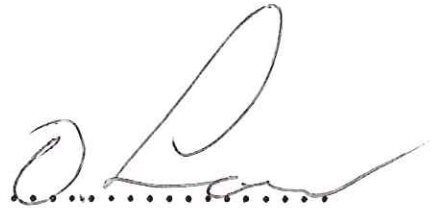
The reasons why I did not enter into a discussion with Mr Coyne was that, I felt that both the content and location was extremely inappropriate.

Senior Youth Worker, Mr Bruce Cassidy was present during the entire conversation.

Because of the frequency and manner of such outbursts and threats by Mr Coyne, I am beginning to have concerns for the personal safety of my family and myself.

I am also seeking a commitment from the Department to provide me with free legal representation.

Yours faithfully,



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DANIEL F. LANNEN