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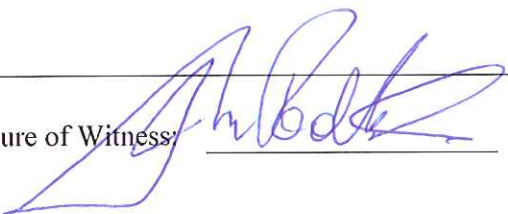
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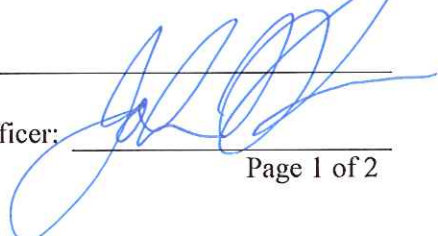
Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Janelle Podlich
<i>Date of Birth</i>	
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Det. Senior Sergeant Barber
<i>Occupation</i>	Teacher -Aide
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Det. Senior Sergeant Brett Barber
<i>Date taken</i>	13/11/2012

I, Janelle Podlich states;

1. I am a teacher-aide working with special needs children at secondary school in the Brisbane area. I was a member of the Queensland Police Service from 1976 to December 1990.
2. I recall, on Saturday, 28 May 1988, I was a Detective Sergeant in charge of the Ashgrove Juvenile Aid Bureau. I was rostered to work from 8am to 4pm with Plain Clothes Constable Susan Tomsett. Sometime that morning our office had been detailed a job, from whom I cannot recall, to attend the John Oxley Youth Centre to speak with a female inmate who had made allegations of sexual abuse by 2 male inmates at the centre.
3. Plain Clothes Constable Susan Tomsett and I travelled to John Oxley Youth Centre and upon arrival spoke with 2 people at the Centre. Plain Clothes Constable Susan Tomsett noted in her Official Police Notebook that it was Lorraine Hayward and Adolf Pickelhering. They told us something. (*Annette Harding had said to them that she had been raped by 2 males while they were on a bush walk at Mt Barney on Tuesday 24 May 1988 and that she wished to make a complaint. She had been examined by a doctor on the Friday 27 May 1988*)
4. Lorraine Hayward and Adolf Pickelhering accompanied Plain Clothes Constable Tomsett and I to a nearby room. Annette Harding was brought into the room. I can't recall if we

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introduced ourselves or if Lorraine Hayward or Adolf Pickelhering introduced us to Annette Harding. Plain Clothes Constable Tomsett and I spoke to Annette and asked her if she wanted to talk to us about what she had told Lorraine Hayward and Adolf Pickelhering. I can't recall the exact conversation with Annette. Annette appeared to not want to talk to us at all about it. I felt she did not want to talk to us as we were Police Officers. Plain Clothes Constable Tomsett and I were both wearing plain clothes, as we did in the Juvenile Aid Bureau. Plain Clothes Constable Tomsett made a notation along the lines of her not wanting to make a complaint to Police about the allegations. This was noted in the official Police Notebook of Plain Clothes Constable Tomsett. Plain Clothes Constable Tomsett read Annette the contents of the entry in her notebook and then she signed it in the presence of myself, Plain Clothes Constable Tomsett, Lorraine Hayward and Adolf Pickelhering. (Stating that she did not want to make an official complaint to Police about the sexual assault).

5. Plain Clothes Constable Tomsett and I returned to Ashgrove Juvenile Aid Bureau. Plain Clothes Constable Tomsett wrote in her Official Police Diary about the events and typed the details on our daily occurrence log.
6. I had no further involvement with Annette Harding or the investigation.

Janelle Podlich

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 13/11/2012 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 2 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.


 Signature

Signed at Brisbane this 15th day of November 20 12

Witnessed:

 Signature

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

Signature of Witness: 

Signature of Officer: 