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QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Statement of Witness

Table with 2 columns: Field Name and Value. Fields include Name of Witness, Date of Birth, Address and contact details, Occupation, Officer taking statement, and Date taken.

I, Garry Thomas HAVILAND state;

- 1. I am a former employee of the Department of Family Services [herein referred to as the department]. Sometime during late 1989 I commenced employment at the John Oxley Youth Detention Centre [herein referred to as JOYC].
2. At the time of my employment I had been working in a second hand furniture business. As a supplement to my income I undertook duties of an 'alarm watcher' at JOYC. This involved me sitting in a control room named the 'bubble room' monitoring the centre's alarms. Being in this position meant I did not have contact with any of the children in the centre. The only occasion I ever had any sort of contact with the children was on my very first day at JOYC during orientation whilst being shown around the centre.
3. I had come to be in the position of alarm watcher as my brother-in-law, Peter Coyne, had been the manager of JOYC at the time. Peter had required extra staff to monitor the centre's alarm system and I was asked to fill in for a few shifts. From memory I did about a 2 month period at JOYC and the shifts were mainly of a weekend.
4. At the time I was employed at JOYC I remember Peter was the manager, Jody Preston was in administration and Lorraine Hayward was one of the youth workers.

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Signature of Officer: [Handwritten Signature]

5. During my employment at JOYC I have no recollection of there ever being any issues. At no time was I ever requested to or provided any statement, letter or submission to any person about my period of employment at JOYC.
6. I have some recollection of their being an Inquiry conducted in relation to JOYC some time after I had left my position of alarm watcher. I am not sure what that Inquiry had been about. It may have been about Peter and his management however I was never involved with it. I don't even recall asking or talking with Peter about it. Any knowledge I had was simply what I had picked up in news articles.
7. I have never been aware of any sexual abuse or allegations of sexual abuse whilst employed at JOYC.
8. At no time previously have I been approached by any person, Inquiry or body to provide a statement of any kind in relation to my employment at JOYC.
9. On Saturday 3rd October 2012 I Detective Parer attended my home address at which time I provided her with my statement in relation to this matter

Garry Thomas HAVILAND

Declaration


This written statement by me dated 3rd November 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 REDBANK this 6TH day of NOVEMBER 2012

Witnessed:  Signature

Name DENISE PARER Rank DSC Reg. No. 10736

Signature of Witness: 

Signature of Officer: 