



**QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

**Statement of Witness**

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Sergeant Susan Tomsett
<i>Date of Birth</i>	
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Det. Senior Sergeant Barber
<i>Occupation</i>	Police Officer
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Det. Senior Sergeant Brett Barber
<i>Date taken</i>	00/00/2012

I, Susan Tomsett states;

1. I am a Sergeant of Police with the Queensland Police Service. My registered number is 5392. I am currently performing the duties as the Domestic and Family Violence Coordinator for the Pine Rivers Police District, stationed at Petrie Police Station.
2. I recall, on Saturday, 28 May 1988, I was a Plain Clothes Constable performing duties at the Ashgrove Juvenile Aid Bureau. I was rostered to work from 8am to 4pm with Detective Sergeant Janelle Podlich, the Officer in Charge. Sometime that morning our office had been detailed a job, from whom I cant 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. Detective Sergeant Janelle Podlich and I travelled to John Oxley Youth Centre and upon arrival spoke with 2 people at the Centre. I noted in my Official Police Notebook that it was Lorraine Hayward and Adolf Picklehering. 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*)

Signature of Witness:

Signature of Officer:

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4. Lorraine Hayward and Adolf Picklehering accompanied Sergeant Podlich and I to a nearby room. Annette Harding was brought into the room. I can't recall if we introduced ourselves or if Lorraine Hayward or Adolf Picklehering introduced us to Annette Harding. Detective Sergeant Podlich and I spoke to Annette and asked her if she wanted to talk to us about what she had told Lorraine Hayward and Adolf Picklehering. I cant 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 us as we were police officers. Detective Sergeant Podlich and I were both wearing plain clothes, as we did in the Juvenile Aid Bureau. I made a notation along the lines of her not wanting to make a complaint to Police about the allegations. I noted this in my official Police Notebook, as shown in the copy in pages of my notebook. I read Annette the contents of the entry in my notebook and then she signed it in the presence of myself, Detective Sergeant Podlich, Lorraine Hayward and Adolf Pickering. (stating that she did not want to make an official complaint to Police about the sexual assault).
5. Detective Sergeant Podlich and I returned to Ashgrove Juvenile Aid Bureau. I wrote in my 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.

Susan TOMSETT  
Sergeant 5392

**Declaration**

This written statement by me dated 7/11/12 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 2 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Susan Tomsett Signature

Signed at Petrie this 12th day of November 20 12.

Witnessed: [Signature] Signature

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Signature of Witness: Susan Tomsett

Signature of Officer: [Signature]

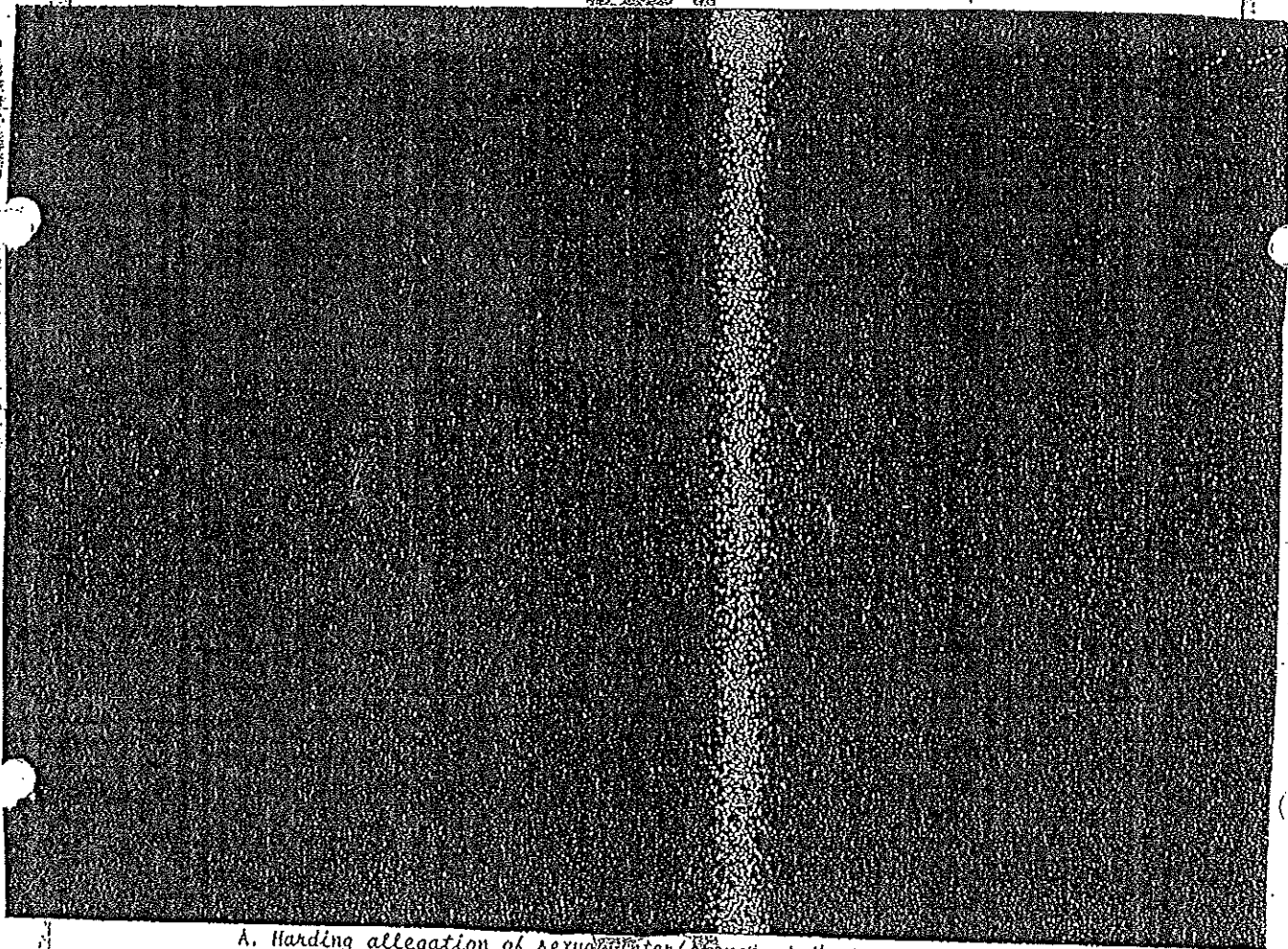
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REQUESTS OF POLICE TO COME TO

July 1988 to November 1988



A. Harding allegation of sexual interference at the Port Holes.

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NOT RELEVANT.

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On Saturday 28th  
May, 1988, I, Annette  
Louise HARDING, spoke  
with Det. Poollich and  
Det S. Tennant from  
Cobourg Queensland and  
Brisbane in the presence  
of Louise HARDING and  
Adolf. Peckelberg at John  
Ochyl youth centre in  
relation to a sexual

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DOCUMENT HAS BEEN RELEASED  
UNDER THE FOI ACT BY THE  
QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE FOR

type incident which  
occurred on Tuesday  
the 24 May 1988 at  
Mt Bergin. I do not  
wish to make an official  
comment to the Police  
and I and Peggy will  
police enquiries made  
relating to this matter.

ANNETTE HARDING

Witness of Hayward

*[Signature]*  
P/S/c 3399  
P. Tennant  
P.I. Const  
5392