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**QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

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Statement of Witness

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| <i>Name of Witness</i> | Bruce Henry Adam Cassidy |
| <i>Date of Birth</i> | 24/05/1949 |
| <i>Address and contact details</i> | |
| <i>Occupation</i> | Retired |
| <i>Officer taking statement</i> | Detective Sergeant J A MISON |
| <i>Date taken</i> | 18 / 09 /2012 |



I, Bruce Henry Adam Cassidy state;

1. On Tuesday the 18th of September 2012 I met with Detectives Mison and Colless at my home about my time spent in employment at the John Oxley Youth Centre, (JOYC). These two detectives advised me they were from the Child Protection Inquiry. I then had a conversation with them about my time as employee at (JOYC).
2. I am a former employee of the Department of Children's Services [herein referred to as the department].
3. Prior to working for the department in Queensland, I worked in New Zealand in Juvenile detention for a long period.
4. I commenced employment with the department in 1983 at the Sir Leslie Wilson centre as a youth worker. In 1987 I transferred to the John Oxley Youth Centre (JOYC).
5. My duties at (JOYC) predominately included the supervision of juveniles along with the management of staff on shift.
6. I remember some of the staff and their roles from my time back at (JOYC). These staff include, the manager Peter Coyne and deputy manager Anne Dutney. Administration staff I

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remember are Jennifer Foote, Wendy Kropp, Jody Preston and Jan Russo. The centre nurses I remember were Jan Russo and Agnus Honnery. The centre psychologist was Jeff Manitzky. The cook was a Jane Mumford. I remember the following principle youth workers as being Eileen Bisby, Trevor Cox, Lyn Draper, Rudy Pekelharing, Colin Bray and Gary Truloff. I remember the following youth workers and senior youth workers as Ray Bently, Irene Colmer, Jim Douglas, Mark Freemantle, Jan French, Bruce Goggins, Lorraine Hayward, Scott Healing, Marge Judd, Sabina Konicanan, Peter Mcnevan, Alexander Muelenberg, Sarah Moynihan, Lola Nolan, Peter Parker, Brad Parfitt, Mariana Pierce, David Smith, Gordon Teasdale, Van Vlimmeran, Jill Wesche, Mark Mills, Brian Cartledge, June West, Paul Hamson, Christopher Edwards, Geoff Gallas, Dennis Everett, Daryl Hood, Archie Olde Woblers, Jane Thirnbeck, Jan French, Guy Gibson, Trudy Lewis, Daniel Lannen, Warren Christensen, Fred Feige, Michael Roch and Ted Guzowski.


7. In the years of 1989 to 1990 I worked in most units of (JOYC) as a shift manager. At that time (JOYC) had three separate units. Each unit had about ten detainees. One unit housed girls only, while two other units had mixed gender juveniles. Back then, there were about three staff allocated to a unit for a shift.
8. In July of 1989 I had a stroke and as a result I had some time off work to recover. I returned to work in November of that year. Upon returning to work I performed light duties for a period of time afterwards. My light duties included operating the control room of the centre.
9. I remember sometime back then in about 1990 I was called with others into a meeting with a magistrate. I can't remember who else was called to meet with the magistrate. I am pretty sure the senior working that day asked me to go along to meet with the magistrate. A senior is a senior youth worker. I would describe this magistrate as being in his 60's, appeared unshaven and caucasian in appearance. He was wearing a suit. I was unable to recall the actual last name, however during my conversation with Detective Mison, he raised the possibility of the last name of the magistrate being Heiner. I recognised this name Heiner now as being the magistrate who I met with but I can't remember his first name.
10. On the day I met with the magistrate, it was daytime and during a shift. My memory of this is as follows. I entered the conference room which is attached to the Administration wing at JOYC. I remember there was desk and the magistrate, as described, sat opposite me. I can't remember if there were any other persons present, however I am sure there was a tape recorder in the room.

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11. Upon meeting there was an introduction and greeting during which time I recall he advised me he was a magistrate. I can't recall what exactly was said at this meeting, however I do seem to recall it was something to do about the manager of the centre Peter Coyne.
12. I don't recall making any complaint to the magistrate about anything in particular. To the best of my knowledge I raised no concerns nor did I provide any information of any sexual abuse of detainees at the centre. The meeting with the magistrate was very brief and I would estimate only lasted 5 to 7 minutes.
13. I remember at that time Anne Warner was the department's minister.
14. I did not provide my union at the time with any statement or written material about any complaints I had about the centre, nor have I provided the department with a statement about any complaint about the centre.
15. I am aware of an incident involving detainee Annette Harding. The incident occurred on an excursion. I was not present at the actual incident, but I do remember there being a commotion when everybody had come back to the centre from the excursion.
16. The main incident that stands out from my time back in those days is a riot which probably occurred in about 1987.
17. I subsequently transferred to the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre located at Wacol. I have since retired from the department.

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 18/9/2012 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.


 Signed at T. EUCA COOSE this 20 day of SEPT 2012

Witnessed: DREWAGE

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