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STATEMENT in the matter of:

Place: Maitland

Police Station

Date : 8 October 1999

Name: AE
 Address: AE's address Tel. No.: AE phone no.
 Occupation: Home Duties STATES:-

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable for prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

2. I am 57 years of age, I was born on the (AE 0.0.8) and I was born at Raymond Terrace.

3. When I was born and growing up, I lived at AE's address with my parents, BU and BV and my two brothers, BW and BX together with my sister, BY.

4. We used to go to the Catholic Church, St Brigid's Parish at Raymond Terrace and we would go every week. Dad was a very holy man and we never missed church growing up.

5. I used to go to St Brigid's School at Raymond Terrace. The following incidents happened when i was in 6th Class at St Brigid's. At the time I was 11 years old. I think at the time that my teacher was Sister THOMAS as she was my teacher in 6th Class and it was in 1953 when I was in 6th Class.

6. Father McALINDEN was an assistant priest at the Church, and I think Father MORRISON or MORRISEY was the head priest at the

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church. Father McALINDEN used to come over to the school a lot at different times, sometimes when I was in choir, he would come to choir practice when I was there. The choir practice was in the church.

7. Father McALINDEN was very friendly towards me and my other girlfriends and would seek out the girls to be friendly with. He offered to take me and a couple of my friends for a drive in his car.

He would say something like, "I've got to go for a drive over to Maitland, would you like to go for a drive with me?" He would say this to me and a couple of my friends. These friends were ^{UR6} and ^{UR22}. I think ^{UR22}'s married name is ^{UR22} and she lives at Raymond Terrace and ^{UR6}'s married name is ^{UR6} and she lives at Maitland.

He said something like, "Go and ask your parents if it is O.K. and come back and I'll take you for a drive."

I would go and ask my mum or dad, whoever was there if this was O.K. and they would always say, "Yes," as they thought it was lovely that the priest would take me for a drive.

8. I would go back and speak to Father McALINDEN and say something like, "Mum (or dad) said it's O.K. for me to go with you."

It was just the three of us who would go for the drive with Father McALINDEN. I can't rightly remember if anything happened on the first time he took us for a drive, but on one of these trips, he dropped the other girls off first. He dropped ^{UR6} off last at ^{UR6}'s address at her house, then he took me to Richardson Road Raymond Terrace, which at the time was like a gravel road and fairly secluded. He didn't say anything why he was taking me there. It was an Austin car, it was a dark colour, I think a dark

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green colour and I think it was pretty new. It was father McALINDEN's personal car.

9. When we were stopped, Father McALINDEN took my underpants off from under my dress which I think was my school uniform as I had been at school and Father McALINDEN had picked us up at school. When I had my underpants off he took his penis out and put my hand onto his penis and he made me move my hand up and down on his penis. Father McALINDEN touched my vagina and put his fingers into my vagina. Father McALINDEN moved over into the passenger side with me and put his penis into my vagina and had sexual intercourse with me until he ejaculated. I remember thinking that this wasn't right, but he was a holy man and he wouldn't do anything that wasn't right. After he finished, he fixed himself up and I got dressed and he took me home and dropped me off. he never spoke to me at all while this was happening.

10. This same thing happened to me three more times and I have a vivid memory of this happening on each of the three more times at the same place at Richardson Road.

11. I wanted this to stop and I worked out a way for it to stop. When Father McALINDEN asked me to go and ask my parents permission to go for a drive, I would go a little way as if to ask them, but wouldn't ask them and go back and say to Father McALINDEN that my parents wouldn't let me. I thought that this would stop what was happening but it didn't.

12. After this, in the same time period, Father McALINDEN was at a social activity for the kids at the Church hall. On one of these occasions, Father McALINDEN got me separated away from the other kids into behind the servery area and took his penis out and

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put my hand onto his penis and made me rub it up and down until he ejaculated.

13. This happened one more time, at a social activity, Father McALINDEN separated me from the other kids and once again in the servery, he put my hand onto his penis until he ejaculated.

14. This did not happen again and around this time, perhaps within then next 12 months, I was able to tell my parents what Father McALINDEN had been doing. I spoke to mum first.

I said something like, "Father McALINDEN put that thing into me."

I said this because I didn't know the right word for his penis at the time. I remember mum had an awful shock and she believed me and mum told dad.

15. Later, mum and dad went over to see the Bishop at Newcastle and I remember going to a big house on the hill. I had to sit in the car and mum and dad went in to see the Bishop about what had been happening. The only thing they said was, "The Bishop doesn't need to talk to you."

16. Mum later took me to see Doctor Ferguson at Mayfield and I sat in the waiting room and after a while mum came out and said, "The Doctor doesn't need to see you."

17. Later, URLO who was also an assistant priest with Father McALINDEN came to our house and talked with mum and dad. I hid but overheard some of the conversation. I remember dad saying something about receiving a letter from the Bishop. I don't remember anything else being said at the meeting.

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18. I would describe Father Dennis McALINDEN at the time of these incidents as being in his late teens or early twenties, black hair, dark complexion, well built, he was Irish with an Irish accent. The last thing I heard about Father McALINDEN was that he was at the Merriwa Parish and a teacher by the name of Michael told me about him. I was also aware that Father McALINDEN was a Priest in the Taree area.

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