

AFFIDAVIT OF MARK JOHN WATTERS
14 MAY 2013

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AFFIDAVIT

Name Detective Inspector Mark John Watters

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Occupation Detective Inspector, NSW Police Force

Date 14 May 2013

I say on oath:

1. My name is Mark John Watters.
2. I am a Detective Inspector of the NSW Police Force.
3. On 13 March 2013 I signed and produced a statement in answer to a summons for production issued on 13 March 2013 by the Special Commission of Inquiry into matters relating to the Police investigation of certain child sexual abuse allegations in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Annexed to this affidavit at page 3 and marked "A" is a copy of that statement.
4. The statement appearing at Annexure "A" is true and correct.

Signed

Signature of deponent

Signed

Signature of witness

5. This affidavit is made on the same basis as set out in paragraph 2 of the statement annexed to this affidavit and marked "A".

Sworn at
Signature of deponent

Signed

Mark John Watters

Certificate of witness

I certify the following matters concerning the person who made this affidavit (the deponent):

[* please strike out the option in each paragraph that does not apply]

1. * I saw the face of the deponent OR ~~* I did not see the face of the deponent because the deponent was wearing a face covering, but I am satisfied that the deponent had a special justification for not removing the covering, and~~
2. * I have known the deponent for at least 12 months OR ~~* I have confirmed the deponent's identity using the following identification document:~~

Identification document relied on (may be original or certified copy)

Signature of witness

Solicitor

44 Martin Place, Sydney, NSW, 2000

OR

Signed _____

Justice of the Peace

Name

Adair Johnson

Registration No

This and the following ⁶⁷...pages is the
annexure marked "WATTERS" referred to in the
affidavit of Mark John WATTERS
sworn/affirmed on 15/5/13 before me
Signed M. J. Watters
Magistrate/Justice of the Peace

Statement of Detective Inspector Mark John Watters

Special Commission of Inquiry into matters relating to the Police investigation of certain child sexual abuse allegations in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

On 13 March 2013, I say:

Preliminary matters

1. My full name is Mark John Watters and I am a Detective Inspector with the New South Wales Police Force (the NSWPF). I am currently attached to the State Protection Group, Dog Unit.
2. This statement is prepared by me for the sole purpose of responding to a summons dated 13 March 2013 issued on 13 March 2013 by the Special Commission of Inquiry (established by way of letters patent dated 21 November 2012 and varied by letters patent dated 11 January 2013) for me to produce a statement in relation to a number of defined issues. This statement is produced by me to the Special Commission of Inquiry pursuant to the said issued summons unwillingly and only on the basis that, without exception, section 23(2) of the Special Commissions of Inquiry Act 1983 applies to restrict the use of this statement and the documents referred in it, and attached to it. Pursuant to section 23(2) of the Special Commissions of Inquiry Act 1983 I object to the information contained within this statement, and the attachments to the statement, being used in any criminal, civil or other proceedings or inquiries or investigations of any kind. [HDY note: summons will need to be issued]

Background

3. I joined the NSW Police Force in April 1987 and was attested in June 1987. After attestation I spent a short period of time carrying out general uniform policing duties. In 1988 I commenced carrying out criminal investigations through to 1995. During that period I was attached to the Cessnock Detective's Office. In the period of 1995 to 1997 I was attached to the Northern Region Crime Squad at Newcastle, Drug Unit. As a result of a restructure which occurred in 1997 I returned to Maitland where I carried out general uniform duties for a short period of time. I returned to detective duties at Maitland later in 1997 and carried out investigative work in the Lower Hunter Local Area Command.
4. I remained carrying out detective duties through to 2000 when I came to Sydney and was performing the functions of a security runner with the Sydney Olympic Games. After carrying out those duties I returned to the Lower Hunter Local Area Command.
5. I was promoted to Sergeant in 2003 and was attached to the Brisbane Waters Local Area Command. In 2005 I was transferred back to the Lower Hunter Local Area Command where I was given the position of officer in charge of Kurri Police Station.
6. In 2007 I was promoted to the rank of senior sergeant and transferred to the South West Region Office at Bankstown. In 2008 I was promoted to the substantive position of Inspector and worked as a duty officer at the Hurstville Local Area Command until June of 2012 when I was posted to my current unit.

Signed

7. In my work as a detective I was involved in carrying out investigations in relation to a great variety of crimes including malicious wounding, break, enter and steals, sexual assaults, as well as indictable offences in general.

Contact with **AE**

8. In October of 1999 I held the rank of Detective Senior Constable and I was positioned at Maitland. On 9 October 1999 I met with **AE** and her husband **BD** at the Maitland Police Station. **AE** had come to see me in relation to an alleged assault which was perpetrated upon her by a priest, Father McAlinden in 1953. I spoke to **AE** and **BD** in relation to the allegations made by her. Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "A" is a copy of part of my duty book for 8 October 1999 being page 67, referring to my meeting with **BD** & **AE**.
9. At the time of her attendance at the Maitland Police Station, **AE** produced to me a document which had been prepared on her behalf by a member of the church to whom she had made the complaint previously. Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "B" is a copy of a document "Statement of Complaint" dated 5 October 1999 which was handed to me during the course of the meeting.
10. A formal police statement was prepared on behalf of **AE** on 8 October 1999 and annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "C" is a true copy of the statement which was taken from her by me. Also on that date a COPS Event was prepared in relation to the events of that day and which recorded the information taken from **AE**. Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "D" is a true copy of the COPS Event which was created by myself.

Enquiries after 1st contact with **AE**

11. After having received the information from **AE**, and after having taken the formal police statement from her on the 8th of October, I commenced to make enquiries in relation to the allegations. This led to me forwarding a letter dated the 8th of October 1999 to the Bishop's Chancery at Newcastle. Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "E" is a true copy of the letter forwarded to the Chancery. As can be seen from the contents of that letter, assistance was sought as to the then whereabouts of Father McAlinden.
12. At the present time, I cannot recall receiving a response from the Bishop's Chancery, however, I believe that I may have received a response, as I had a telephone number made available to me. As a result of the receipt of information relating to the telephone number, I then arranged for enquiries to be made. Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "F" is a true copy of documentation setting out the enquiry made by myself in relation to the phone number, and the outcome of those enquiries. As can be seen from the documentation, the enquiries revealed that the telephone number (0) belonged to a **UR45** and **UR44 1** Western Australia. Enquiries were made in relation to that address, however, these enquiries did not prove successful in terms of ascertaining Father McAlinden's whereabouts.
13. Additionally, a number of other enquiries were undertaken by myself. These included enquiries made of Centrelink on the 11th of October 1999. Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "G" is a true copy of the letter I sent to Centrelink.
14. Further, I arranged for information to be given to what was then called the passenger alert system in relation to Father McAlinden. In doing this, I was intending that if Father McAlinden were to have been overseas at the time, and if he were to have returned to Australia, then police would be notified of that fact. It was my recollection that there may have been some information given to me during

the course of my enquiries that in fact Father McAlinden may have been out of Australia and in Ireland.

15. From the period of October 1999 to the 1st of December 1999 I continued to make enquiries in relation to Father McAlinden's whereabouts.
16. An application was made by myself for a first instance warrant in relation to Father McAlinden. Such application was made on the 1st of December 1999. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "H" is a true copy of the warrant.**
17. After obtaining the first instance warrant, and largely due to the lack of success of the enquiries made up until that point of time in relation to Father McAlinden's whereabouts, I suspended the case. The documentation in relation to the investigation was then archived at the Maitland Police Station.
18. A Case Report in relation to **AE** allegations was created by myself in October of 1999, at or about the same time as the taking of her formal police statement. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "I" is a true copy of the Case Report.** As can be seen from the Case Report itself, the investigation was suspended by myself in early 2000. At the same time as the suspension of the investigation, **AE** indicated to me that she wished to retract the allegations which were made by her. It was my understanding that the reason for her retraction was because the matter was giving her too much stress. This fact was recorded in the Case Report (at page 3).
19. After the case was suspended, no further enquiries were carried out in relation to the matter until 2005. By that stage Operation Peregrine had been set up by the NSWPF. My understanding of Operation Peregrine was that it related to the question of outstanding warrants being investigated so as to ascertain, amongst other things, what warrants should be followed up, and what warrants should be removed from the police system. On or about the 27th of June 2005, a request was made from Mr Carnovale, Team Leader, Privacy and Information Access Team from Centrelink in relation to Father McAlinden's then whereabouts. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "J" is a true copy of the request made.**
20. On the 29th of June 2005, a document was created by T.L. Nicholas, who was attached to Operation Peregrine in relation to the whereabouts of Father McAlinden. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "K" is a true copy of the document.** This document was forwarded to me, for my attention on or about the 4th of July 2005. At the time of receipt of this document I was carrying out general duties as a sergeant attached to the Kurri Kurri Police Station. Upon receipt of this document, I then prepared a report headed "application for extradition" being dated the 16th of September 2005. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "L" is a true copy of the document prepared by myself.**
21. After receiving the report prepared by T.L. Nicholas, I began to undertake further enquiries in relation to the whereabouts of Father McAlinden. The case note (attached to my statement) indicates that on the 28th of July 2005 I spoke to **AE** I informed her of the fact that Father McAlinden's whereabouts had been ascertained. There was a general discussion as to what she wanted to do in relation to the matter, and if she wished her complaint to continue in relation to Father McAlinden. To the best of my recollection she indicated to me that she would speak with **BD** over the weekend about the matter. She did come back and communicate with me and advised me that she wished to press ahead with her complaint. On that basis, I made further enquiries in relation to her allegations of Father McAlinden's whereabouts.
22. These enquiries included my communication with a person called Pat Brown attached to the Professional Standards Unit of the Catholic Church. **Annexed to**

Signed

this statement and marked with the letter "M" is a true copy of the email communications which were carried out.

AC

23. As can be seen from the contents of the emails, this led to me becoming aware of a AC who was also an alleged victim of Father McAlinden. I contacted AC after I was provided with her details and arrangements were made for her to meet with myself. It was indicated by her that she was willing to provide a statement in support of AE allegations, however she did not wish to proceed with her own allegations against Father McAlinden. She wished to be a co-operative witness only to AE allegations. Upon my meeting with her, AC provided me with a statement of complaint that had been provided by her to a church representative. That statement is dated the 12th of June 2002, Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "N" is a true copy of the document provided by her to me headed "Statement of Complaint". After being handed this document, I also took a formal police statement from her. Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "O" is a true copy of the police statement dated the 29th of August 2005 obtained from AC by myself.
24. In addition to the Statement of Complaint provided to me, I was also made aware by AC that she had provided an additional handwritten statement to the Catholic Church on the 12th of June 2002 as well as a further typed statement a short time later in 2002. Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "P" is a true copy of the handwritten statement as well as the typed statement provided by AC.
25. In addition to the above documentation provided to me, AC also supplied me with a typed letter dated the 24th of August 1960 forwarded to her by Father Denis McAlinden. Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "Q" is a true copy of the document provided to me.

Application for extradition of Father McAlinden

26. After receiving all of the documentation referred to in the Statement, and on the basis of the outcome of further enquiries made by myself, I then prepared an application for extradition. It is my belief that the application was prepared by myself in about mid September of 2005, and it was signed by Detective Chief Inspector Wayne Humphrey in his capacity as the Crime Manager at the Lower Hunter Local Area Command on the 16th of September 2005.
27. My application for extradition of Father Denis McAlinden was supported by Detective Chief Inspector Humphrey, and on my understanding it was approved within the Local Area Command.
28. I then commenced to make further enquiries as to the precise whereabouts of Father McAlinden, with a view to having him extradited to the State of New South Wales. This led to me speaking to Detective Senior Constable Andrew Grono who was attached to the West Australian Police. I provided him with information in relation to the general background of the matter, and I was advised by Detective Grono that he would attend the premises where it was believed that Father McAlinden was residing for the purpose of arresting him.
29. Shortly after, I was telephoned by Detective Grono who advised me that they had attended the premises where Father McAlinden was residing, and they had been advised that Father McAlinden was suffering from advanced cancer and only had a short time to live. I was also informed by Detective Grono that at the time when he located Father McAlinden and spoke to him, he was advised by Father McAlinden in words to the effect "I beat a charge in Western Australia and I'll beat this one too". I was further advised that Detective Grono had made enquiries with hospital

authorities and this information was confirmed. Upon receipt of this information I spoke to AE and advised her of the substance of this further information received. She indicated to me in the conversation that if Father McAlinden was dying of cancer, then he "could be dealt with by a higher authority", and she did not wish the matter to continue. On that basis, I telephoned Detective Grono in West Australia and advised him not to proceed with the arrest and extradition. With respect to this series of events, I again refer to the information contained within the Case Report prepared, where a record was made of the communications referred to.

30. Since that date, I have had no further involvement in the investigation involving Father McAlinden.

Conclusion

31. I have attempted to set out in detail the circumstances surrounding my investigation into the allegations made by AE and ACI. I have also set out to the best of my recollection the dealings I had with representatives of the Catholic Church in terms of my investigations. Documentation relating to my dealings with the Catholic Church have been attached to this Statement. As far as I am aware, all relevant information and documentation surrounding my investigation of the matter and my dealings with the Catholic Church are as attached to this Statement and as set out within the body of this Statement.
32. I have been shown a letter from the Crown Solicitor's Office to Henry Davis York dated 22 February 2013. Apart from my referring to the material contained within the documentation attached to this statement and within the body of this Statement, I am not in a position to express any opinion in relation to the matters that have been requested in the letter dated 22 February 2013.

Signed

Signature of Mark John Watters

Date

13/3/13

DATE 03/10/99 08/1/1999
 Commenced duty 7:00 am/pm Signed
 Off duty 4:00 am/pm Signed
 Signature
 To be completed when performing additional duty (non continuous),
 Commenced duty _____ am/pm _____ Signature
 Off duty _____ am/pm _____ Signature
 ACTUAL DUTY

MEAL PERIOD/S
 From 12:30pm To 1:00pm
 Claim submitted _____
 Claim checked _____
 OVERTIME PERFORMED
 From _____ To _____
 No. of hours _____
 Claim submitted _____
 Claim checked _____

DATE 11/10/99 Monday
 Commenced duty 7:00 am/pm Signed
 Off duty 4:00 am/pm Signed
 Signature
 To be completed when performing additional duty (non continuous),
 Commenced duty _____ am/pm _____ Signature
 Off duty _____ am/pm _____ Signature
 ACTUAL DUTY

MEAL PERIOD/S
 From _____ To 87
 Claim submitted _____
 Claim checked _____
 OVERTIME PERFORMED
 From _____ To _____
 No. of hours _____
 Claim submitted _____
 Claim checked _____

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On duty 7:00am / Lower Hunter Dept. Check memos, COPR.
Obtain statement from RE about sexual assault
matter. Create COPR. Make enquiries with Catholic Church
& apply for Telstra check. Meet 12:30pm-1pm.

REDACTED FOR RELEVANCE

REDACTED FOR RELEVANCE

off duty 4pm

Signed

THIS IS THE ANNEXURE MARKED "A"
 ANNEXED TO STATEMENT OF Mark
 SIGNED THIS 31 DAY OF March
2013

"A"

AS A RESULT OF THIS COMPLAINT, I EXPECT THAT:
 " Something should be done to punish
this man for the hell I have had
to live with!
 " I think the church should have
done something before this?

I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT IF MY COMPLAINT INVOLVES CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR
 I RETAIN THE RIGHT TO MAKE MY COMPLAINT TO THE POLICE AT ANY TIME.

Q. Have you notified the police? A. <Yes No (please tick appropriately)

Q. Do you intend to notify the police A. Yes No

THIS FORMAL STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT IS MADE BY ME THE UNDERSIGNED, ON
 THIS 5th DAY OF THE MONTH OF October IN THE YEAR 19 99:
AE
 (Signature of Complainant)

BEFORE ME

 Signed
 (Signature of duly appointed Contact Person as witness)
Anne Foat
 (Please print Name of Contact Person)

If you were not the actual victim of the matters (s) above, please give the name and address of the victim.

Name _____
 Address _____

Is he or she aware that you are making this complaint? Yes: No:

Does he or she agree with you making this complaint? Yes: No:

Is he/she prepared to talk to someone about this complaint? Yes: No: Not known

Interpreter: (If applicable) _____ LANGUAGE USED: _____

I attest that the translation of this statement is as an accurate and complete record:

 (Signature of Interpreter)

INTERPRETER'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ MOBILE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

The Contact Person is charged with delivering this Statement to the Professional Standards Resource Group, 276 Pitt St Sydney 2000, that will in turn ensure that it is brought promptly to the attention of the appropriate Church Authority.

AE, who was aged eleven at the time she alleged this activity occurred, was able to tell her parents. AE remembered that her parents made an appointment with the current Bishop of the Diocese of Maitland to discuss this matter. Later the Bishop sent her parents a letter over this matter. AE cannot remember any other action being taken around the sexual abuse.

AE

Signed

5.10.99

P. 8

Fr. McAlinden touched A.E.'s

genitals, this occurred on the front seat of the car. After a time

Fr. McAlinden inserted his penis in A.E. vagina and ejaculated.

A.E. then put her underpants back on and Fr. McAlinden drove her home.

At that time A.E. hated what had happened. She was confused. She felt that it was not right but believed that Fr. McAlinden wouldn't do

anything wrong. Therefore, she thought that it must have been okay. This behaviour was repeated in a similar manner on three other occasions. A.E.

then realised if she told Fr. M that she didn't have her parent's permission to go in the car with him he wouldn't be able to do this to her. She came to this conclusion without discussing with her parents what had happened. After the four occasions

of Fr. McAlinden having sex in the car with A.E. A.E. found herself trapped by Fr. McAlinden on two occasions at school. In the trapped situation Fr. McAlinden placed A.E.'s hand on his penis till he came to orgasm.

About 12 months after the sexual activity stopped between Fr. McAlinden and A.E.

A.E.

Signed 5.10.99

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Signed

THIS IS THE ANNEXURE MARKED "C"
ANNEXED TO STATEMENT OF Mark

New South Wales Police

SIGNED THIS 13th DAY OF Nov 1999
v29 2013

STATEMENT in the matter of:

Place: Maitland
Police Station

Date : 8 October 1999

Name:

Address:

AE
AE'S ADDRESS

Tel. No.: AE'S PHONE NUMBER

Occupation: !

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 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 + 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

Signed

Witness: _

Signature: _

AE

AE

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) married name is (UR6) and she lives at Maitland.

He said something like, "Go and ask you 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

Witness: _____ Signed _____ Signature: AE _____

STATEMENT (continued) in the matter of:

Name:

AE

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

Witness: _____ Signed _____ Signature: AE _____

Name: AE

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.

Witness: _____ Signed _____ Signature: AE _____

STATEMENT (continued) in the matter of:

Name: !

AE

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.

Signed

Witness: _____

Signature: _____

AE

D/S/c

EVE026P

New South Wales Police Force
COPS

Date : 08/02/
Time : 10:20:
Page : 2

Event Ref No : E 8026529

Signed

THIS IS THE ANNEXURE MARKED "D"
ANNEXED TO STATEMENT OF *Watters*
SIGNED THIS 13th DAY OF *March* 2013

Person Reporting
Name Used

: AE

Record Name

: VAE

CNI-Number/Summary

: 681701103 - OV--R--D-----

Date of Birth/Age Rge

Sex : F

Drivers Licence/State

Contact Address

Home Phone

Mobile

Narrative Details

Date/Time Created

: 08/10/1999 10:44

Created By

: MATTLAND - WATTERS, MARK JOHN

OFFENDER: Father Denis McALINDEN (76 old)

VICTIM:

AE

The victim was a member of the St Brigid's Catholic Church at Raymond Terrace in 1953. Attached to the Church there was also a Primary School. In 1953, when the victim was 11 years old, the assistant priest of the parish, the offender Father Denis McALINDEN befriended the girl and two of her friends. He would take the girls for drives while on his parish rounds. He dropped off the other two girls and then took the victim to a secluded area of Richardson Road Raymond Terrace where he had vaginal/penile intercourse with the girl. This happened on a total of four occasions until the girl stopped getting into the Priest's car.

On two other occasions, at activity events in the church hall, the priest took the girl into the servery area of the hall and had her masturbate him until ejaculation.

The Catholic Church at Newcastle have been spoken to and the priest is still alive and living in the Newcastle area. He is currently out of the country and due to return in the next few weeks. He is not currently working as a priest due to other alleged incidents such as this, but there has been no formal complaint received by Police.

During Operation Peregrine II the offender was located living in Western Australia. Further enquiries were made with the victim in this matter regarding prosecution, or not.

She said she would like to discuss it with her husband over the weekend and would discuss it further with Sgt WATTERS on Monday.

If the victim decides to go ahead, then further discussion will be held with Crime Manager HUMPHREY.

Date/Time Created

: 28/10/2005 15:36

Created By

: CENTRAL HUNTER - FOX, PETER RAYMOND



" E "

NSW POLICE SERVICE

LOWER HUNTER LOCAL AREA COMMAND

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

MAITLAND

Caroline Place
Maitland 2320

Tel: 02 49340245 / 70245
Fax: 02 49240283 / 70283

Bishops Chancery
Newcastle 2300

Signed

8 October 1999

THIS IS THE ANNEXURE MARKED " E " ANNEXED TO STATEMENT OF Mark Watters

SIGNED THIS 13th DAY OF March

2013

Dear Sir/Madam

INFORMATION REGARDING: AE

On this date, AE made a formal statement and complaint that during 1953-4, while she was a student at St Brigid's School at Raymond Terrace, she was sexually assaulted by Father Denis McALINDEN on a number of occasions.

In that statement, she outlines that she told her mother and father about the sexual assaults and her parents brought it to the attention of the Bishop. AE states that with her parents, she went to the Bishop's house but sat in the car while her parents met with the Bishop.

As a result of that meeting, AE believes Father UR60 came to house and spoke to the family about the contents of the letter. AE's

Police request that if there could be any record of this letter allegedly sent to the family regarding this incident, could police have a copy of that letter. Both the parents of AE are now deceased and there was no copy of the letter found in their possessions. AE

UR60 was spoken to and was most helpful and stated that he has no recollection of this conversation with AE's parents and stated he would of most certainly of remembered such a conversation. Police also note that perhaps such a delicate enquiry would not of been handled by the Assistant Priest, who was also a personal friend of Father McALINDEN. Father UR60 said he often visited the AE family as part of Pastoral visits.

Police also request any assistance that may be offered with the current whereabouts of Father McALINDEN.

If the investigating officer, Detective WATTERS can be of any assistance to the Church, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above numbers, or my personal mobile number (

Signed

M.J. Watters
Detective Senior Constable

NSW POLICE SERVICE
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 Year: 40 / 1900
 Section: 7
 Penalty: 20 yrs

I certify that this information is reasonably necessary within the meaning of Section 282(3) of the Telecommunications Act 1997. I also certify that the information will be only be used for the purpose for which it is given, and that it will be secured against unauthorised use or disclosure to other parties.

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Name: <u>Mark WATERS</u>	Rank: <u>D/S/L</u>	Regd No: <u>23839</u>	Signature: _____	Signed	Date: <u>8.10.99</u>
Phone/Eagle: <u>70245</u>	Fax/Eagle: <u>70283</u>	Location/Unit: _____		LAC/Region: <u>Lower Hunter</u>	Specialist Agency: _____

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Name: <u>G.L. GORTON</u>	Rank: <u>Inspector</u>	Regd No. <u>13116</u>
Signature: _____	Date: <u>8.10.99</u>	Cost Centre: <u>4641</u>

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CENTRE LINK REQUEST MEDICARE REQUEST AUST TAXATION OFFICE
 Address Bank Account Details Other (Please specify)

Name: Denis McALINDEN Alias: _____
Last Known Address: Redacted at Commissioner's direction Date of Birth: 24.1.23

REASON FOR REQUEST & OFFENCE CATEGORY (Offence must be stated)

<input type="checkbox"/> Victim	<input type="checkbox"/> Arson	<input type="checkbox"/> Assault	<input type="checkbox"/> Abduction	<input type="checkbox"/> Fraud/Theft (\$)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rape
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspect	<input type="checkbox"/> Murder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Armed Robbery	<input type="checkbox"/> Serious Drug Offence	
<input type="checkbox"/> Witness	Other (Please specify) <u>Child Sexual Assault</u>				

Act: Crimes Act (NTW) Year: 40/1900 Section: 71 Penalty: 20yrs
 Routine Urgent (Attach report specifying reason) Life Threatening (Attach report specifying reason)

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Name: P.C. MATHEWS	Rank: INSPECTOR	Regd No. 1971
Signature: _____	Date: 11.10.99	Cost Centre: 464

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LOWER HUNTER LOCAL AREA COMMAND

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

MAITLAND POLICE STATION

Caroline Place
Maitland 2320

Tel: 049 340200/70200
Fax: 049 340311/70311

Signed

Centre Link

THIS IS THE ANNEXURE MARKED 'G' ANNEXED TO STATEMENT OF Mark Walters
SIGNED THIS 13th DAY OF March

Our ref:
Your ref:

11 October 1999

2013

Dear Sir/Madam

ADDRESS OF DENNIS McALINDEN, POSSIBLY WESTERN AUSTRALIA

On the 8 October 1999, AE made a statement to maitland Police outlining a number of sexual assaults committed upon her by Dennis McALINDEN during 1953-4. At the time of these offences, AE was 11 years old.

Dennis McALINDEN is now classed as a suspect in this investigation and his current address is not known.

Could Centre Link please check their records to see if Dennis McALINDEN is in receipt of any pension or other benefit, so as his current address may be located.

Signed

M.J. Watters
Detective Senior Constable

1 Duty Officer

Signed

Insp. 11-10-99

" H "

First Instance Warrant No:



**WARRANT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO APPREHEND
A PERSON CHARGED WITH AN OFFENCE**

Justices Act, 1902
CRIMES ACT 40/1900 SECTION 71

TO all Police Constables in the State of New South Wales.

WHEREAS ON the 01/12/99 at Maitland in the State of New South Wales, Mark WATTERS (hereinafter called the Informant) of Maitland, Police appeared before one of Her Majesty's Justices duly assigned to keep the Peace of Our Lady the Queen in and for the said State and informed the Justice that one

Denis MCALINDEN
born on 24/01/1923
CNI Number (hereinafter called the Defendant) 698137577

on the between 1/1/53 - 31/12/54 at Raymond Terrace in the said State, did unlawfully and carnally know *AE* then above the age of 10 years and under the age of 16 years, to wit, of the age of 11 years,

AND WHEREAS the information has been substantiated on oath by Mark Watters of Maitland Police, before me, the undersigned Justice, on this 01/12/99. These are therefore to command you, in Her Majesty's Name, forthwith to apprehend and bring the said Defendant before a Magistrate or some one or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said State to answer the said Information and to be further dealt with according to law.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal the 01/12/99 at Maitland the State aforesaid.

Signed _____
(M McFadden)
Justice of the Peace

Defendant's Last Known Address: Redacted at Commissioner's direction

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Spq Dog Unit

Case Report - C 7532960

Case Title : **AE** SEXUAL OFFENCE - OFF Case Status : TRANSFER
 Case Type : SEXUAL OFFENCE - OTHER
 OIC : Not Allocated
 Follow Up Freq.: 28 DAYS
 Security Level : PROTECTED
 Source Reports : E 8026529 - SEXUAL OFFENCE - OTHER
 Party : 1 **AE** - SEXUAL OFFENCE - OTHER
 1 **UR6** - VICTIM
MCALINDEN, DENIS - WITNESS
 - PERSON OF INTEREST

Case Narr : This date spoke to **BD** who stated that his C 7532960
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23/11/2007
FOX

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 Police, Western Australia. He confirmed that according to their records that Priest Denis

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C 7532960

Detective WATTERS indicated that he had made a decision not to extradite the POI to NSW in the month before his death due to his terminal illness. The victim was told of this & had not objection to this in the circumstances. Application will be made to have the warrant withdrawn.

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FOX

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C 7532960

Asked if POI was wanted as she was doing articles on paedophile priests. Police have indicated that they cannot provide that information.

26/9/2007
FOX

On viewing the POI he has an outstanding warrant sworn by Det WATTERS. WATTERS contacted & indicated he had not withdrawn the matter but intended to. He by advised by myself the POI was suffering terminal cancer in 2005 & confirmed this via WA police. He also spoke to the victim & informed her of this & she confirmed she did not wish to pursue the matter.

Case Narr : Information from Helen KEEVENS is that the priest sought in this matter is suffering from Cancer - possible terminal. He can now be found at St John of God Villa, McCourt Street, Subiaco Western Australia.

E 8026529

KEEVENS can be contacted on 49 791156 or at the Catholic Church child abuse unit

28/10/2005
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Case Narr : OFFENDER: Father Denis McALINDEN (76 old)
VICTIM: AE (57 old)

E 8026529

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During Operation Peregrine II the offender was located living in Western Australia. Further enquiries were made with the victim in this matter regarding prosecution, or not. She said she would like to discuss it with her husband over the weekend and would discuss it further with Sgt WATTERS on Monday. If the victim decides to go ahead, then further discussion will be held with Crime Manager HUMPHREY.

UPDATE:
28/7/2005

Case Narr : AE contacted me this date and has now made a retraction statement and does not want any further police investigation, as the matter was giving her too much stress.

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10/12/2007	COMMENT CASE	AUTHORISED	SGT CRAIG OLIVER
27/09/2007	COMMENT CASE	AUTHORISED	SGT CRAIG OLIVER
26/09/2007	FINALISE CASE	REFUSED	INSP PETER FOX
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02/02/2000	SUSPEND CASE	AUTHORISED	INSP MARK WATTERS
13/10/1999	ADD POLICE EMPLOYEE ROLE	AUTHORISED	SENCOM GRANT GARS
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Submission Details :

User : WATERS, MARK JOHN
Section : STATE PROTECTION GROUP
Branch : COUNTER TERRORISM & SPECIAL TACTICS
Terminal : MENSWT97

**** End Of Report ****

Signed

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ANNEXED TO STATEMENT OF *Mark Watters*
SIGNED THIS *13th* DAY OF *March*

2013

ISSUE:

Outstanding warrant for Denis McALINDEN CNI 698137577 for the offence of Aggravated Sexual Assault – Inflict Actual Bodily Harm on Victim. Warrant Number W33798151.

BACKGROUND:

On 19th June 2005, Operation Peregrine 2 commenced in the Lower Hunter Local Area Command. This phase of Peregrine targeted outstanding offenders relating to Sexual and Judicial Offences.

At the commencement of the operation Senior Constable Tristan NICHOLAS and Constable Naomi DAVIS identified Denis McALINDEN CNI 698137577 DOB 24/01/1923 as outstanding for a non conviction warrant for the offence of Aggravated Sexual Assault – Inflicting Actual Bodily Harm on victim. The warrant was issued at Maitland Local Court on 01/12/1999. At this time the whereabouts of McALINDEN were unknown.

COMMENT:

Senior Constable NICHOLAS and Constable DAVIS conducted numerous checks via external agencies in an attempt to locate the current whereabouts of McALINDEN. On 28th June 2005, a certificate was received from Centrelink as a result of iASK 777437 which indicated McALINDEN's current address as Lot 25 Lockvile Road, WONNERUP, Western Australia 6280.
(See attached)

It's apparent the Officer in Charge of the original investigation was Detective Sergeant Mark WATTERS as recorded in E8026529.

RECOMMENDATION:

This file be forwarded to the OIC for his attention.
That consideration be given to the possible extradition of McALINDEN if deemed appropriate by the OIC.

Signed

T.L.Nicholas
Operation Peregrine
Maitland
29/06/2005

See WATTERS - FOR COMMENT PLEASE.

*Signed SCY
9/7/05.*

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Signed

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NSW POLICE
www.police.nsw.gov.au
ABN 63 498612 100

SIGNED THIS 13th DAY OF March 2013

LOWER HUNTER L.A.C.

Commander
Lower Hunter

APPLICATION FOR THE EXTRADITION OF DENIS McALINDEN

In 1999, I AE made a statement in which she alleges Denis McALINDEN, a then Catholic Priest, had sexual intercourse with her on four occasions (penile/vaginal) when she was 11 years old. These offences occurred in the Raymond Terrace area around 1953 - 1954. There were a further two indecent assaults around this time, where Denis McALINDEN had I AE masturbate him to ejaculation. A warrant was sworn for McALINDEN, as he was in Ireland and his return date to Australia was not known. A passenger alert was created for McALINDEN but at that time, PASS alerts lapsed after 180 days and I was not aware the PASS alert had lapsed. Recently, during Peregrine II, McALINDEN was located living at Lot 25 Lockville Road Wonnerup Western Australia. I have spoken to Detective Andrew GRONO of Busselton CIB who has driven past the house and it appears to be occupied. Detective GRONO has no personal knowledge of McALINDEN.

On the 29 August 2005, I AC supplied me with a statement, in which she outlines where Denis McALINDEN kissed her in a sexual way, when she was 8 years old. This statement is in support of the complaint of I AE, as it shows the grooming and isolation of a young person, which is what occurred in the case of I AE.

There is a further complainant, I AE who made a statement to police in 2001 regarding a sexual assault when she was 4 yrs of age, in 1977 at the hands of Denis McALINDEN. Detective TURNBULL of Lake Macquarie Police is checking archived documents at Belmont in an attempt to locate that statement.

In support of the application I would respectfully submit the following:

- The offences against I AE fall into the most serious of Sexual Offences, with the offence of Carnal Knowledge that carries 25 years Penal Servitude.
- The public expectation of prosecution of Paedophiles, especially in a position of trust such as a Catholic Priest
- Attached are statements and corroborating evidence
- The accused has no previous criminal history in this state, but was charged with a child sexual offence matter in Western Australia in 1991. This offence involved a 10 year old girl and the accused was acquitted of this offence at the District Court in Perth in 1992.
- Attached is a copy of the warrant
- The Issuing Justice for the warrant is M McFadden
- There is a strong likelihood of conviction, with the corroborating evidence I AC gives in support of I AE's statement of complaint

Kurri Kurri Police
113 Lang Street Kurri Kurri 2327
Tel (02) 49371593 Fax (02) 49374961 Enet 71145 Efax Nil

- The offender is described as 182cm's tall, blue eyes, Caucasian appearance, 72 years of age, medium build. He previously was described as having black hair, but being 72, his current hair colour is not known
- Costs involved: a check on the Internet of available fares put a return flight from Williamstown to Perth at approximately \$834.00. (See attached quote) The government Travel Agency Qantas price for a fully refundable and flexible fare is \$1419.55.

I would submit that only 1 officer would be required to travel, as the accused is now some 72 years of age.

Submitted for favourable consideration

Signed

M.J. Watters
Sergeant

Signed

1. Crime Manager Lower Hunter *Dec 16/9/05.*
SUPPORTED. THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN MATTERS OF THIS NATURE IS SIGNIFICANT. THE ISSUE IS CONSISTENT WITH MANY OTHERS OF THIS TYPE & IT SHOULD ULTIMATELY BE A MATTER FOR THE JURY IN A SUBSEQUENT TRIAL. THE ADVANCED AGE OF THE POL SHOULD NOT BE A CONSIDERATION.

2. Commander Lower Hunter *Supported. What is the proposal for arrest at a confirmed location of offender before travel?*

Signed

19/1/05.

3. Crime Manager, Lower Hunter

Signed

Dec 20/9/05

NOTED. SERGEANT WATTERS SHOULD ADVISE DEAP IS TO THE LOGISTICS OF ENSURING THE POL IS ACTUALLY PRESENT AT THE LOCATION & WHAT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO ASSIST THE POL.

4. SERGEANT WATTERS.

"m"

Email communication: Towards Healing / NSW Police

File Number: 188
 Product Type: TEXT DOCUMENTS:Other Text Document
 Source: Catholic Church
 Contact Name: Rosanna Harris
 Contact Phone no.:
 Date Issued: 2 Aug 2005
 Exhibit Type: None
 Station:
 Exhibit/MPB no.:
 Brief Description: email communication between Rosanna Harris (dated: 02/08/2005) and Detective Mark WATTERS from the NSW Police.

Signed

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 SIGNED THIS 13th DAY OF March
 2005

Harris details 'Towards Healing' protocol in advising victims that NSW Police are investigating similar matters.

Raises issues of AL+AK who stated that did not prefer police involvement.

email attached.

Rosanna Harris

From: Rosanna Harris
Sent: Tuesday, 2 August 2005 8:45 AM
To: 'WATTERS, MARK'
Subject: RE: McALINDEN

Attachments: 1990824 CPEA.doc

Copy

1990824
EA.doc(101)

Mark
We do contact complainants to let them know police are investigating other matters, whether they've been through Towards Healing or not. In the case of AL+AK, the information we hold is minimal, as they did not pursue a formal complaint through Towards Healing. Basically, the allegations were made in 1999 by AL+AV who indicated that they were not then willing to speak to the police about it. We have no information which would identify the informants, eg, is there only one?
A copy of the information provided by the then PSO Director to the then CPEA on 24 August 1999 is attached.
For your general information, the Towards Healing protocols may be accessed at <http://www.acbs.catholic.org.au/bo/profstan/index.asp>
Regards
Rosanna Harris

-----Original Message-----
From: WATTERS, MARK [mailto:WATTIMAR@POLICE.NSW.GOV.AU]
Sent: Monday, 1 August 2005 5:33 PM
To: Rosanna Harris
Subject: RE: McALINDEN

----- Received from NSW.POLICE.WATTIMAR 71145 ----- 01/08/05 17:33 -----

Rosanna,

I've been in touch with AC and spoken with her and I'm letting her have a couple of days to digest that Denis McAlinden has been located and to work out what she wants to do, but thought she may supply a statement.

I'm not sure of the protocol from your end, but do you ever contact people who did not want to go ahead with the Towards Healing process to let them know police are investigating other matters?

I guess I was looking at the AL+AK.

any thoughts?

Mark

From: rosanna.harris@cathprofstandards.com
To: WATTIMAR@POLICE.NSW.GOV.AU
Date: Mon, 1 Aug 2005 17:00:40 +1000
Subject: RE: McALINDEN

Mark
Under Towards Healing, complainants are routinely advised of their right to take their complaint to the police and they only enter the process if

it is clear that this is not their present intention. They are free, of course, to change their mind at any point in the process, in which case Towards Healing would be suspended pending the outcome of a police investigation.

In the AC case, she indicated that she had not reported the matter to the police and did not intend to do so. However, she also specifically stated that her experience could be used in corroboration should other complaints of criminal behaviour be made against McAlinden.

Regards
Rosanna Harris
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-----Original Message-----
From: WATTERS, MARK [mailto:WATTIMAR@POLICE.NSW.GOV.AU]?
Sent: Monday, 1 August 2005 3:18 PM
To: Rosanna Harris
Subject: RE: McALINDEN

--- Received from NSW.P.WATTIMAR 71145
15:18

01/08/05

Rosanna,

I'm investigating the complaint from AE. I'm not aware of the protocols with Towards Healing, but with the complaint from AC, did she ever report the matter to police or require any police investigation?

Thanks,

Mark

From: rosanna.harris@scathprofstandards.com
To: WATTIMAR@POLICE.NSW.GOV.AU
Date: Mon, 1 Aug 2005 15:16:43 +1000
Subject: RE: McALINDEN

Dear Mark

I can confirm that the PSO holds three files relating to Denis McAlinden: one relates to allegations made by ALIAR which did not proceed to a formal complaint under Towards Healing; the other two were formal Towards Healing complaints made by AE and AC.

I trust this information is helpful.
Michael Salmon

-----Original Message-----
From: WATTERS, MARK [mailto:WATTIMAR@POLICE.NSW.GOV.AU]?
Sent: Monday, 1 August 2005 1:31 PM
To: PSO
Subject: Re: McALINDEN

--- Received from NSW.P.WATTIMAR 71145
13:31

01/08/05

Michael,

I'm Sgt Mark WATTERS and have a warrant out for the arrest of Denis McALINDEN, who was previously a catholic priest.

This matter dates back to 1953, when a lady came and saw me in 1999 to make a complaint against Denis.

On our police intelligence system, it says there were some other complainants that the Catholic Church were aware of and had files if required.

What I was looking at doing was to speak to any victims and let them know I was going to travel to Western Australia and interview Denis.

Do you have any records relating to complaints about Denis McAlinden?

Any assistance would be appreciated,

thanks,

Mark Wetters
Ph: (02) 49340200

From: browlp@police.nsw.gov.au
To: wattimar@police.nsw.gov.au
Date: Mon, 1 Aug 2005 13:23:37 +1000
Subject: Re: McALINDEN

Mark,

by the look of I 7885027 I don't think there would be much point in chasing up the original correspondence.

However, it may be worthwhile contacting Michael SALMON at the Catholic Church Professional Standards Unit on:

psocathprofstandards.com or 02 9287 1542

He frequently sends us info on ex priests that have a shady history.

If there are any problems give us a call.

Cheers,

Pat BROWN
CPASCS
E/Net: 28679

----- 01/08/05 13:31 ----- Sent to

-> psocathprofstandards.com

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ANNEXED TO STATEMENT OF
SIGNED THIS 13th DAY OF

Mark
Walker
13/11/2013

STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT

I, AC
(Please Print Full Name)

1 Date of Birth:

OF

(Please give sufficient details of how you can be contacted. Including any special arrangements for safeguarding your privacy.)

Phone: _____ Mobile: 0 _____ Email: _____ @ _____

WISH TO MAKE A COMPLAINT TO THE APPROPRIATE CHURCH AUTHORITY AGAINST:

FR McALINDON
(name of the person)

WHO AT THE TIME IN QUESTION WAS WORKING IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY FOR THE CHURCH AS:

ASSISTANT PRIEST AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

(give title or description of the church position held by the person at the time in question)

MATLAND DIOCESE

on 1955 or 1957 at ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL THREE
(years or precise date if known) (city, town or suburb, or name of parish, school or church agency)

NATURE OF COMPLAINT:

(Please give details of the behaviour that is the subject of this complaint)

I went to live with my grandparents (BR) at
Tasee when I was approximately aged three. I commenced school
at St Joseph's convent where I took part in all school plays and
musicals and church celebrations.
I have a vivid memory of FR McAlindon being at his parish
from early on. He used to drive the young children home
after rehearsal. I'm sure he drove an FI Holden because my
grandparents had the same model car. Father used to leave me with
him when he took the children home. He would invite me to sit closer to
him. He would put his arm around me and cuddle me
much differently to how my family cuddled me. And he would kiss
me passionately. As a child I thought of them as wet kisses, they
were so different to the kisses my grandparents gave me. He made me
feel special and his wet kiss I just remember very wet kisses - so I think
I would recall if he tried to put his tongue in my mouth. It was cuddling
and I can remember his hands holding my hands. (See attached page)

I WISH TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS IN MY STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT:

In the context of his confessional
with authority and under priestly privilege leading a vulnerable person to
speak of secret carnal matters - be it thoughts or actions -
these, as no doubt, had Father McAlindon
through his suggestive questioning led me into a premature
sexual awareness - and there is no doubt he did the
same thing with those wet kisses. I do not see myself as a
victim but this behaviour along with my already vulnerable disposition
as an only child of separated parents contributed to unfortunate experiences in

Page 1 of 2 pages of a Form 1 Statement of Complaint to the Catholic Church
(Last Revised 22 October 1999)

Please indicate the number of additional pages (if any) and initial all pages

my later teenage
life; the most important
which was a privilege at
16

Signed

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AS A RESULT OF THIS COMPLAINT, I EXPECT THAT:

haven't it to be addressed and follow the procedure I want
to be having it.
to know the how long an awaiting episode in my life and if
people in their fair mind think that compensation is warranted
I will be part of that.

I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT IF MY COMPLAINT INVOLVES CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR
I RETAIN THE RIGHT TO MAKE MY COMPLAINT TO THE POLICE AT ANY TIME.

- Q. Have you notified the police? A. <Yes No (please tick appropriately)
- Q. Do you intend to notify the police? A. <Yes No *see addendum #*

THIS FORMAL STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT IS MADE BY ME THE UNDERSIGNED ON THIS
12th DAY OF THE MONTH OF JUNE IN THE YEAR 2002.

AC
(Signature of Complainant)

Signed

BEFORE ME

(Signature of duly appointed Contact Person as witness)

ADRIANE CONNORIAN

(Please print Name of Contact Person)

If you were not the actual victim of the matters(s) above, please give the name and address of the victim.

Name

Address

- Is he or she aware that you are making this complaint? Yes: No:
- Does he or she agree with you making this complaint? Yes: No:
- Is he/she prepared to talk to someone about this complaint? Yes: No: Not known

Interpreter: (If applicable)

LANGUAGE USED:

I attest that the translation of this statement is as an accurate and complete record:

(Signature of Interpreter)

INTERPRETER'S NAME: (Please Print Full Name)

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

MOBILE:

E-MAIL:

The Contact Person is charged with delivering this Statement to the Professional Standards Resource Group, 276 Pitt St Sydney 2000 that will in turn ensure that it is brought promptly to the attention of the appropriate Church Authority.



Witness Details Cover Page

Witness Personal Details	
Title	Mrs
Family Name	
Given Names	AC
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Country of Birth	Australia
Gender	Female
Call Number	
Witness Home Details	
Home Address	
Suburb/Town	
City	
State	
Postcode	
Country	Australia
Home Telephone	
Mobile Telephone	
E-mail Address	
Witness Work Details	
Occupation	
Company	
Branch/Section	
Work Address	
Suburb/Town	
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Statement Details	
Time Statement Taken	01:50 PM
Date Statement Taken	29 August 2005
In the matter of	Denis McALINDEN
Statement taken by	Mark John WATTERS Sergeant
Place Statement Taken	Kurri Kurri Police Station

Signed
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 SIGNED THIS *13th* DAY OF *March*

NOTE: FOR PROSECUTION USE ONLY

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STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

In the matter of:	Denis McALINDEN ...
Place:	Kuri Kuri Police Station
Date:	29 August 2005

Name: Ac

STATES:

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that 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 will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything that I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
2. I am 56 years of age.
3. This statement relates to a complaint that has been made by me to the Catholic Church during 2002 regarding Father Denis McALINDEN.
4. I initially made a verbal complaint to the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Church and this complaint was taken by Adrienne CONNAGHAN who is a Canon Lawyer and at that time worked for the Tribunal of the Catholic Church. She made a handwritten statement from my verbal complaint that is attached to this statement. (Annexure 'A')
5. From this handwritten statement, I typed a written copy and added a couple of things and sent that back to Adrienne CONNAGHAN as verification of that first handwritten statement. (Annexure 'B') In that typed statement, I refer to a letter I got from Father McALINDEN, which I said I couldn't find, but since my mother's death, I have located and have the original of that letter. (Annexure 'C')
6. When I was sixteen, I told my mother what had happened to me when I was younger in regards to Father McALINDEN and she refused to believe me.
7. When Father McALINDEN did these things to me from 1955, I knew they were wrong but as a lonely 7 year old, Father McALINDEN made me feel very special with physical loving affection even though it was in direct contrast with his role as our Catholic Priest in our Parish of Tarro.

Witness: Signed
Mark Watters
Sgt of Police
29/8/05

Signature: AC

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STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT

I, AC (Please Print Full Name) Date of Birth: _____

OF _____
(Please give sufficient details of how you can be contacted, including any special arrangements for safeguarding your privacy.)

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____ @ _____

WISH TO MAKE A COMPLAINT TO THE APPROPRIATE CHURCH AUTHORITY AGAINST:
FR McALINDEN
(name of the person)

WHO AT THE TIME IN QUESTION WAS WORKING IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY FOR THE CHURCH AS:
ASSISTANT PRIEST at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
(give title or description of the church position held by the person at the time in question) MATILAND DIOCESE

on 1955 or 1957 at ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TARCE
(years or precise date/s if known) (city, town or suburb, or name of parish, school or church agency)

NATURE OF COMPLAINT:

(Please give details of the behaviour that is the subject of this complaint)

I went to live with my grandparents (BR) at Tarce when I was approximately aged three. I commenced school at St Joseph's convent where I took part in all school plays and musicals and church celebrations.
I have a vivid memory of FR McAlinden being at the parish from early on. He used to drive the young children home after rehearsal. I'm sure he drove an FJ Holden because my grandparent had the same model car. Father used to leave me until he took the children home. He would invite me to sit beside him. He would put his arm around me and cuddle me much differently to how my family cuddled me and he would kiss me passionately. As a child I thought of them as wet kisses, they were so different to the kisses my grandparent gave me. He made his feel special and his son. I just remember very wet kiss - now think I would recall if he tried to put his tongue in my mouth. It was cuddling and I can remember his hands holding my hands. (See attached page)

I WISH TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS IN MY STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT:

In the context of his confessional with authority and under private leading a vulnerable person to speaking secret carnal matters - he thought or acted - these can no doubt not Father McAlinden through his suggestive questioning led me into a passionate sexual relationship and there is no doubt he did the same thing with those wet kisses. I do not see myself as a victim but his behaviour along with my already vulnerable disposition as an only child of separated parents contributed to unfortunate experiences in

Signed: _____
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Please indicate the number of additional pages (if any) and initial all pages.
My later teenage life is the most important of which was a privilege at 16.

AS A RESULT OF THIS COMPLAINT, I EXPECT THAT:

Since it is to be addressed and it takes the procedure I want
to be part of it.
to know it has been an affecting episode in my life and if
people in their fair mind think that compensation is warranted
I will be part of that.

I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT IF MY COMPLAINT INVOLVES CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR
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Q. Have you notified the police? A. <Yes No (please tick appropriately)

Q. Do you intend to notify the police A. <Yes No *see addendum #*

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A. C.
(Signature of Complainant)

BEFORE ME

Signed

(Signature of duly appointed Contact Person as witness)

ADRIENNE CONNOR

(Please print Name of Contact Person)

If you were not the actual victim of the matters(s) above, please give the name and address of the victim.

Name Yes

Address

Is he or she aware that you are making this complaint? Yes: No:

Does he or she agree with you making this complaint? Yes: No:

Is he/she prepared to talk to someone about this complaint? Yes: No: Not known

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AC

It was so continual I don't remember the number of occasions when this occurred. It was constant, there would be so many rehearsals before an event.

I am not aware if this happened to any body else. The other kids called me FR McAlindin's pet.

I can't be certain if it started in second class or fourth class. If FR McAlindin was in the parish

in that year then it was second class, 1955 because it started to happen almost as soon as he arrived in the parish. He was a very handsome and charming man.

I had a break from the school in third class because I became sick. My grandparent sent me to my mother in Sydney and I spent almost the entire year in bed.

I returned to St Joseph's in fourth class. In fifth and sixth class I was involved in all those school activities. Whenever he was there he took me home - I cannot be

more specific but it happened while ever I was a day pupil and he was there.

I went to St Joseph's College boarding school for first to third year 1960-1962. During that time he wasn't there but sometimes if he was

then he would seek me out. Girls would come and say FR McAlindin is looking for you. He would show me extra signs of affection more than other young girls would get - like holding my hand, stroking it asking what I had been doing. Let me say ordinarily these displays of affection wouldn't be unusual however in this context it was a reinforcement. There were no occasions when I would be alone with him when I was at boarding school. It could have been on the playground. There was an area we called the weather shed and girls might say he was there looking for me - Sometimes

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Other girls might be around. There were numerous occasions where father McAlinden would take the opportunity to seek me out and pay me special attention.

He had gone away at some stage, he came back and was limping using a stick. He told me he had been to New Guinea.

I moved to Sydney to live with my mother in 1963 when I was fourteen - Redacted at Commissioner's direction

One day I was at home sick from school. My mother was at work. He lived at Revesby. There was a knock at the door, I looked out the window and saw Father McAlinden's car parked in the street with children in the car. It was a small HC house + I slept on a divan in the living room.

I put on my dressing gown. It had slits in the side for a belt to tie at the front letting the back fall loose.

When I opened the door he came in. In this small room crowded with furniture father McAlinden made a very determined approach to be physically intimate beyond passionate kissing. He told me it was still a wet kiss and I was frightened it was unwanted. I think it was his urgency that frightened me. I was a teenager it was very different to the paternal affection and the sexual kiss which gave me comfort when I was younger. This time it was urgent. It was predatory and it was unwanted.

I remember his hands through the slits in my dressing gown. One slit was broken so the hand could get through. I remember his hands trying to fondle me through the slits. I remember the feeling of being frightened and I remember his small - maybe his clothing. I can't remember any awareness of him having an erection and I certainly would not at that age have had any awareness or response of

an erection

I remember the children remained in the car. I asked if he would like to visit them in but he said no, that they were his nieces and nephews.

I would have offered him a cup of tea because I was brought up that way. It was quite ironic that he made this approach to me. It was my first experience of ~~being~~ wanting to extricate myself from unwanted sexual advances, barely being able to cope & get rid of

him but I didn't cope mentally and psychologically because he was a priest. I'm not certain but I think

I may have begged him to go because I was upset.

I think all of this took place over a period of an hour.

He must have visited me again because he sent me a letter on a small piece of paper over the years I had forgotten about it until my mother died four years

ago when I was clearing up her and my things. He mentioned in the letter visiting again but I wasn't in.

I'm sure I can remember him coming again but I didn't let him in.

I have tried to locate that letter... I was looking for it last night, it may be in another box.

I did not have contact with him again until 1966 when I sought him out with my underage fiance to ask him to marry us. He was at Greta at that time but he declined our request because he couldn't marry us without signed parental permission.

At the time the above events occurred I did not discuss them with anyone.

I became pregnant at sixteen and the child was

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adopted out.

In the course of a conversation with my mother when
we were discussing the part and I was told I had
brought shame on the family by having an
illegitimate child, in angry resentment I

told my mother about how from the time
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ANNEXED TO STATEMENT OF Mark Willett
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ST. PATRICK'S PRESBYTERY,
SINGLETON.

24th. August, 1960.

My dear AC

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Signed

THIS IS THE ANNEXURE MARKED Q
ANNEXED TO STATEMENT OF Mark Walters
SIGNED THIS 31st DAY OF March

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God bless you, *AC* lots of love from *John 1886*