

Witness Name : [REDACTED]
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THE INDEPENDENT JERSEY CARE INQUIRY

EXHIBIT [REDACTED] 2

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Name: [REDACTED]
Address: 108 Clos de Sables, St Brelade
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 74 Place of Birth: [REDACTED] London
Occupation: [REDACTED]

WILL STATE:

I am the above named person and have lived at the above address for nine years.

At Christmas 1980, I was six years old, going on seven, when I moved into the above address. There were [REDACTED] other children living in the house at the time. [REDACTED] was in charge of the house. [REDACTED] lived there with [REDACTED] Les.

When I first moved in, Les used to take me upstairs to show me how to wash myself, while doing that he would touch me, he would touch me round my vagina and that, at that time it didn't bother me, I just thought it was natural. This happened once or twice, there wasn't anybody else around at the time.

A while later he was in the garage doing something, I went in to have a look, he then shut the door and put the light on, he put his hands down the front of my trousers or skirt, I can't remember what I was wearing, he started touching me on my vagina, as he was doing this he was telling me what the parts were called, he took my hand and put it on his penis, his trousers were undone and his penis was outside his underwear, I can't remember if it was erect or not.

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Continuation Witness Statement of [REDACTED] (2)

Similar things like this happened on quite a few occasions, depending whether or not they were on duty. Sometimes he would give me sweets or money and would tell me not to tell the others that he had given me these things. This would happen while [REDACTED] was on duty at the house 108 Clos des Sables, we would be at the flat, 114 Quennevais Park.

Les and I would go out in the car on our own to Noirmont, he would say we were going to see the rabbits. The same thing would happen as in the garage but sometimes he would put his fingers inside me. I didn't want him to do it, I'd try and push him away, he'd say 'Don't be silly', sometimes he would lie on top of me, it started like a game, holding me down and tickling me, he would then start pulling down the bottom half of my trousers, then he'd start touching me and that.

He used to say to me that I'd enjoy it, he would make me touch him, he would make me put my hand round his penis and move it up and down. His penis would be erect, to start with he would hold my hand so I couldn't move it, then I would do it myself. This happened a few times.

The first couple of years we would do this in the flat or the car, after that we would go upstairs in one or other of the two bedrooms, this would be 114 Quennevais Park; [REDACTED] would be at 108 Clos de Sables.

He used to try and kiss me, I would try and get away from him, sometimes he would hold me down on the bed to stop me getting away. He didn't hurt me when he was doing this.

Sometimes at 108, he would come in my room and read me a story, I can't remember how old I would have been then. He used to climb into bed with me, he used to wear a silver-coloured tracksuit and would make me put my hands down the front of his tracksuit bottoms. On one occasion he took them off, I can't remember if he was wearing any underpants.

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Continuation Witness Statement of [REDACTED] (3)

On one of these occasions one of the girls living at the house, [REDACTED] came into my room, she had just come back from a concert and had an autograph for me to look at. As she came in, Les jumped out of the bed, she was able to see that my knickers were round my ankles, she just said "I'll see you later". After Les had gone downstairs, she came into my room, she said "I know what Les was doing to you, don't let him touch you", I don't know why she said that.

It was around the time of my eleventh birthday that Childline and similar programmes were on the television and someone from the Childrens' Office brought a video about not going off with strangers. It was then that I realised that what was happening between me and Les was wrong. When he asked me up to the house, I made excuses I used to say I had homework.

~~On the occasions that I did go round, which were a lot less frequent, I said "I don't want to do this anymore". He would say things like "You enjoy it, you know you do".~~

He used to say sometimes that he wanted to make love to me, I understood what he meant and I would say "No I don't want to".

I was just starting secondary school, I must have been about 11 or 12, when [REDACTED] other girls moved in. After they had moved in, Les stopped doing things to me. On one occasion, one of the girls [REDACTED] said to Les that he was a 'pervert', because once he had tried to pull a bath towel off [REDACTED] I think he felt under threat after that.

Last October [REDACTED] went off sick and he spent more time on his own at the house. Over a two to three month period he would make disgusting suggestions and remarks to me like "Let's go upstairs and go to bed", this would always be when we were alone together.

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Continuation Witness Statement of [REDACTED] (4)

Since [REDACTED] has been back, that's about two weeks, he has been running after her, recently I got into a bit of trouble with [REDACTED] Las, I came back one night, I'd been drinking. Since then, he has been giving me dirty looks, making comments about my friends and that. He really made me angry so I went upstairs to my room. [REDACTED] came up to talk to me, she said that he was only telling me off because he loved me, loved me like a father and only wanted what was best for me. When she'd gone, I started to think about things, I thought that if he loved me he wouldn't have done those things to me.

I told a friend about all this, she said I shouldn't bottle it all up and that I should tell someone. That's why I'm here. [REDACTED] (Signed)

I have read the above statement and it is true. [REDACTED] (Signed)

This statement was recorded by WPC20 J.A. ELLIS at Rouge Bouillon Police Station on Tuesday 21st March 1989, it commenced at 20.00 hours and was concluded at 21.30 hours. Present during the taking of this statement and witness to the above signatures was Mrs Margaret Joyce BAUDAINS (Signed) J.A. ELLIS WPC20 (Signed)