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Exhibits: [REDACTED] 1- [REDACTED] 18
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THE INDEPENDENT JERSEY CARE INQUIRY

Witness Statement of [REDACTED]

I, [REDACTED] will say as follows:-

Background

1. I was born in Jersey on [REDACTED] 1963. I was [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] children and I know that my parents struggled to cope with me and the other children. I spent a lot of my childhood in care.
2. I requested a copy of my records from the Health & Social Services Department, States of Jersey and the file was provided to me on 11 September 2011. I attach as my Exhibit [REDACTED] 1 a copy of the letter from the States of Jersey and a copy of my file that they enclosed with that letter. I changed my name in 1991 from [REDACTED]
3. I know that from looking at my files that I spent some time in care at the age of two years old at Brig-y-Don, but I don't have much memory of that.
4. My memory of being in care starts around 1972 when I was about nine years old and I was taken to Haut de la Garenne children's home. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was also placed at Haut de la Garenne at the same time.
5. I have been shown a number of pages from my social services file documenting my time in care. I do not remember my time in care as is described in these documents, and explain this in more detail below.

6. I have been taken through some documents which relate to my admission to Haut de la Garenne. These can be seen at **Exhibit [REDACTED] 1**. At page 49 there is a note from Mr Thomson to Mr Tilbrook dated 24 October 1972. The note states that my brother and I had been excluded from school, were beyond control and it was very likely we would need to be admitted into care. A later document dated 21 February 1973, shown at page 54, confirms that I was received into care at Haut de la Garenne on 18 February 1973. This document coincides with the Court Order admitting me into the care of the States of Jersey dated [REDACTED] 1973. There is also a letter from my Grandmother to the superintendant at Haut de la Garenne dated 10 July 1973, shown at page 50, requesting my return home, suggesting that by this point I was a resident at Haut de la Garenne. Although I cannot remember my admission very well, I remember being taken to Haut de la Garenne in 1972.
7. I have been shown various pages of my social services records which document me visiting home numerous times throughout my admission. There are a list of entries at page 60 to 61 of **Exhibit [REDACTED] 1** detailing a number of overnight stays at home. This is not what I remember. I accept that these documents are detailed and may reflect the reality of my time in care, but this is not my recollection. I do not remember visiting home at all whilst at Haut de la Garenne. I remember my father visiting me, but I do not remember going home.
8. It has been put to me that I may not have remained at Haut de la Garenne continuously until 1978 as I have remembered, but rather that I left Haut de la Garenne in September 1974, as stated on my case history (see page 4) and returned home to my parents. I have been shown a number of documents which appear to support this, some of which I comment on below:
 - 8.1 Page 51 is a note from Mrs Ridley to Mr Smith dated 28 November 1973. The note states that my father had said he wanted both my brother and I home for good. This suggests I was still at Haut de la Garenne at this point, which I agree with.

- 8.2 Page 62 is note of a conference held at Haut de la Garenne on 12 June 1974. In this note it states that when I returned to Haut de la Garenne from home visits I would wake in the night with severe nightmares. It is not my recollection that I ever visited home. My nightmares were as a result of the abuse I was being subjected to.
- 8.3 Page 67 shows an entry in my records from Mrs Ridley dated 6 November 1975. Mrs Ridley notes that she had been to visit me and my siblings at home and that we all looked clean and well fed. She states that my grandmother had concerns about my behaviour. I do not recall being at home and I do not recall this visit.
- 8.4 Page 73 to 74 is a note of a conference held at St Helier Boys' school by Mrs Ridley dated 6 May 1976. I note it describes an incident of me threatening my family with a golf club. It also states that I expressed a wish to go back to Haut de la Garenne but that my father would not allow it. I have no recollection of this incident. Further on in the note it mentions that my father stated he wished for me to return to Haut de la Garenne if my behaviour did not improve. It has been put to me that I could have returned to Haut de la Garenne at this point. I cannot comment on this because my memory is that I never left Haut de la Garenne.
- 8.5 At pages 84 to 89 there are references to concerns that I had behaved inappropriately with my sister whilst at home. These concerns were quickly dealt with and it was concluded that I had not behaved inappropriately. I do not remember any incidents involving my sister. As I have said, I do not recall ever being at home after being admitted to Haut de la Garenne in 1972.
9. All of these documents, and others in my records, indicate that I was back in my parents' home after September 1974. This may well be the case but this is not my recollection. I remember being admitted to Haut de la Garenne in 1972 and never returning home. I don't even remember returning home for visits. As far as I remember, I was at Haut de la Garenne until 1978, after which I went straight to Basil Lodge.

First impressions of Haut de la Garenne

10. I remember that it was a Sunday and I had gone for a drive with my father and grandfather, which was not unusual, although normally my mother would have come with us. They didn't tell me where we were going and when we arrived at Haut de la Garenne they just dropped us off and left. I was greeted by Mr Thomson. I remember a man in a red jumper. When I walked in, there was a man on the floor with a brush who Mr Thomson greeted with "Hello [REDACTED], how are you?". [REDACTED] was then asked to take us inside. I now know that they had a court order to place me into the care of Haut de la Garenne and I believe that Children's Services had asked my father to take me for a drive as a disguise so that I wouldn't know where I was going.
11. I remember being shown to a double room which I was to share with my brother, who was already at Haut de la Garenne. This was on the first floor of the building on the right hand side as you approach Haut de la Garenne from the road. The part of Haut de la Garenne where I was based didn't have dormitories; there were just small rooms for two children each.
12. The master of my section of Haut de la Garenne was called Jim Thompson and there were other staff there some of whom I remember, including Morag Kidd, [REDACTED], a woman with the surname [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED] man who I think was in his [REDACTED]s.
13. I don't remember having a lot to do with Jim Thompson. He didn't really have much to do with the children and I recall that he was just there to take the forms from the parents when children arrived and then he would sometimes be involved with medical issues later on.
14. My brother only stayed at Haut de la Garenne for two or three weeks and I don't remember anything particularly bad happening during that time. It was after my brother left that I started to suffer abuse.

Abuse Suffered at Haut de la Garenne

15. All of the staff that I came into contact with at Haut de la Garenne were cruel to the children and physical abuse such as beatings happened all of the time. I don't recall there being one member of staff there who I liked or trusted.
16. The abuse I suffered at Haut de la Garenne was mainly carried out by [REDACTED]. I recall that he was there [REDACTED] at first and he seemed to work a lot of nights. I remember him there [REDACTED]. He would be working at Haut de la Garenne for three or four nights in a week and then would go elsewhere for a few days or maybe a week.
17. My memory is that the first time I became aware of the abuse that was going on was after two or three weeks at Haut de la Garenne, shortly after my brother left.
18. One night when I was in bed asleep, I remember that [REDACTED] came into the room, woke me up and told me to go with him. I thought at the time that maybe I was changing rooms or moving somewhere else, but he led me down to the detention room. This was a small room that was on the ground floor. It was a bare room that just had a bed and a glass window made with very thick glass. When you were inside the room, you couldn't be heard from outside. [REDACTED] took me there with the [REDACTED] member of staff.
19. [REDACTED] showed me the detention room and there was a boy in there who was younger than me. He was crying and I saw him being raped by male staff. After a while [REDACTED] told me to go back upstairs to go back to sleep and I remember him saying something like, "You're next," or, "It will be your turn next."
20. It did happen to me not very long afterwards. I remember being very afraid when I heard footsteps coming up the stairs to the bedrooms at night. [REDACTED] would come upstairs and you didn't know if he would be coming to get you or another boy. Sometimes it would be me.
21. I remember him taking me down to the detention room, again with the [REDACTED] man, and I was just wearing my pyjamas. They took me into the

room and told me to get on the bed and take off my pyjamas. The [REDACTED] man held me down while [REDACTED] raped me.

22. I have been shown [REDACTED]'s application form for the position of houseparent at Haut de la Garenne, which I exhibit at Exhibit [REDACTED] 2. This form is dated 20 September, however there is no year recorded on the form. On this form [REDACTED] states that he was at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and moved on to [REDACTED]. It is also recorded that he started as a [REDACTED] on 1 September 1974. This application form has been brought to my attention because from the records it appears that [REDACTED] only started at Haut de la Garenne a matter of days before I left, which is recorded in my notes as being on 5 September 1974. This is not correct. As I have already explained I do not remember ever leaving Haut de la Garenne. Also, I remember meeting [REDACTED] on my very first day at Haut de la Garenne in February 1972. I did not know [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as a [REDACTED]. When I met [REDACTED] he was [REDACTED].
23. I shared my bedroom with a number of other children during my time at Haut de la Garenne, including [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The same thing happened to them.
24. This kind of abuse happened throughout my time at Haut de la Garenne, but it would not be me every night. I remember that it could happen two or three times in one week and then would not happen for a week or a few weeks. I think that is because [REDACTED] would be choosing different boys to go down at a different time.
25. It just became a regular thing that would happen. Afterwards, [REDACTED] and the other members of staff told us not to talk about it and to be quiet and just go to bed. We were all pretty scared at the time and there were physical punishments dished out that meant we were often too scared to talk.
26. Aside from the abuse I have already described, I was also made to masturbate [REDACTED]. I don't like to talk about this because I find it embarrassing. It is something I don't like to think about.

27. There were other locations at Haut de la Garenne where sexual abuse would happen.
28. There was a cellar at Haut de la Garenne that you got to through a trapdoor from inside the building. I think the room was used for storage because there were things like chairs there and there was also a concrete bath. Further along, there was a boiler room and I remember abuse happening there as well. The cellar and boiler room were away from the bedrooms and you couldn't hear screaming from there. The abuse happened in the same way and it was always along with threats to punish us if we told anyone.
29. There are also war bunkers away from Haut de la Garenne, in a field next to the home. Sometimes at weekends, [REDACTED] would get a group of the boys together and he would say we were going to go to Gorey. He would take us to the bunker and would rape us there. There would be other members of staff as well such as the [REDACTED] man, and it would normally be a group of three or four boys. I remember that [REDACTED] had a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that he would take with him because it was dark when we went inside, and the lamp was needed to see.
30. He would make the boys wait outside with the other staff member and would then take us in one at a time and rape us there. I remember once coming back from there crying and [REDACTED] just told me to stop crying and to have a shower and go back to bed. The bunker seemed to be their favourite place to abuse us, probably because it was quite secluded and they were not likely to be interrupted.
31. I remember girls being taken to the bunker and, although I don't know what happened inside, I think that they were raped there as well.
32. The abuse was always with threats of further abuse or punishment if we talked. I remember that [REDACTED] told me that he'd throw me off Gorey cliff if I ever told anyone. I was really scared of further punishment so I kept my mouth shut most of the time. I just wanted to stay alive.
33. I have been shown a document which lists people that were at Haut de la Garenne at the same time as me (**Exhibit [REDACTED] 3**). On this list is the name

[REDACTED] I have been asked whether this is the same person I have described as the [REDACTED] member of staff above. This name does not ring a bell and I don't know if this is the person who abused me. All I remember is that there was a [REDACTED] member of staff. I do not recall anybody by the name of [REDACTED]

Physical Abuse and Injuries

34. [REDACTED] and the other staff made threats of physical punishment and would often carry them out. I remember that he would put out cigarettes on my neck and my back while I was being held down by others. He would say something along the lines of "that's what you will get if you tell anyone". This happened regularly. I think at one point I had 300 or 400 cigarette burn marks on me from this.
35. [REDACTED] also slashed me with a knife on [REDACTED] which I think was deep enough to have stitches, and [REDACTED]. I don't remember the exact conversation but I think that that was accompanied by a threat of more if I talked to someone about what was going on at Haut de la Garenne.
36. I remember one day I woke up and [REDACTED] was throbbing with pain and had been bandaged up. I don't know how I got the injury, but I've been told since it looks like I had a burn and then skin graft on [REDACTED]. I think this could have happened when I was unconscious as they would sometimes give us something to help us sleep. I think that they abused me while I was unconscious, maybe in the boiler room, which is how [REDACTED] got burned.
37. Other children at the home suffered physical abuse as well. I remember Morag Kidd was violent towards the children, although she didn't abuse me, other than maybe a clip round the ear. I remember her hitting other children and I remember her making [REDACTED] eat spiders.

Medical treatment

38. I was never taken to hospital for the injuries that I suffered, such as the cigarette burns, the slash on [REDACTED] or the burn on [REDACTED]. I also suffered bleeding sometimes after the sexual abuse.
39. There was a doctor who would come to Haut de la Garenne and he was there three or four times a week. He would sometimes see the burn marks and would give me cream or bandage up injuries. I don't think he ever saw the bleeding following the sexual abuse.
40. I never told the doctor the cause of the injuries, but I think he would have known. I remember him having a notebook where he would write down what he was doing. I don't know what happened to the notes because I have tried more recently to obtain copies and was told that no medical notes exist from my time at Haut de la Garenne. [REDACTED] told me this when my papers were passed over saying that the papers weren't complete. [REDACTED] and other staff members would normally be with us when we saw the doctor and I suspect he would have been able to get rid of some of the documents and notes.
41. The doctors would see other children there and I remember there was a 15-year-old girl who had a baby at Haut de la Garenne, which the doctor was there for. I remember another occasion when a boy broke his arm. He was not taken to hospital but instead a doctor was bought to home to treat him. I don't know who the doctor was.

Opportunities to report abuse

42. I have been asked about whether I could have or did tell anyone about the abuse at Haut de la Garenne.
43. I attended school while at Haut de la Garenne, first at St Martin's Primary School, where I was [REDACTED]. I remember seeing a psychologist while I was there but I didn't tell him what was going on as I was scared that [REDACTED] would punish me or even kill me. He often said that we would be put in detention if we told anyone. [REDACTED] would sometimes be

the one to pick us up from school and I remember he would sometimes take us out earlier if he thought we were going to tell someone.

44. My father would come and visit me occasionally when I was at Haut de la Garenne, I think it started about once a fortnight when I was first there. I never told my father what happened because I was so scared of what would happen to me once he had gone and I didn't think that I would be believed. My mother didn't really visit me at Haut de la Garenne.
45. I remember some social workers being at Haut de la Garenne while I was there and in particular I remember Anton Skinner and somebody called Mr Clarke who I think was involved with Children's Services. They would sometimes be at Haut de la Garenne for meetings with Philip Bailhache. Whenever they were there they didn't really speak to me or the other children as they would just be there for the meetings and to speak with Jim Thompson and other staff.
46. I think I once told Morag Kidd about the abuse that I suffered, but she didn't really care or do anything. There were no members of staff there that I trusted or I thought would do anything to help me.
47. We often tried to run away from Haut de la Garenne as it was so bad. Whenever we did run away, we would end up being picked up by the police and they would always say that we had to go back. Even if we told them that we were getting abused there they didn't want to believe us and they would take us back and we knew that once back at Haut de la Garenne we would be put in detention and be punished by the staff.
48. I remember thinking that if you were at Haut de la Garenne, there was no one you could turn to for any help. My friends and I thought that even if we did tell, the abusers would get away with it. So we had a sort of pact to not tell and to just tough it out to stay alive.

Leaving Haut de la Garenne

49. I got out of Haut de la Garenne in 1978 when I would have been around 15 or 16 years old and so too old to stay. My memory is of going to Basil Lodge from Haut de la Garenne, and not from home or anywhere else.
50. I had spoken to someone who got me into Basil Lodge in Clarendon Road which is run by [REDACTED]. It was a boys' hostel and it was strict, but not violent or abusive. I didn't tell the people at Basil Lodge what had happened at Haut de la Garenne because I was trying to put it to the back of my mind.
51. I had managed to get a job [REDACTED]. I would tend to just go to work and then go to the pub and drink at night. I was just trying to put it all behind me and move on.

1980 Report to the Police

52. In 1980, so around two years after I left Haut de la Garenne, I had met my girlfriend who would later become my first wife. I remember that I opened up to her and told her about what happened at Haut de la Garenne and she told me to go to the police.
53. I went to the police to make a complaint about the abuse that I had suffered. I spoke to two officers, Geoff Diamond and Tony Freeman, who took down my statement. I explained to them everything that had happened at Haut de la Garenne including the sexual abuse by [REDACTED].
54. I remember that Geoff Diamond was writing down the statement, but then when I mentioned [REDACTED]'s name they said that they would need to make some phone calls to corroborate. They came back to me and said something like "*we've spoken to him and it never happened*". My interview with the police at that time was very detailed as it was still so fresh in the mind. I think at the time I would have remembered the name particularly of the [REDACTED] and I would have remembered more details of what had happened, which I have since tried hard to forget.
55. After giving a statement the police came back to me and told me that they had investigated, but that they were not going to take it any further because it

was my word against his. I was angry and upset, but tried to get on with my life and to put the abuse behind me.

Investigations in 2007-8

56. In around 2007, I remember hearing that a man had been arrested in relation to historic child abuse at Haut de la Garenne and I thought at the time that it must have been [REDACTED]. This brought it all back and made me really angry. I wanted to come forward and give another statement about what happened to tell the police who were investigating then about it.
57. In March 2008, as part of the police investigation into historic abuse, I gave a statement to Detective Mick Pick. I attach a copy of that statement as my **Exhibit [REDACTED] 4**. I remember after giving the statement, Detective Pick told me that [REDACTED] needed to be taken down and he said that other people had been interviewed.
58. I see from the statement at **Exhibit [REDACTED] 4** that I recalled at the time that there were three people involved in the abuse in the detention room, [REDACTED] and two others who held me down. I only now recall [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] man I mentioned. It might be correct that there were three people, but I do not recall who that third person is. If I had access to my 1980 statement, this would help me as that would have been my best memory.
59. I also see from my statement in 2008 that I remembered then that the burn on my leg came from someone at Haut de la Garenne branding me with something they had heated on the stove. I do not specifically recall that now. Again, my 1980 statement would be my best memory, but I have not been able to obtain a copy.
60. A few days after giving the statement, I was told that Detective Pick had gone and that two new officers had been assigned to my case, one of whom was Joe Kelly and the other one was a woman, whose name I don't remember. They told me that I had an appointment to see the police doctor that would be helping with the investigations. I then received a phone call to tell me that the appointment had been cancelled as the Attorney General, William

Bailhache, wasn't going to be prosecuting [REDACTED] as it wasn't in the public interest. Joe Kelly said I could get an appointment with the Attorney General himself to explain, but then that appointment was cancelled as well.

61. I was really angry as I thought it was all being covered up again. I tried to get copies of the statements I had given to the police because I thought these would be helpful. I was initially refused a copy of my 2008 statement, but after I spoke to Bob Hill I did manage to get a copy of it. I attach copies of relevant documents as my Exhibits [REDACTED] 5, [REDACTED] 6 and [REDACTED] 7.
62. I have been trying to get a copy of my statement from 1980 but have been told by the States of Jersey Police that there are no records of it. I attach as Exhibit [REDACTED] 8, [REDACTED] 9, [REDACTED] 10, [REDACTED] 11 and [REDACTED] 12 copies of letters and emails regarding my old statement.
63. In around 2012, I was in touch with Jersey Care Leavers Association and had obtained a lawyer, Alan Collins. My lawyer managed to get hold of statements given by Lenny Harper who was investigating the historic abuse allegations in around 2008. He sent me a statement that came from Lenny Harper, which I attach as my Exhibit [REDACTED] 13. It mentions the complaints he investigated regarding [REDACTED].
64. I also know there was a statement from the Attorney General explaining why prosecutions had not been brought against [REDACTED] and I attach a copy of this as my Exhibit [REDACTED] 14. I understand that the allegations against [REDACTED] are referred to as "Case [REDACTED]" in that statement. The statement from the Attorney General is wrong about when I was at Haut de la Garenne and it is wrong about when [REDACTED] was there. This may be because he was [REDACTED] before he was employed there.
65. I think there has been a big cover-up to protect [REDACTED] because I think if he goes down he will take a lot of other people down as well. He had friends [REDACTED] who protected him when I made my first complaint in 1980 and that they had been trying to cover it up since then.
66. I also attach two reports which support my evidence above. The first is an Independent Expert Report prepared by Dr Roger Kennedy dated 28 April

2014 which is attached as my **Exhibit** [REDACTED] 15. The second is a Medical Report prepared by Jason Payne-James dated 9 June 2014 which is attached as my **Exhibit** [REDACTED] 16. I also attach a third report from Professor A Maden, which was produced by the joint instruction of the States of Jersey and my solicitor Alan Collins. I attach a copy of the letter of instruction at **Exhibit** [REDACTED] 7 and the report from Professor Maden as **Exhibit** [REDACTED] 18.

67. I wish to mention in more detail the report of Professor Maden. I attended a meeting with Professor Maden on 1 October 2012. When I first went to his office, Professor Maden said something along the lines of my application to the Redress Scheme as "having no chance", which I took to mean that he did not believe me before I had started speaking. This got the meeting off to a bad start.
68. There are also parts of Professor Maden's Report that are incorrect and based only on information given to him by the States of Jersey. For example, the report refers to me having a criminal record (at paragraph 87), but I do not.
69. Further, there is reference in the letter of instruction to Professor Maden that there is no evidence of the scars I bear from the abuse I suffered not being apparent, whereas previous reports have confirmed that I do still have the scars.
70. I consider that Professor Maden was influenced by the States of Jersey to produce a report that would be unsupportive of my application under the Redress Scheme. I think this is another example of the Jersey way of trying to cover things up.

Conclusion

71. I was failed by a lot of people in my childhood at Haut de la Garenne, firstly by social services for ever employing [REDACTED] and for not looking after the kids that were in care there. I also think that social services are to blame because [REDACTED] is still involved in child care in Jersey even though it is clear that at least nine or ten people have given evidence against him and

that Lenny Harper thought that evidence was enough to prosecute him. The fact that [REDACTED] is still walking around and still involved with children makes me very angry.

72. I also think the police failed me first in 1980 when they didn't take my complaint seriously and then again later on by I believe losing or destroying the statement that I gave them and for not arresting and charging [REDACTED] in 2008. I am being targeted now by people still trying to protect [REDACTED] and others. I've been subjected to search warrants apparently in respect of drugs, but it seemed all the police were interested in was looking at documents in my house. I'm still pursuing a complaint about this which happened in May this year.
73. I am involved in the financial redress scheme, but to me this is about more than money and I just want to see that justice is done and that [REDACTED] is made to answer for what he did.
74. I confirm that I am willing to give oral evidence to this Inquiry if required to do so.

Statement of Truth

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed [REDACTED]

Dated 27 1 15