

Statement of [REDACTED]

STATES OF JERSEY POLICE

Witness Statement

Article 9 Criminal Justice (Evidence and Procedure)(Jersey) Law 1988

Statement of: [REDACTED]

Age if under 20: OVER 18 (if over 20 insert 'over 20')

Occupation: [REDACTED]

This statement (consisting of 4 page(s) each signed by me) 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 to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date:

27/09/2008

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

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[REDACTED]

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Signed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

1. I am the above named person and have been assisting The States of Jersey Police in their investigation into the former children's home at Haut De La Garenne where I was a resident between 1969 and 1972.
2. Further to my statement dated 1st April 2008 I have been asked to go into greater detail in respect of [REDACTED] Tony WATTON.
3. [REDACTED] Tony WATTON never married and never had any children. He ran a business by the name of Studio 18 which he started off with in Sand Street, St Helier in about 1973. As I recall, he ran the business from this venue which was a small shop for about 2-3 years before he moved to a bigger premises in Beresford Street. The business was an art and framing shop.
4. Tony made good money running the business and as I recall dealt in some fine art pictures and I do remember that he even managed to acquire some Lowry miniature paintings for himself. I can tell you that when he took his own life, he actually left three million pounds in cash to the lifeboat association. Not only that, he even had a boat in the harbour in St Helier which he had named as 'Bob the Boat' which was sold for £265,000.00.
5. When I was put into Haut De La Garenne there were four groups, the creche, juniors, intermediates and seniors which were subsequently given Scottish names. One of the house parents when I first arrived was a lady by the name of Morag KIDD. She struck up a relationship with [REDACTED] Tony WATTON. I found this a most strange combination because as I said before in my earlier statement, he began to sexually abuse me.
6. It is quite obvious to me that Tony WATTON used the opportunity of engaging in a relationship with Morag KIDD in order that he could gain access to the children in the home. I never noticed them holding hands or being affectionate in any way; I believe that she knew what he was up to but turned a blind eye to his sexual activities with young boys.
7. I can tell you that during this time [REDACTED] Tony WATTON spent a lot of time in the company of a man by the name of [REDACTED] who was aged about 18yrs of age and came from the

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[REDACTED] area of Jersey. [REDACTED] had dark collar length straight hair and was about 5ft 10" – 6ft [REDACTED]. At the time, [REDACTED] used to have a banjo which he would bring along to the home and play.

8. Tony WATTON was not employed at the Haut De La Garenne but as a result of his association with the home and through his friendship with Morag KIDD he spent time there but particularly during events and at holidays. For instance, he ran a canoeing club at Fort Regent in the swimming pool when he took residents from the home to learn how to canoe.

9. Not only that, Tony came along on camping trips for the residents during the summer months when he would make himself popular with his banjo by singing around the campfire of an evening. It was merely a ruse for him to gain contact with other young boys. He would stay at the campsite even though he had no official capacity there.

10. Going back to [REDACTED] I can tell you that [REDACTED] lived [REDACTED] at Les Quennevais camping park near Jersey airport, which no longer exists as they have built houses and a large sporting complex there. [REDACTED] lived in [REDACTED] which had some degree of permanency because it was actually a two framed tent which had pallet boards on the floor and was even carpeted. They lived in the tent for approximately 2 years until [REDACTED] managed to get a bed-sit near St Clement's near La Route De Forte. In my opinion, [REDACTED] had been groomed by Tony. I haven't seen [REDACTED] since that time.

11. I do recall that around the time [REDACTED] was often in the company of [REDACTED] he had another friend by the name of [REDACTED] who ran a [REDACTED] stall in the central market in Jersey. He had long hair and particularly long side-burns. I don't know his surname and I don't think he runs the stall any longer. In my opinion, he was not an abuser of children.

12. I am aware that [REDACTED] Tony WATTON had five sisters and was the only boy. He was I believe in the Merchant Navy and because he was the only boy, he was thoroughly spoiled by his parents. I believe that they bought him out of his contract with the Merchant Navy and that he subsequently became involved in a skin diving school at Bouley Bay.

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13. After I left Haut De La Garenne I commenced working for the [REDACTED] at the age of 15 yrs. I didn't complete the apprenticeship because I took up employment [REDACTED] where I could earn far more money. It was a means of escape from the constant sexual abuse that [REDACTED] Tony WATTON committed against me; he would not leave me alone.

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