

Witness Name: Roy Joseph Takiaho

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ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ABUSE IN CARE

SUPPLEMENTARY WITNESS STATEMENT OF ROY JOSEPH TAKIAHO

I, Roy Joseph Takiaho, say as follows: -

Introduction

- 1 I provided a written statement to the Royal Commission of Inquiry on 23 September 2020 ("first statement") [WITN0071001].
- 2 I am providing this supplementary statement to the Inquiry to add further information to my first written statement.

Redress meeting with the Salvation Army

- 3 In my first statement I explained that the meeting with Murray Houston from The Salvation Army was eight hours long. I have been advised that it was 88 minutes long. I understand there is a recording of the meeting.
- 4 I am very surprised to hear the meeting was only 88 minutes long. It felt much longer than that.
- 5 I had a meeting with my lawyer, Carla, from Cooper Legal the week before I met with Murray Houston. That meeting felt quite long, so I might have been mistaken between the two meetings.

- 6 The meeting with Murray Houston was on my mind for ages, before and after I spoke to him.
- 7 I accept that if there is a recording which is 88 minutes long, that it must have been that, however, it felt much longer for me.
- 8 At the first meeting with Carla from Cooper Legal, we discussed what I wanted to say at the meeting with The Salvation Army and I was able to go through it with someone I trusted. For this reason, it was easier for me when I was telling my story for the second time to Murray Houston.
- 9 These meetings opened a can of worms for me. It was the first time I had properly told someone about the abuse I suffered as a child.
- 10 At the meeting with Murray Houston, he wanted me to be specific and precise. He was very detail orientated. I had to go into a lot of detail about the abuse.
- 11 During the meeting, I was covering up my feelings. I knew what I had to do, which was tell Murray everything that happened to me. I just wanted to get it done.
- 12 I can cover up the feelings for a short time, but that doesn't mean they don't exist. I was feeling a whole lot of emotions after the interview.
- 13 The feeling of what happened to me as a child was fresh after that.
- 14 I felt a sense of revenge.
- 15 I was sent back into the negative prison environment. There was no after care from The Salvation Army. Negativity builds up in a place like prison, and I was feeling very negative. It added to my frustrations.
- 16 I knew there was a convicted paedophile in my unit. This fuelled my feelings of anger even more. It was my chance to get back at all child abusers.
- 17 I can't remember how much time passed between the meeting with Murray Houston and when I assaulted the convicted paedophile. From memory it was shortly before Christmas when the assault occurred.
- 18 All I remember is feeling very frustrated after the meeting, and the frustration continued to build up until I acted out.
- 19 I received six more years imprisonment for my assault of the convicted paedophile.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and was made by me knowing that it may be used as evidence by the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care.

Signed: _____

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Dated: _____

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