

**STATEMENT PRINT**

Surname: BUSSILL  
Forenames: MICHAEL  
Age: OVER 18 Date of Birth: **DPA**/1938  
Address: **DPA**  
Postcode: **DPA**  
Occupation: RETIRED  
Telephone No: **DPA**

Statement Date: 22/03/2012

Appearance Code: WHITE - NORTH EUROPEAN Build: SLIM  
Height (From): 173 Height (To): 179  
Hair Details: Position FACIAL HEAD Style CLEAN SHAVEN Colour BROWN

Left Eye Colour: Right Eye Colour:  
Complexion1: Complexion2:  
Glasses Worn: Glasses Use::  
Accent Details: General Specific Qualifier

Number of Pages: 3

I am the above named person and reside at the address known to the Police.

I worked for Social Services between 1971 and 1981 as a Residential Social Worker. I first worked at a children's home in Radcliffe on Trent before spending a year studying at Trent Polytechnic. After studying in 1974 I commenced work at

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Beechwood Children's Home located on Woodborough Road in Nottingham, I was there until 1976 then transferring across to Redcot.

Beechwood developed into what we called an observation and assessment centre for children which in fact covered three homes: Lindens, Redcot and Enderleigh. I started work at the Lindens building later going to Redcot.

Enderleigh was a girls home and Lindens was exclusively a boys home, Redcot was also solely for boys but became a mixed home when Enderleigh closed.

The Lindens building was next door to Redcot with an administration block between them. This administration block also had a school that provided lessons for all the children from all three separate homes, girls and boys.(page 2)

I remember the following members of staff all of whom were white in their ethnicity:

Jim SAUL was the Superintendant in overall charge of all three homes that came under the collective name of Beechwood. He lived in a house located between Redcot and Lindens. I would describe him at the time as being about 70 years of age, 6'3" in height, short white hair, slim build. He was always dressed smart in a jacket, shirt and tie.

John EGAN was the manager of Lindens and lived there in a flat on the top floor. EGAN was a short, tubby, bald headed male in his sixties, he was always dressed smart.

Other members of staff who worked at the Linden building are:

Norman BLOODWORTH who was aged between 40 and 50 years of age, 5'2" in height, stocky build. He was ex military into his sports and fitness and would often wear a tracksuit.

Huey DOUGLAS, early sixties in age, Scots male with that accent, he was 6'4" in height of a lean build. His hair was white, he would be clean shaven of a smart appearance often wearing a shirt and tie.

John DENT who was in his early thirties, short dark hair in a sensible cut, he had a short moustache, he did not wear any glasses. He was of a slight build and about 5'2" in height. He was always smart wearing a shirt and tie.

Robert WATCHORN was in his thirties, about 5'2"-5'4" in height, short brown hair, he always was smart in his appearance wearing a shirt and tie.

Geoff SMEDLEY was in his mid thirties, 5'2"-5'4" in height and light fair hair cut short. He would normally be of a smart appearance.

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John WOOD he was of a slim build, 5'4" in height, short brown hair and would often dress casual in slacks and jerseys.(page 3)

There was another member of staff I can only remember as Colin, he worked at Redcot. I remember he had a motorbike and lived somewhere in Bestwood. I always thought he was too familiar with the girls who were then resident at Redcot. There was one girl in particular who I think was called [NO-A533] I do not remember her surname, she seemed to have formed some attachment with Colin. She would often sit on his lap but girls would often try and do that. One other member of staff a Mrs STOLTZ actually wrote in the log book:

“I DON’T TRUST COLIN HE IS TOO FAMILIAR WITH THE GIRLS.”

I advised Mrs STOLTZ that she should not write such a thing in the log book and that there are other ways of reporting your concerns. I then crossed the comment out so no one would be able to read it.

I understand that this girl had later ran away from Redcot and was found at this Colin’s house hiding in the wardrobe naked. Colin never returned to the home after this incident.

Colin was in his late twenties, slim build, brylcreamed black hair, clipped moustache and was always of a smart appearance wearing a shirt and tie.

There was a cleaner at Redcot who I only remember as Mrs MULLINS.

One other person I can think of is a Ken RIGBY who became Jim SAULS deputy.

I would describe him as tall about 6’4” in height, slight build, short light brown hair and of a smart appearance wearing shirt and tie.

I have been asked if I have ever seen any inappropriate use of force by the staff on residents and I can state in my experience this has never been the case. Staff would have to restrain the children if they became violent but that was for the protection of everyone including the child in question. I never saw any child punched or kicked, that was something you never did.

I am willing to attend court if required and give evidence.

Signed: M BUSSILL      Signature Witnessed By:

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