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Statement of: RAVENSCROFT, KATHERINE MARY

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**WITNESS STATEMENT**

Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5b

Statement of: RAVENSCROFT, KATHERINE MARY

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: TEACHER

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: KATHERINE MARY RAVENSCROFT

Date: 30/08/2017

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

I am the head of drama at St Benedict's School in Ealing. I joined the school in 1990. When I joined the school Laurence SOPER was the Abbot. I am not sure whether David PEARCE was head of the junior school, or teaching in the upper school when I started. There were rumours in the school about David PEARCE, the boys would call him 'Gay Dave'. Not long after I started a student spoke to me about David PEARCE. It was about 25 years ago and a boy named [RC-A418] [DPA] and other boys were in my class, joking about what Father David i.e. David PEARCE had done to them. I didn't really know what to do, I had only just started teaching at the school. About 3 years later [RC-A418] again spoke to me about PEARCE, asking what he should do. At the time the school felt a bit like the mafia, if anybody complained or said anything about PEARCE, Laurence SOPER would protect him and to complain meant putting your job on the line. I didn't know what to say to [RC-A418] There had been a number of complaints against PEARCE; he had been moved from the junior school to the upper school, to the bursar's office. A little later on [family of RC-A631] were apparently promised by Laurence SOPER that PEARCE was now remaining in the Abbey and would never have any contact with children. I was present at a prize giving along with the [Name Redacted] family when they saw PEARCE walking around amongst the boys. Mr [Name Redacted] was annoyed to see him; I thought he was going to hit PEARCE.

About 10 years later, just after Laurence SOPER resigned as Abbot, I was approached by a monk named Father AUBAN, he was [DPA] he asked me if I could find the boy who had complained about

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