

Child Abuse Unit
Friday, 2 October 1992
0850 hrs

Jason Mark NG states:

That is my full name. [REDACTED] I am 18 years old, date of birth 19.10.73. I am not working.

Q Can you promise me Jason that what you will say today will be the truth?

A Yes.

Q I understand that you wish to make a complaint about a man known as Tony FOOTE?

A Yes.

Q How did you get to know Tony FOOTE?

A I was in Social Welfare care and I was originally meant to go into a foster home which was his brother's, Malcolm FOOTE, but that never worked and I went back to Cracroft House. Social Welfare came back within the week and said that Tony wanted to foster me out.

Q Do you remember when that was?

A 18th May 1986.

Q How do you remember that?

A He used to constantly remind me each year that that was the date I came and that was 6 years ago. I was 13 years old. I was about 13½ years.

Q Was that the first time you had met Tony?

A I met him the week before at his brother's place.

Q Did you go and stay with him?

Jason Mark NG further states:

A That was when I was put into his care.

Q Where was that?

A 17 Cargill Place, Shirley.

Q Who all lived there when you went there?

A When I went there, there was only one other in Social Welfare care, that was Justin BATCHELOR. He's 19 too. He's a couple of months older than me, and also Daniel HUNT.

Q What is it you wish to complain about Tony FOOTE?

A Tony FOOTE sexually molested me.

Q Tell me about it.

A When I first went there I used to sleep in a double bed with him. That was a couple of days after I got there. He didn't do nothing until about a week after I arrived. Then he started playing with my penis. I used to have a shower and he used to wait until I was in then he would jump in. And he would masturbate in front of me. Then he used to masturbate me. He used to ejaculate. At nights in bed he would get a towel and used to suck my dick and if I came he used to spit it out on the towel. He used to make me suck him and it used to be the same as that, night after night after night. He never had anal intercourse with me though.

Q Did he try?

A No, I honestly don't think he did.

Q Can you recall if he said anything to you the first time it happened?

A Don't be afraid and don't tell anyone.

Jason Mark NG further states:

Q Had anything like that happened to you before?

A No.

Q What did you think about all of this?

A Afraid. Afraid and confused.

Q Did you ever tell anyone?

A No.

Q But you have told someone recently?

A Yeh.

Q Who is that?

A Margaret KERR. But she already knew.

Q How?

A She had been told by a female, Beverley LASINI, but I don't know how she knew.

Q When was it that you told Margaret?

A Probably about four or five months ago.

Q What did you say to Margaret?

A I'm sure Margaret asked me first because she had heard from Bev. She asked me if it had happened. She turned around and said, "Has Tony ever touched you" and I said, yeh, but I wouldn't tell her much. Margaret's son, Shaun who is about 6½ months, is my child. I said to Margaret that I didn't want Sean going around to Tony's when he was older.

Jason Mark NG further states:

Q What more can you tell me about what happened between you and Tony?

A He used to make me join into threesomes and sometimes foursomes. I know the names of the boys but I'm not sure which one did what.

Q Tell me about these threesomes and foursomes. What would happen?

A We all used to lie on the double bed in Tony's room. We were all just giving each other blow-jobs.

Q Who can you remember may have been there?

A I can't say exactly who was there but I can give you about 12 names all up of boys I have seen doing it or have heard about.

Q Who have you seen?

A Shane LEWIS, last I heard he was in Geraldine, Danny HUNT, I think he lives in Westport, Justin BATCHELOR, he lives at 178 North Avon Road, Teddy WALKER, 94 Aldershot Street. I might have on occasions seen Daniel BALL. I have heard it has happened to Graham LILLEY, Jason GRIEBEL (Jason KERR), Stephen HIGGINS who lives near Teddy in Aldershot Street, Michael DIMICICH, Scott BATCHELOR.

Q Did you want what Tony did with you to happen?

A No.

Q Did you try and stop it?

A It made it obvious that I didn't want it to happen by squirming and trying to get away. That went on during the year. For about 6 months I tried to get away and then about another 6 months later he stopped. He said I was too old.

Q Of the boys you have named, were all of them foster children?

Jason Mark NG further states:

A No.

Q How come they were at Tony's?

A Their parents trusted Tony and the boys used to go to Tony's for the weekend to give the parents a break.

Q Was there anything else that allowed it to keep on happening with you?

A Threats.

Q What sort of threats?

A Just verbal type things. What did he say? If I told anyone I would get a hiding but he used to throw me around the room anyway.

Q Why would he throw you around the room?

A Just for little things eh. Like one time I stole some smokes from him and he gave me a hiding just for that.

Q How long did you stay at Tony's place in foster care?

A I stayed there for roughly about 4 years. I moved into Margaret's place. It would have been 1990, I think it was July. No, it was May, just a couple of days before the four years.

Q So the sexual contact with Tony lasted about a year and didn't happen for the last 3 years?

A Yeh.

Q Did Tony ever discuss the sexual activities with you?

A No.

Jason Mark NG further states:

Q Did he ever talk about homosexuality?

A No, but he has a few homosexual mates. But as far as I knew he wasn't doing anything with them.

Q Did he ever have any homosexual films or videos or magazines?

A Not that I seen. He had a vibrator.

Q Did you ever see that in use?

A Yeh, I forgot about that as well. He used to put it on him, around his penis in front of us, and he used to use it on us.

Q Did he ever use it anywhere else?

A It wasn't one you could put up your arse. It had a hole and fitted over the penis. Daniel HUNT bought that for him.

Q Do you think what happened to you at Tony FOOTE's has affected you in any way Jason?

A I often wonder if I am going to turn out like that, like Tony, whatever you call it.

Q Have you thought about it much?

A No, I try not to think about it and want it over and done with.

Q Do you want to press charges against Tony?

A Yes.

Q You are aware that other boys are doing the same?

A Yes.

Jason Mark NG further states:

Q I understand from what you have said that you told Margaret what had happened some months before Tony was arrested?

A Yes. I think it was about 4 or 5 months, maybe less.

Q Did you think of telling anyone else about it?

A No, it's not an easy thing to tell.

Q How many boys were living at Tony's at a time usually?

A The most he had when I was there, there was me, Stephen HIGGINS, Scott BATCHELOR, Justin BATCHELOR (they're not brothers), and he had about two or three other children staying weekends and public holidays.

Q Did you ever see Tony do anything to those boys when they were by themselves?

A Not by themselves. Just the threesomes and foursomes.

Q How often did the threesomes and foursomes happen?

A Sometimes every fortnight, sometimes every month. And he would make me join in with the youngest ones, Daniel BALL. I can't honestly remember if he made me do it with Jason GRIEBEL.

Q Has what happened led to you doing the same to boys?

A No, I've never touched a boy except for when I was made to. I was accused of sexually molesting Kerryann FOOTE, Tony's niece, about three years ago when I was fourteen or fifteen. It went to Court but it wasn't proved. I don't think it even went Court. I think it was proved to be bull before it went to Court. You'd have to ask the lawyer, Brian BELHAM.

Q What was it like living at Tony FOOTE's place, other than the sexual bit?

Jason Mark NG further states:

A Sometimes it was good, sometimes it was bad.

Q What were some of the good things?

A At times he treated me like I was his son. That was about the only good bit.

Q What were some of the bad things?

A Hidings. He always used to embarrass me with stupid things. I was never happy or anything. I used to go to Catholic Cathedral College and I used to see the counsellor quite a bit. I can't remember his name. I think it started with W.

Q What sort of things would you say?

A I couldn't tell him what was happening at home so I used to make up rubbish to cover it. One time Social Welfare came down to school to ask me about Tony. They asked me what the situation was like at home and I just said it was good.

Q Did you believe that?

A No. I don't know why I said it. I suppose I felt I was in the wrong.

Q Have you been in trouble with the Police?

A Yep.

Q What sort of thing?

A Assault, burglary (smash and grab Ashburton bottle store), car conversion. I have had quite a few with car conversion. Disturbing the peace. There was no charge. All of those I did when I was intoxicated with either drugs or alcohol. I consider myself a form of alcoholic.

Q What can you tell me about your family?

Jason Mark NG further states:

A My real family. My mother and father used to argue all the time. My father used to beat up on my mother. He's at least 3/4 Chinese. I blame my father for causing my mother to commit suicide in 1980. Since then I have been around to my father's. I've hit him, called him names because I blame him for what he did to my mother. At the age of 12 I went into Social Welfare care, the reason being I was stealing bicycles every day to get away from home. I went to a place in St Johns Street and they used to beat me up as well. My old man used to beat me as well. From there I went to a place in Redcliffs. Their son used to cause trouble and I used to get the blame. Then I went to a place called Holly House. I was only there on a temporary basis until I found a home. Then I met Malcolm FOOTE which led to Tony.

Q Did you consider Tony to be a father figure?

A After a while, yeah. After about 2, 2½ years.

Q And did you consider his house your home?

A Yeh. Because I moved out several times but I moved back in because it was like a house environment and I had no where else to go.

Q Where did you sleep at Tony's place?

A A couple of nights, once or twice a week, I slept in his bed but he tried to avoid it in case someone came knocking. Most of the time I would sleep in my single bed in the same room as Justin BATCHELOR.

Q How would you get to be in Tony's room if he wanted to do things?

A He would either call out or I would already be in there watching tele.

Q Why did you finally leave Tony's?

A Argument.

Jason Mark NG further states:

Q Over what?

A I can't remember. It was over nothing sexual because for 3 years nothing was happening.

Q How did you feel when the sexual thing stopped?

A Relieved.

Q Did Tony ever have girls at the house?

A No he hated females.

Q How do you know that?

A He used to constantly say females were trouble.

Q Did you have girlfriends when you were living at Tony's place?

A Only the second time when I moved back. That was probably late 1990, early 1991.

Q What did Tony think about your having a girlfriend?

A Hated it. He tried to say I wasn't allowed one but I wouldn't listen. I suppose I was trying to prove that I wasn't like him.

Q Are you homosexual at all?

A No, not as far as I know.

Q Is there anything else you want to say about all of this?

A I think we have covered it all except that I hope Tony gets what he deserves.

Q You told me earlier that when you were younger you were quite small.

Jason Mark NG further states:

A Yes, when I first arrived there for about the first year, no, about the first six months. That's when Tony noticed that my body and penis weren't growing so he sought treatment at Princess Margaret and they gave me pills called Oxandrylone. They are a hormone pill that made me grow. Me and Margaret think that Jason KERR (GRIEBEL) was given some of these pills by Tony because Jason said that Tony had given him pills and Jason is going through puberty at the age of 10 and I have never heard of that before.

Q At the start of this statement I asked you to promise to tell the truth. Is what I have recorded the truth?

A Yes.

(Sgd) J Ng

Statement taken and
signature witnessed by:

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