

W.A. BRANCH, TOWNSVILLE.  
22nd August, 1975.

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Carroll Jean ALBRIGHTON states:-

I am a married woman, 32 years of age. I am a Housewife by occupation. I reside with my Husband and family at 55 Goldsworthy Street, Healey, Townsville.

I have three children the eldest is Hayle Annette, aged 12 years second eldest is, Colin John and the youngest is Allison Maxine aged 8 years. Colin is 9 years of age.

My Husband is a member of the Armed Forces stationed at Laverack Barracks, Townsville. We have lived in Townsville for about six years.

I recall Thursday the 21st August, 1975. On that date I drove my Husband to Laverack Barracks at about 7-15a.m. I then arranged that I would pick him up that afternoon at about 9p.m. I then returned home.

At about 8p.m. I left home with my three children and a niece and went to Laverack Barracks. On arrival there I went to the Sergeants Mess where I saw my Husband. He was not ready to come home at that time as he was playing pool with Keith TENNANT and other members of the army. I have known Keith TENNANT for the past ten years.

I was waiting with the children and they became bored so I started playing darts with them. After a while Colin Jnr. walked away from us, we had been to the Mess previously and Colin Jnr had never went far away from the Mess.

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After about ten minutes I missed Colin Jr. and I went looking for him. I stood down the bottom of the steps and called out to him. I have done this before and ~~was~~ when I called him he has always answered. When he didn't answer I returned to the Mess and spoke to my Husband and told him that I couldn't find Colin Jr. I spoke to Allissio and she told me that Colin Jr. had walked upstairs with Keith TENNANT so I asked my Husband to go upstairs and see what was going on.

My Husband then walked from the Mess and I saw him go upstairs, I waited at the bottom of the stair and soon after I saw my Husband walking towards me from a different direction to which he had gone up the stairs. I then turned and saw Colin Jr. walking towards me from the direction of the Mess door. As soon as I saw my son he <sup>started</sup> ~~started~~ to cry. I asked him what was wrong and he said to me, "Keith took me to his room and done naughty things". I said, "What naughty things"? My son replied, "He took my pants off and put his finger in my bottom". I immediately called out to my Husband who came to me and I said to my son, "You tell your Father what you told me". I then walked back into the mess. I saw my Husband talking to my son. Soon after my Son came over to me and I saw my Husband talking to the Orderly Sergeant and then I saw both of them walk upstairs, they came back soon after and my Husband came over to me and told me something. (That the Orderly Sergt. was going for the Duty Officer.)

The Orderly Sergt. and the Duty officer both  
~~spoke to my son~~

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The matter then was being handled by the army and I waited there until about 1-15a.m. (22.8.75) and then my Husband & myself and the children returned home.

At about 2a.m. that same morning I saw the same Orderly Sergt. and another member of the army at my home and they told us something. (That my Husband, myself and Colin Jnr and Allison come to Laverack Barracks) I then dressed as did my Husband and I dressed the children and then drove to Laverack Barracks.

On arrival there I saw Det. Morgan of the Townsville C.I. Branch and I had a conversation with him. Det. Morgan then had a conversation with Colin Jnr. and Colin told him that Keith had taken him to his room near the mess the night previously and had removed his pants and laid on top of him. He told Det. Morgan that Keith TENNANT had locked the door of his room when Colin Jnr and he arrived there and had turned out the light. He told Det. Morgan that TENNANT had put his finger in his bottom.

Det. Morgan then asked Colin Jnr and my Husband if Colin Jnr. would repeat what he had said to Keith TENNANT, Colin Jnr. said he would and my Husband and myself agreed.

They then left the room and went into another room at the Service Police Offices.

I later went with another Constable to the Surgery of Dr. HALBERSTATOR where he made an examination of Colin after which we returned to Laverack Barracks. I had a further conversation with the Army Officers and Det. Morgan and then returned home

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Also later that same day (22.8.75) I went with my Husband and Colin Jnr. to the Townsville C.I. Branch where I made this statement.

Signed: *C. Albrighton*  
Carroll Jean ALBRIGHTON.

Witness: *B. J. MORRIS*  
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Det. N/1 No. 6444.