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**[REDACTED] STATES**

My full name is [REDACTED]

I reside in Dunedin and am aged 37 years.

I am making this statement to Detective Sergeant Malcolm INGLIS about attending Bayfield High School in the early 1980's and going on a school camp at Tautuku.

I was at Tahuna Intermediate and started at Bayfield High School in 1981, and my form teacher was Mr [REDACTED] and having looked at the 1982 magazine I was in 4X in the 4th form so would have been in 3X in the 3rd form.

I didn't have Mr BENSON-POPE as a formal teacher, he did teach me a couple of times, I think he may have taken us for a few of Social Studies classes.

I didn't really get any discipline from Mr BENSON-POPE, [REDACTED] had a lot of problems with him at school, he quite loathed him.

[REDACTED] was a friend of mine at Bayfield, it was at Bayfield High School that we got to know each other.

We were in the same 4th form class together, other friends were across the board really.

Mr BENSON-POPE was thought of as a good teacher, he was firm but fair, I believe that his classes were ahead of their time.

Looking back you would say he was an organiser considering the school was quite a mess.

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I did go on the 4th form camp to Tautuku, in the Catlins, I remember there were quite a few cold nights, so it would have been going into winter or coming out of it.

I was sharing a bunk room with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

I couldn't remember what night at the camp it was, but we were playing up in our room, talking and not going to sleep.

We were gotten out of the beds by Mr BENSON-POPE and he was trying to get us to be quiet and behave.

It was quite dark at the time, I would have been standing about a metre from [REDACTED] at time, it was in the room from memory.

[REDACTED] was going on being his normal stupid self; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was shit stirring and making smart comments about BENSON-POPE, and [REDACTED] - general yabbering.

I remember BENSON-POPE telling him to shut up and trying to get us all to be quiet, specifically [REDACTED]

I do remember some type of hit from BENSON-POPE to [REDACTED]

I couldn't say if it was a back hand, a forehand or a slap, but there was a sound with it.

From where I was I would say it would have hit him around the left jaw, it was a bit of a wake up call.

It did shut him up, it shut everyone up.

I didn't see a bleeding nose from the hit or blood on clothing the next day and there were no bruises on [REDACTED] the next day.

That was it after the hit, there was silence, just the odd word about what had happened.

It wasn't talked about much at the camp after that.

I don't remember the teacher [REDACTED] being there, I only think Mr BENSON-POPE was there at the time.

Nothing else happened at camp at Tautuku that I remember.

I stayed friends with [REDACTED] through to the 6th form and I left school at the end of the 6th form.

We remain friends.

[REDACTED] did get into a bit of trouble at school and missed quite a lot of classes in the 6th form.

I have seen Mr BENSON-POPE a few times, he has come into the shop on the odd occasion.

It would be better for me and I would rather bully shit that nothing happened, and it would be such a long time ago I doubt that BENSON-POPE would remember it happening.

He used to keep an eye on what was happening at school, and watch for trouble, he did give out a few detentions I believe, but I thought he was doing an excellent job at school.

It is a shame that there weren't more like him at the school.

STATEMENT TAKEN & WITNESSED BY:

"M N T INGLIS"

I HAVE READ THIS STATEMENT AND IS TRUE TO MY MEMORY

[REDACTED]

I would like to add to my statement, that there were worst teachers than Mr BENSON-POPE at the school.

One teacher that was smoking cannabis and got caught for that, another one that was interfering with girls sexually at the school.

My personal feelings are that NZ would be a better place with more teachers and politicians like Mr BENSON-POPE.

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I HAVE READ THIS ADDITION AND IS CORRECT

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