

# STATEMENT OF POLICE

In the matter of:

Place:

Child Abuse Squad

Date:

09 April 2015

Name:

Jane PRIOR

Tel. No:

88357880

Rank:

**Detective Senior Constable** 

Station/Unit:

Child Abuse Squad

#### STATES:

- 1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything that I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
- 2. I am 40 years of age.
- I am an investigator with the Child Abuse Response Team (CART) within the Child Abuse Squad. CART is responsible for the response and investigation of serious child abuse including incidents of sexual abuse, physical abuse and neglect.
- 4. About 7.30am on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2014, I received a call from Detective Sergeant Kirsty Hales in relation to a matter the Sex Crimes Squad was responding at Burwood Police Station. I was advised a young person by the name of was currently at Burwood Police Station and they needed the assistance to interview him.
- 5. About 8.30pm on the same night, I attended Burwood Police Station and was briefed by Detective Sergeant Ross Murphy and members of the Sex Crimes Squad and advised that will need the assistance of a Russian Interpreter. The interpreter had been organised and was on his way to the Police Station. The Interpreter was Leading Senior Constable Ross VELTMAN.

Witness:

Peter YEOMANS Detective Inspector Child Abuse Squad 09 April 2015 Signature:

Detective Senior Constable
Child Abuse Squad
09 April 2015

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- 6. A short time later Leading Senior Constable Ross VELTMAN arrived and Plain Clothes Constable Leigh Gardiner and I spoke with the young person with the assistance of Leading Senior Constable Ross VELTMAN. I explained the procedures of an interview to the young person and he agreed to participate in an electronically recorded interview. Plain Clothes Constable Leigh Gardiner and I set up the equipment to record the interview within a room of Burwood Police Station.
- 7. At 9.39pm, I conducted an interview with Interpreter Ross VELTMAN, whilst Plain Clothes Constable Leigh Gardiner monitored both the interview and equipment as the interview took place. The entire interview was recorded onto a video camera. The interview was concluded at 11.41pm. The interview reference number is R0366526.
- 8. After the interview concluded, I participated in a de-briefing with Sergeant Murphy and then left the station.

EXHIBIT: DVD RECORDING OF INTERVIEW WITH REFERENCE R0366526

EXHIBIT: TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW WITH

Witness:

Peter YEOMANS Detective Inspector Child Abuse Squad 09 April 2015 Signature:

Jane PRIOR Detective Senior Constable Child Abuse Squad 09 April 2015

#### AFP RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Tel: (02) 6131 3000

PRIOR AND CONDUCTED AT BURWOOD POLICE STATION ON TUESDAY TWENTY-TWO JULY TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN

PERSONS PRESENT:

DETECTIVE SENIOR CONST ABLE JANE PRIOR

DETECTIVE SENIOR CONSTABLE LEE GARDINER

L/S/C ROSS VELTMAN (INTERPRETER)

TIME COMMENCED:

NINE THIRTY-NINE PM

#### PRIOR:

Okay. The date is the twenty-second of July, two thousand and fourteen. My name is Detective Senior Constable Jane PRIOR. I'm at Burwood Police Station.

A THE INTERPRETER (Answering on behalf of interviewee): I understand.

And the time is nine thirty-nine pm.

Q1. And can I just get you to say your name for me?

A : My name

Q2. And can you spell that for me?

Q3. Yes?

A THE INTERPRETER (Answering on behalf of interviewee):

Q4. Yes. And your last name?

THE INTERPRETER (Answering on behalf of interviewee)

Q5.

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Q6. R.

A THE INTERPRETER (Answering on behalf of interviewee):

Q7.

Α

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Α Yes? Q8. THE INTERPRETER (Answering on behalf of interviewee): --yes? Q9. yes. Q10. Yep. Α Q11. Yes. Like the sound Α Q12. yes. Yeah, and the first one - - -Α Q13. Yes, and that's ar Yeah, Α Q14. Yeah. Α Q15. Okay. Okay. Yeah. how old are you? And that's the whole last name. Okay. And Q16. Fifteen. Α Fifteen. And when's your date of birth? Q17. Α Q18. And where were you born? I was born in Brest, which is Brest. Α Brest. And what country is that in? Q19. Bella Russia. Α Q20. Russia? Bella Russia. Q21. Bella Russia. Yeah. Α Bella Russia. Okay. All right. Before, when we came into this room Q22. and we were outside, do you remember what I asked you? No. Α

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Q23. A	No. He doesn't remember before we came into the room.
Q24.	Okay. When we were just outside and the TV was on, and did I to you that I was going to talk to you today?
Α	He – he – he said that he doesn't remember everyone's names and stuff because a lot of people have spoken to him while he's been at the police station.
Q25.	Okay. All right. Do you remember if I asked you if we could talk to you today?
Α	He doesn't remember but he agrees.
Q26.	Okay. All right. And when you and I are talking today is it okay if you and I and Ross and me?
Α	Yeah, he's fine with that.
Q27.	Okay. And it's okay that we record it on a voice recorder and a video recorder?
Α	Yeah. He agrees. He understands.
Q28.	Yes. Yes. Okay. All right. And when we're talking today, if we ask you a question and you don't understand that question, what would you say to me?
Α	Explain it to me, please.
Q29.	Okay. If I ask you a question and you don't know what that question means or the words I've used, how would you tell me?
Α	Once again
Q30. A	Yes. I don't understand that word.
Q31.	Okay. Yes. And if I ask you a question and you know the answer but you just don't want to tell me, what would you say to me?
Α	He gives you his word that he's only going to tell the truth.
Q32.	And if you need to take a break at any time tonight can you let me know, please?
Α	(indistinct)
Q33.	Okay. So if you need to go to the toilet, you need to have a drink of water or some food, please let us know.
Α	(indistinct)
Q34. A	Okay. And also today, what language are you speaking? THE INTERPRETER (Answering on behalf of interviewee): I'm speaking the Russian language.

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Q35. Russian. Okay. And you understand that we have a police officer

Ross who is talking to you through me? Is that what you

understand?

A Yeah. He understands.

Q36. Yes.

What I might do, Ross, is get you to say your full name and rank - - -

VELTMAN:

Yes.

PRIOR:

- - - and that you're interpreting the language of Russian.

#### **VELTMAN:**

Yes. My name is Ross VELTMAN. Surname is spelt V E L T M A N, rank of Leading Senior Constable from Redfern Police Station. I've completed the CLAS Examination via the New South Wales Police and the Community Relations Commission and I'm interpreting the Russian language.

#### PRIOR:

Okay. All right.

Q37. And to you understand everything that Ross is saying to you?

A I don't always understand because I don't speak English well. Yeah, everything that I say to him in Russian he understands.

Q38. Yes. Okay. And can you please let Ross know if you don't understand any words that he's using in Russian?

A Yeah. He's fine.

Q39. Yes. Okay. Because it's really important that you and I understand what we're saying to each other.

A Yeah. That's fine.

Q40. Okay. All right. And, as you can see, I've been taking some notes down because what you're going to tell me is really important. So don't be off-put by me having my head down and writing.

A It – it doesn't put him off.

Q41. Okay. Very good. All right. ell me what the truth is.

A The truth is when a person doesn't lie.

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Q42. Tell me what a lie is.

A It's when a person doesn't tell the truth. Sorry, it's when a person says something that is not true.

Q43. Okay. And what happens when someone tells a lie?

A He – so when a person tells something that's not the truth he's – um, is lying to himself, the people around him and the convoluted situation doesn't get resolved.

Q44. Okay. Okay. what colour is that pen?

A Pink.

Q45. Okay. And if I said that pen was black, would that be the truth or would that be a lie?

A It's a lie.

Q46. And why is it a lie?

A Because he can see that it's pink in colour.

Q47. Okay. Can we agree tonight to tell the truth?

A He's only goin' to tell the truth today.

Q48. So we will only talk about things that really happened.

A Okay.

Q49. Okay. Good. ...(indistinct)... is when the different colours come

down. Okay.

A Yeah. He can see it. Yeah.

#### (laughter)

Q50. ell me why you've come here to the police station.

A I was brought here by police officers.

Q51. Yes. And when were you brought here?

#### INTERPRETER:

Sorry, when?

#### PRIOR:

Q52. When? Yes.

A This afternoon. I don't remember the exact time.

Q53. And why did they bring you here?

A To ask questions.

Q54. What are those questions about?

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- A Um, from the conversations he thinks that it's about things that happened recently in recent times.
- Okay. I wasn't there when they brought you into the police station this afternoon at a time that we're not sure about, to ask you questions about things that happened recently. So can you tell me everything that you know about why you think you're here, why you think the police brought you here?
- So, he's to tell to tell you the truth. He doesn't he's not exactly sure why he's here but he's got the impression that tomorrow the Immigration are goin' to speak to the person who's, kind of, I'll just get the exact work but so an Immigration Agent is meant to speak to with him and the person which whom he is in Australia.
- Q56. And who is he here in Australia with?

  He is here with Father Christopher so the person he's with, his name used to be STANISLAV but when he became a the word either means priest or like a father, they named him Christopher.
- Q57. Okay. All right. And how did you come to be in Australia with Father Christopher. You tell me everything about that.

  A He's saying it's a it's a long story so he's goin' to give short - -
- Q58. Yes.

  A --- converse and I'll explain it.
- Q59. Yes.

  A So his his mother is a very religious and believing person.
- Q60. Yes. A And on the TV they saw Father Christopher.
- Q61. Yes.

  A His family became acquainted with the Father became acquainted with him, with Father Christopher. So his mother knew that he had a dream to come to Australia so she asked Father Christopher whether he would be willing to have him in Australia to sorry, to receive him, which is, like, if someone comes to visit you, like a guest, you're receiving the guest. He agreed and they flew here on the fourth of June.
- Q62. Fourth of June? A June.
- Q63. June. Yes. This year? Yes. A This year.
- Q64. Who did he fly with? Sorry, who'd you fly with?

  A Not fourth of June, fourth of July. He just realised.

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Q65.

July.

INTERPRETER:

Who did you fly - - -

PRIOR:

Q66.

That's okay.

INTERPRETER:

Who did you fly with? Do you mean airline or - - -

PRIOR:

Q67.

Airline.

Α

I flew with Emirates.

Q68.

Emirates.

Α

Etihad.

Q69.

Etihad, Etihad,

Α

Aviation company, Etihad. Father Christopher – Father Christopher always flies Emirates, Emirates, and in his mind he just remembered Emirates but he flew with Etihad. He flew with Etihad.

Q70.

Okay. So keep going. So Father Christopher agreed to receive him.

Α

At the request of my mum he agreed and then applied to the embassy in Moscow, consulate in Moscow, for a visa.

Q71.

Visa, yes. And then - - -

Α

My family and I kept in contact with him while my visa was being processed.

Q72.

Yes. Yes. Keep going.

Α

After the visa had been completed, after a few days, I flew here.

Q73.

Yes. ...(indistinct)...

Α

That's it. And he's here.

Q74.

Okay. And tell me more about when you got here off the plane. Then what happened? So tell me the story about what you've done since you got off the plane.

Α

It's, again, it's a - it's lengthy - - -

Q75.

Yes.

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- - - so he's going to tell me ...(indistinct)... So after I arrived Father Α Christopher and I started travelling around Sydney, around the city

of Sydney.

Yes. Q76.

M'hm.

Q77. Yes.

Do you want him to name where they went? Α

Q78.

We went to the Sydney Opera House - - -

Q79. Yes.

- - - to a concert, then went to the city - - -Α

Q80. Yes.

- - - more than once, then went to the aquarium and then went to a lot A

of restaurants. They - they stayed with friends in Sydney.

Q81. Yes.

#### INTERPRETER:

The – the word for the city is, like it's like I stayed in a hotel so it implies kind of an overnight stay with friends.

PRIOR:

Okay.

All right. What else did you do? Q82.

INTERPRETER:

Do you want me to clarify the stay - - -

PRIOR:

I'll ...(indistinct)... - - -

INTERPRETER:

Okay. Yes. Okay.

PRIOR:

Q83. Sorry.

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We often hung out with or went out with friends of Father Christopher who showed us the city.

Q84. Yes. What else did you do?

A ...(indistinct)... I've been to his services in the quality of an assistant

Q85. Keep going.

A --- um, to, like, to serve in the church or to help out in the church.

Q86. What church?

A The address is eighteen Croydon - Chelmsford Avenue - - -

Q87. Is it Chelmsford Avenue, Croydon?

A So, yeah, Chelmsford - - -

Q88. Avenue in Croydon?

A Croydon. Yeah.

Q89. Yes. And the actual name of the parish? Do they have a name of the parish?

#### INTERPRETER:

Is the parish like the church?

#### PRIOR:

Yes.

In honour of – in – in honour of all – sorry, I don't know any Christian like that. In honour of all, like, in all, like, honourable people. In honour of, like, all blessed of – of the land of Russia. So it's, like, in honour of all blessed people like priests of the land of Russia, something like that.

Q90. Okay. All right. Keep going. About – what else did you do ...(indistinct)...?

A We – we went to event cinemas to see Transformers.

Q91. Yes.

A Then went to the Croydon shopping centre and Broadway shopping centre.

Q92. Yes. Yes. A And that's it.

Q93. That's it? Okay. What I'm going to do is, because you've told me so many things, I'm going to go back to the start then I'm going to start

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to ask you some further questions about stuff that you've told me.

Yes.

A Okay.

Q94. Okay? Very good. Okay. You said before that your mum's a

religious person. What's your mum's name?

A Ah, what the surname?

Q95. Yes.

Α

Q96. Yes.

A Same surname.

Q97. And how old is your mum?

A She was born in nineteen sixty-five. So she's forty-nine years old.

Q98. Okay. Who else do you live in Russia with?

Is Bella Russia different to Russia?

INTERPRETER:

It is. It's a different country.

PRIOR:

Is it?

INTERPRETER:

Yes.

PRIOR:

Excuse my ignorance. I'm sorry.

Q99. Okay, so Bella Russia.

A With his sister and his mother.

Q100. ...(indistinct)... Okay. And what is your sister's name and how old is

your sister?

Α

THE INTERPRETER (Answering on behalf of interviewee): Same

surname. She's fifteen years old.

Q101.

Α

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Q102. A Yes. Yes.

Q103. And where is your father?

A THE INTERPRETER (Answering on behalf of interviewee): He lives in Brest as well, in the same town. Does he really have to talk about it?

Does he - - -

Q104. No, not if you don't want to.

A He doesn't want to.

Q105. Okay. How long have you lived with your mother and your sister?

A Since his birth.

Q106. Okay. And you said your mum was religious. What religion?

A Pravoslavia is their religion. Don't know what that is.

Q107. ...(indistinct)...

INTERPRETER:

Via.

PRIOR:

...(indistinct)...

INTERPRETER:

Yes.

PRIOR:

Pravoslavia.

INTERPRETER:

Pravoslavia and, yes, and then - - -

PRIOR:

Q108. Is it a Christian religion?

A It's a Christian religion.

Q109. Okay. are you a religious person?

A He – he's exactly the same, Protestant.

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Q110.

...(indistinct)... okay. And you said that your mum saw Father

Christopher on TV. What TV show did she see him on?

Α

So there's a Pravoslavian show. It's called a Pravoslavian Show

Soyuz, which is Soyuz. Soyuz.

Q111. Yes.

INTERPRETER:

And Soyuz is like a slang for USSR kind of thing, it's like Russia.

PRIOR:

Okay.

INTERPRETER:

So Pravoslavian.

PRIOR:

Russia. Okay.

INTERPRETER:

That's my input ... (indistinct)...

PRIOR:

Okay. Yes. No problems.

Q112. And when is this show on TV?

A It was this year.

Q113. did you see this show yourself?

A Yes, he did.

Q114. Yes. And what was Father Christopher doing on the TV show?

People were asking questions and he was responding to the

questions on the show.

Q115. What sort of questions?

A I don't remember exactly but – okay, um, I don't remember exactly

but the show is called, It seems like there is something to say.

INTERPRETER:

Can I write it down in Russian and then - - -





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PRIOR:

Yes. Sorry.

INTERPRETER:

No. That's all right.

A Okay. So – so the show is called, There's something to say.

PRIOR:

Q116. Yes.

A And the channel is called Soyuz.

Q117. Right.

A Yes. So you can probably ...(indistinct)...

Q118. Right. Is it a religious show?

A Yes it is.

Q119. Yes. And what language do they speak on the TV show?

A It's in Russian.

Q120. When Father Christopher was on the show did he speak Russian or

English?

A In Russian.

Q121. Russian. Okay. And then you said that your family became

acquainted with Father Christopher. Tell me how your family

became acquainted with him.

A My mum saw – I mean, my family saw Father Christopher on the TV.

And a bit later we became acquainted over the internet. We spoke on

Skype every day. My family saw him, he saw my family.

Q122. Okay. When he talks about his family, who in his family?

A Me, my mum and saw my sister as well.

Q123. Sister. Okay. All righty. And you said you became acquainted via

the internet.

A Yes. So – so they became friends - - -

Q124. Friends.

A --- like, over the internet.

Q125. And what – you said Skype, was there any other social media that

you became friends with?

A He became acquainted on Skype and then we found each other in The Contact. It's a Russian networking site. It's called The Contact.

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Q126. Russian network site. Can you ask him about that site?

A He – he can write the URL for you.

Q127. Yes.

A Just there.

Q128. So that's a v and a k.

A Yeah.

Q129. Okay. And what do you use that site for?

A Social networking site to speak with friends, to communicate with friends – all my friends from my town are registered on this social website. It's like Facebook.

Q130. Okay. All right. And was your name on this site? I'll give you a bit of paper and you can write it down for me. So your - - -

#### INTERPRETER:

He's going to - it's in Russian because he had to type it in Russian.

#### PRIOR:

Q131. That's okay. So that's you?

A Yes. That's how he's registered on the site. It's his pseudonym.

Q132. Okay. What does that mean? Does that mean anything?

A It's his mother's maiden name.

Q133. Okay. All right. And who uses this name on your - is this only for

you or does your family use this?

A So his whole family uses that name.

Q134. Okay. All right. And how would we find Father Christopher? What

name does he use? ...(indistinct)...

A Christopher VAHABOV.

Q135. Okay. All right. And so can he talk to you on this site?

A Yes, but we mainly use Skype to communicate.

Q136. Okay.

Do you want to ask any questions about that ... (indistinct)...?

### GARDINER:

(No audible reply)



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Q160. Yes?

A --- S K I.

Q161. Okay. From South Australia.

A From Adelaide.

Q162. Okay. And who was that group?

A Her, Father Christopher were speaking with and his mother.

Q163. Okay. Okay. All right. Did your mother ask about you coming to Australia, or did Father Christopher suggest you coming to

Australia?

INTERPRETER:

The very first time?

PRIOR:

Yes.

A My mother asked him because she knew my dream.

Q164. Okay. And he said - - -

A He, um, willingly – he said yes, kindly said yes.

...(indistinct)... questions about ...(indistinct)... prior to ...(indistinct)...

Q165. ...(indistinct)... the only question is, when you went on to the social

website, the Russian networking line, how did you find

...(indistinct)...

INTERPRETER:

Why or how?

PRIOR:

How.

A So when they were speaking on Skype it was his mum on their side

and on his side it was just him. And then he doesn't remember whether it was him or whether his mum, whether he found –

Christopher found - - -

Q166. Okav.

A --- him or they found him. He just remembered his mum found him

- on the site.

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Q167. Okay. His mum found him.

Do you have any other questions?

GARDINER:

(No audible reply)

PRIOR:

No? Okay.

Q168.

So you said before that Christopher – (cough) excuse me – Christopher kindly agreed and then you came to Australia on an Etihad flight on the fourth of July. Is that correct?

INTERPRETER:

Was it fourth?

PRIOR:

Fourth.

A Yes, he came on Etihad, fourth of July.

Q169. Who organised the flights?

INTERPRETER:

Who paid for the flights?

PRIOR:

Q170.

Both who - - -

Α

My mum bought all the tickets and sent me.

Q171.

Who booked the tickets?

Α

There was a flight coming out of the International Airport in Minsk.

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A THE INTERPRETER (Answering on behalf of interviewee): My mum found them and paid for the tickets.



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PRIOR:

Q172.

Do you know how much it cost?

Two thousand dollars.

Q173.

Where did your mother get the money from?

INTERPRETER:

Where?

PRIOR:

Q174.

Yes, where?

Α

She – on credit to fulfil his dream.

Q175.

Okay. And how did you feel knowing that you were coming to

Australia?

A

He felt that his dream was just about to be fulfilled.

Q176.

And why did you want to come to Australia? It's your dream, but

why?

The first time he saw Australia was on the internet on just a site. There was a video and it said it's the best country in the world. And I don't know why but - but I wanted to find out more about this country. I started reading on the internet. I was very interested about this country. I read books about it. I told my mum all the information that I was absorbing. And his dream came true.

Q177.

Okay. So you arrived here in Sydney on the fourth of July.

Yes.

Q178.

And who met you at the airport?

Α

Father Christopher and Ilena ...(indistinct)...

Q179.

Did they have a sign or did you know their faces?

He saw them straight away.

Q180.

Okay. What did you pack in your suitcase?

Α

Α

My stuff – a book, the visa, my tickets, my passport, my notes, sheet

music and - and tablets in case he gets sick on the flight.

Q181.

Okay. When you said your 'stuff', tell me what stuff did you bring.

Just like T-shirts, a couple of jumpers - - -

Q182.

- - - and a few pairs of socks and my undergarments.

Q183.

And how long were you planning on staying for?



A He's got a ticket that says it that he has to – to fly out back home ninth of September.

Q184. Do you go to school?

INTERPRETER:

In Russia or here?

PRIOR:

Q185. In Russia.

INTERPRETER:

Sorry, got the wrong pronunciation.

PRIOR:

Q186. Sorry.

A Yes, he does.

Q187. And what school?

A Middle School.

Q188. Middle School. And what - is it a class or grade?

A Class. Year nine.

Q189. Year nine.

A So in Russia you can either finish in – until year nine or year eleven.

Q190. Okay. Are you finished now or are you going to go to year eleven?

He hasn't thought about it yet. If it works out, then yes.

the same and agree and the same and the same

Q191. Is school sitting in Bella Russia at the moment?

INTERPRETER:

No, I've got a wrong spell. He's - - -

PRIOR:

Okay. Sorry.

A It's the holidays, school holidays.

PRIOR:

Q192. Holidays.



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A Summer holidays.

Q193. And when does school go back?

A So – so the school year's first of October until – the last day is – the – the last day of May and they had to, for his visa, they had to submit

this - - -

Q194. Okay.

Α

A --- these forms to show that.

Q195. All right. So when you arrived you were met by Father Christopher

and Ilena. Where did you go from the airport? Where did you go to?

They went to eighteen Chelmsford Avenue to that church – Croydon.

Q196. And who lives at that address?

A Father Christopher.

Q197. How long did you stay at this address for?

I don't remember exactly but some person in the – probably some person in a position – the church says that it looks bad that he's living there. It's like some kind of wrangle within the church. I don't

know how to translate.

Q198. Why would they say it looks bad you living there?

A He – he doesn't know why. He would say that he – nothing comes

into - crosses his mind as why he would say that.

Q199. Can you draw for me what the house, or the place that you stayed in

in Chelmsford Avenue – where you stayed, where you slept, what was in the room, all that sort of stuff? Yes. So I'm going to give you

this bit of paper.

A Yeah. He wants to do a top view.

Q200. Up and down. Yes. Perfect.

A Just his room or everything?

Q201. Maybe explain to us first of all - - -

INTERPRETER:

Yes.

PRIOR:

Q202. --- what it was and then I'll get him to draw what we need.

INTERPRETER:

What the whole thing is?



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PRIOR:

Q203.

Yes, just explain to us about where he stayed.

INTERPRETER:

So do you want him to draw it or just verbally?

PRIOR:

Q204.

First of all just verbally, please.

Α

He'd prefer to draw it.

Q205.

Perfect. Okay.

(indistinct background conversation)

Α

Α

That's a door.

Q206.

It's a door. Yes. You can write it in Russian. That's okay.

He was telling me earlier he wants to become and architect.

Q207.

Very good. You have to go to university.

...(indistinct)...

#### INTERPRETER:

He said he – he ate last and he had dinner and he said he's not hungry 'cause he's not used to the fatty food.

Α

So he'll draw the bedroom now.

PRIOR:

Q208.

Okay.

Α

And that's the lounge.

Q209.

Yes. Okay. Can you explain to me what's in this room?

Δ

It's the kitchen.

Q210.

Yes.

Α

Fridge - it - it's got the sink - - -

Q211.

Yes.

Α

- - - oven, the table - - -

Q212.

Table. Yes.



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A --- there's a exit there. This is the door to the other room. That's the lounge. Heater – electric heater, TV. That's the bed. That's the bathroom and that's, like, a closet for – it's not a closet. It's just where they hang, like, jackets. Yes.

Q213. Okay. All right. And who lives here?

A When he arrived or while he's here he has to live with Father Christopher.

Q214. Okay. So where did you stay? Where did you sleep?

A On the bed.

Q215. Okay.

A And he slept on the lounge.

Q216. So who slept on the lounge?

A He did. Father Christopher slept on the – on the lounge, on the couch.

Q217. Yes.

A And he slept - slept in the bed.

Q218. Okay.

A There was a small pillow. That's a bigger pillow.

Q219. Okay. And you said before that Father Christopher used to Skype

you. What did he use to Skype you on?

A On Notebook and also Tablet. Yeah, Tablet. So just a screen like a

phone screen.

Q220. Okay. And where would he keep them?

A He had a table next to the - - -

Q221. Okay.

A And there was a Notebook on that table.

Q222. Mm.

A Brand, Toshiba. And also Samsung Tablet.

Q223. And where did you keep your things when you ...(indistinct)...?

There was a cupboard there full of Father Christopher's stuff. My stuff was – there were, like, drawers that come out of the bed and

that's where stuff was kept.

Q224. And how long did you stay in here for?

A He's not exactly sure about the time but then they went to visit

Father Christopher's friends.

Q225. How much money did you bring with you?



PRIOR:

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My mum gave me - she gave me money for dinner in Abu Dhabi Α because he was meant to change planes - twenty American dollars. Q226. What money has he been using when he's been in Australia? Father Christopher made all the purchases. So all the purchases were made on Australian dollars belonging to Father Christopher. Q227. Was there any agreement between his family and Father Christopher in relation to money? As in, ...(indistinct)... his mum - and so his mum was transfer Α money. Q228. Mm. The only – the only money that he brought was the twenty dollars that his mum gave him for dinner in Abu Dhabi. Q229. Has Father Christopher asked you for any money? No. Q230. Did Father Chris know that you were coming with no money? Yeah, he knew that he was coming with no money. Q231. And the ticket that was purchased, was that one way or a return ticket? Α It was a return ticket. A thousand dollars here, a thousand dollars there. That's the cost of the ticket. He's got the ticket. He's already got the return ticket. He could show it to you if you like. Do you want to see it? Q232. No. It's okay. INTERPRETER: No. PRIOR: It's okay. Q233. Has there been any talk - - -Sorry? GARDINER: No, that's fine.

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Q234.

Has there been any talk while you're here about going to school here?

INTERPRETER:

From him to - - -

PRIOR:

Q235.

...(indistinct)...

Α

No. No one's asked. He's had a dream to link his life Australia but but he - he always was dreaming to end up in a different city - in Melbourne. And he wanted to - he didn't want to study there but he just – he just wanted to visit, he wanted to come first as a tourist.

Q236.

Okay. Have you got any plans to go to Melbourne or visit any other

parts of Australia?

A

Now?

Q237.

Now. ...(indistinct)... - - -

Α

The problem is some people started threatening them and interrupting his time here. He's - he's - he's been through a lot of stress and it's starting to affect his health and he thinks that he won't be able to stay here until September.

Q238.

Can you tell me more about the people threatening you and - - they're saying - so these people -They're threatening, not to these – he's only bumped into them once and they don't carry any responsibility for him. Before this he didn't even know about their existence.

Q239.

Who are they?

I'm not exactly sure but - but they're friends of Father Christopher. They started saying that he's not meant to stay - that meant to stay in this country. And they started following and, like, ...(indistinct)... like stalking kind of, writing announcements and threatening to call the police. These people ruined his whole time here.

Q240.

Did they do anything to you?

They didn't do anything physically to him. I just started worrying and this affects his nerves. I'm worried because they're threatening They're threatening Ilya through Father Christopher, that he's not meant to be in Australia.

Q241.

Is there any other reason why they're threatening, apart from he's

not meant to be in Australia?

Α

I don't know what their reason is. I didn't do anything wrong or anything bad. I've never even seen these people in the flesh. They -



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they just – they just, like, butted into his holiday that he doesn't – he shouldn't be here anymore. They started threatening to call the police. They were saying that - they had nothing to do with his arrival in Australia but they said that everything – that they have to account for everything that happens to them.

Q242. Okay. And do you know their names?

A I don't know what their names are.

Q243. Okay. And have you been to where they live?

A Because he's never seen them in the flesh, he's never bumped into them and especially he's never been to their house.

A I told that they were sending – he was told that they made a – that they passed a message on that he is not allowed to come here. First they said that – that they – where they're go 'to be. And – and – and then they said that Ilya's got no right to be here at all.

Q245. Okay. And how does Father Christopher know these people?

A lt's his colleagues.

#### INTERPRETER:

Should I ask where he heard?

PRIOR:

Yes.

A Father Christopher told him that he can't stay here because it might be dangerous for his well being in terms of that these people could start, yeah, that these people could not only ruin my vacation but they could like affect my nerves and health. I'm just glad if I – Father Christopher told me this.

Q246. Do you know when Father Christopher told you this?

He – he – he told him recently that this started within two days of him arriving here.

#### INTERPRETER:

I'll ask if anyone else except for Christopher has told ...(indistinct)...

A He – they also were in company at one point with some other people who also said that they have seen these threats and stuff like that.

(indistinct conversation)



#### PRIOR:

Q247. Just ask him when he says they started stalking, what does he mean by that?

A They started saying that my – me being here is unlawful although we applied with all the documents and – and we think that if it was illegal me being here that he wouldn't have gotten a visa. Well, that's it.

Q248. I know it's very long. Do you need to take a break?

A No. He's saying it's fine.

Q249. He's okay? Okay. You said when you came to Australia you went to the Opera House and a concert. What concert did you go to?

Symphony orchestra. They went with some person from the church and – and a friend of Father Christopher, Irena PALONOVA.

Q250. And then you've been to the city more than once. How many times have you been to the city?

A Because they go to the city quite often. We're always out.

Q251. Okay. And you've been to the Aquarium? Yeah.

Q252. And you said you've been to lots of restaurants? A Yes.

Q253. And who paid for all those activities?

A Father Christopher.

Q254. Okay. Has Father Christopher bought you any other things when you've been here in Australia?

A Yes. He's took us to restaurants to – so I can try real Western food and so I could see some real sharks. I've been to two shopping centres.

Q255. Mm. A Westfield and Broadway.

Q256. Did you buy anything at Westfield?

A Yeah, we bought quite a few things at Westfield.

Q257. What did you buy?

A He said, do you want him to name everything 'cause there's a lot of stuff?

Q258. Everything that Father Christopher has bought for you.

A He bought me, at my request, sneakers.

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Q259.

Yes. Which brand?

Α

Those. It doesn't say.

Q260.

They're like ...(indistinct)... skate shoes.

INTERPRETER:

...(indistinct)...

PRIOR:

Yes.

Q261.

Yes. What else did - - -

Δ

Clothes.

Q262.

Yes. What clothes?

Α

That.

Q263.

Jumper. This T-shirt?

Sorry?

Α

This T-shirt?

Q264. A

THE INTERPRETER (Answering on behalf of interviewee): Yes.

Q265.

Yes. What else?

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Australian flag. Australian flags, too.

Q266.

Yes. What else?

Δ

More clothes. We went to the supermarket in Westfield.

Q267.

Yes. What did you buy at the supermarket?

Α

Just food.

Q268.

Food. Okay. Right. Do you have a mobile phone?

Δ

Yes.

Q269.

And where did you get your mobile phone from?

Α

My mum bought it for me.

Q270.

Do you have credit on your mobile phone?

Α

I've got an Australian SIM card.

Q271.

And who bought that for you?

Δ

Father Christopher.

Q272.

Okay. And has he made any phone calls to anybody?

Α

When he's within a Wi-Fi hot spot he calls his mum.



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Q273. Okay.

A But through the internet, not ...(indistinct)...

Q274. Okay. And then you said you served in the church?

Yes, I tried to help around the church. There was – there's – there was a number of Australian boys his age as well. They were helping

the same as him, exactly the same as him.

Q275. And what did you do?

A So during religious things they handed - like, handing candles

...(indistinct)... just ceremonies.

Q276. And how often did you do that in the church?

A He went to a few services.

Q277. Did you make any friends with any other Australian boys or girls?

Any idea?

A He made friends with some other – some of the other boys that have

helped out ...(indistinct)...

Q278. Do you ever go out with any of those boys?

A No.

...(indistinct)... do you have any questions ...(indistinct)... ?

Q279. Just in relation to the services, which church did you do the services

at?

A The – the one that he said before.

(indistinct conversation)

Q280. In relation to the things that Father Christopher bought you on your

request, do you know how much in Australian dollars that comes to?

A He doesn't know.

Q281. Okay. And then you said you weren't sure how long you stayed in

here for. Did you go anywhere else after this place?

#### INTERPRETER:

So where did he go to live?

PRIOR:

Yes.

A Together with Father Christopher we stayed at – at his friend's

house. And he met these people in Australia.



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Q282. And who are these people?

A Professional – what their names are – he doesn't know the

surnames. He only knows the first names.

Q283. Okay. What are they?

A Sveta, Sveta, Stas, Stas ---

Q284. Yes.

A --- which is short for Stanislav, I think.

Q285. Stanislav. Yes.

A So Sveta ...(indistinct)... and then there's Valentine, Valentine - - -

Q286. Valentine. Yes.

A --- and Father Ivan ---

Q287. Ivan, yes.

A --- and Ilena VALENTINA(?) and ...(indistinct)... POLOVA(?),

those - - -

Q288. Yes.

A --- ones that were mentioned before. That's the people that he saw

in the flesh.

Q289. Okay. So did you stay with all those people you just mentioned? Do

they live in the one house or do they live in separate houses?

A No, they live in separate houses.

Q290. Okay. Tell me about who lives in what house?

A He's not sure.

Q291. Not sure?

A So when he came to work for about a week and a half in the

church - - -

Q292. Yes.

A --- so they stayed at different friend's places ---

Q293. Yes. Who were the friends?

A --- after a week and a half.

Q294. Okay.

A And they were the friends.

PRIOR:

Okay. We need to know in order - - -

INTERPRETER:



Yes.

PRIOR:

- - - who he stayed with. So house one ... (indistinct)... friends - - -

INTERPRETER:

Okay. Okay.

PRIOR:

- - - ...(indistinct)...

A So that at first they were at Svetlana's. And then – he didn't take too much notice of how many nights they stayed.

Q295. Okay. And did yourself and Father Christopher stay with you at Svetlana's?

A Yeah. He always stayed with him. We also went to – we also stayed at Father David's.

Q296. Father David. Where does Father David live?

A He – he doesn't remember the addresses. He doesn't know

addresses.

Q297. Do you know why he had to move around all different houses?

There were a few variants that we assumed. The, like, head of the church just said that houldn't live in the church. They were told that – so they were told that someone has to be staying with them.

Q298. Okay.

A So they've got to be in someone's presence – when – when we were filling the visa documents out. That wasn't a condition of the visa application.

Q299. Why does he think that someone told them that someone has to stay with them?

A It was a phone conversation and he was present for this phone conversation. He doesn't know why they would say that. It's very strange people.

Q300. How does it make you feel? How does it make you feel that this has happened?

A It makes him like miserable and in a bad situation. He – he – he doesn't know why they suddenly just ...(indistinct)... if everything was as per the law.



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Q301. When you stayed at the other people's houses, where did you sleep?

A He can draw you plans - - -

Q302. Yes.

A --- or just answer. Otherwise, it's goin' to be a lot of drawing.

Q303. Yes. He can just answer.

A He slept in the bedroom and Father Christopher slept in – on the

lounge in the guest room.

Q304. Okay.

A In all the places.

Q305. Okay. Did anyone ask you any questions about Father Christopher?

A No one asked him questions about Christopher.

Q306. Can I just get you, on here, to write your name and do your signature

and put the date, which is still ...(indistinct)...?

(indistinct conversation)

Just, the time is eight – eleven eighteen and Detective Senior Constable Lee GARDINER leaves the room.

Q307. Okay. I'm still going to ask you some questions while Detective

GARDINER is out of the room. Okay. How did you get to the locations, to these different locations around Sydney, and to the

different houses?

A On a car.

Q308. In a car?

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Q309. Whose car?

A THE INTERPRETER (Answering on behalf of interviewee): It was

always cars, um, of the friends - of his friends.

Q310. Does Father Christopher have a car?

A No, he doesn't.

Q311. Okay. Did you take any photos of yourself with Father Christopher?

A He didn't and they don't have any photos.



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Q312. And what do you mean by photos? There's no photos. A There's no photographs of him and Father Christopher.

Q313. Okay.

A So he took photos of him so he was requesting Father Christopher to take photos of him next to the skyscrapers.

Q314. Okay.

A On his phone.

Q315. Okay. So Father Christopher took photos of you on your phone sightseeing.

A At his request, at request.

Q316. Did Father Christopher take any photos of you without your request?

A No, he was only – only asking himself to – for himself.

Q317. Is there anything else that you can remember about your time here in Australia that you want to tell me?

A He thinks that he's covered everything ...(indistinct)... We – they also went to Manly with his friend.

Q318. Manly.

A Christopher's friends, yeah.

Q319. Okay. Do you like being here in Australia?

A It's his dream. He likes it.

Q320. Yes.

A Except for a few moments, with the exception of a few moments.

Q321. What moments have they been?

A He – he never thought that he would end up in a police station in Australia.

Q322. How does it make you feel?

A He – he's unsure. He's unsure why – why he's here. He doesn't know what your suspicions are or what police suspicions are. He wants to know.

Q323. All right.

A Is he able to find out?

Q324. Yes. We can talk about some things. Yes. I'll wait for the other Detective to come back into the room. Okay. I must – you're not in any trouble. Okay?

A He – he – he knows that.

Q325. Okay.



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A He's thinking not about himself.

Q326. Yes.

A His mum is goin' to be worried.

Q327. Okay.

A That's what he's worried about.

Q328. Have you spoken to your mother?

A When? Since he got here?

Q329. Yes.

A No. No. No.

Q330. No. How many times have you spoken to your mum since you've

been here in Australia?

A ...(indistinct)... every afternoon. We've got a seven hour time

difference. So they – they always speak at eight pm and his mum sees him on Skype eight pm our time, which is seven hours back. Seven hours back in – in Bella Russia. It's one pm in Bella Russia

when it's eight pm here.

Q331. Does your mum work?

A Yeah, she works.

Q332. What does she work as?

A She works at a – at a railway station receiving some kind of goods or

something like that.

Q333. Is your family wealthy or is your family poor or medium?

A Medium.

Q334. Medium?

A Yeah.

Q335. And what about your sister? Did she want to come to Australia as

well?

A His sister wants to go to – his sister wants to go to England.

Q336. England. Do you think that one day she could go to England?

A She wants to study and maybe in the future she might go there.

Q337. What's your favourite part of Australia?

A His favourite thing is the Anzac Bridge.

Q338. Anzac Bridge.

A The trip to Manly is very memorable. And he really likes the city.

Q339. The city. Yes. What about our food? Do you like our food?



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A He likes it.

(indistinct conversation)

So time is eleven twenty-eight and Detective Senior Constable Lee GARDINER enters the room.

Q340. So we were talking about the food. What was your favourite food?

A Kentucky Fried chicken.

GARDINER:

...(indistinct)...

PRIOR:

Q341. Kentucky. That's naughty food.

A THE INTERPRETER (Answering on behalf of interviewee): Yeah, so when he says restaurants it's like Chinese restaurants, Japanese

restaurants so - - -

Q342. Okay. But you like Kentucky Fried chicken?

A It's his first time that he's tried it.

Q343. Really? Wow.

(indistinct conversation)

INTERPRETER:

I might get one later.

PRIOR:

Q344. Okay. The detective has some questions for you.

(indistinct conversation)

After?

GARDINER:

Yes.

PRIOR:

Yes. Okay.

INTERPRETER:



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You shoul	d ask him if he's hungry.
GARDINE	R:
Yes.	
PRIOR:	
Yes, we're	about to
INTERPRE	ETER:
Someone	can get him some KFC.
PRIOR:	
Yes. Yes,	we're about to wrap up shortly.
INTERPRE	ETER:
Okay.	
PRIOR:	
Q345.	We're going to finish shortly. So I'll ask you if you have any questions for us in a little bit but I just want to ask you a few more questions. Has there been any time when you've been here with Father Christopher where he has been inappropriate towards you? He said can you elaborate?
Q346.	Do you understand what I mean about inappropriate? Do you know what that word means?
INTERPRE	ETER:
Well	
PRIOR:	
Is that a d	ifferent
INTERPRE	ETER:
Yes.	
PRIOR:	
Does that	translate differently?

INTERPRETER:

Yes. Can I have a look?

PRIOR:

Yes.

INTERPRETER:

I'll just have a quick look just what the best way to translate that word is.

PRIOR:

I can just go straight into it.

Q347. Has Father Christopher touched you in any way?

INTERPRETER:

Should I ask as in like in just general touch?

PRIOR:

In an inappropriate way.

A No, there was nothing like that.

Q348. Would you be comfortable to tell us if there was something like that?

A He wants to know exactly – elaborate.

Q349. Okay. So has Father Christopher touched you in any of your private

areas of your body?

INTERPRETER:

So there's no word for private areas, should I just say it the way - - -

PRIOR:

Yes. Yes. Just ...(indistinct)... - - -

A (laughs)

THE INTERPRETER (Answering on behalf of interviewee): That never happened and Father Christopher knows that he's got a girlfriend in Bella Russia.

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- Q350. Okay. All right. Has Father Christopher told you that he has any type of feelings for you?
- He's never said anything if someone said that to him he would be back home a long time ago. He he thinks that it's it's that would be improper. He he just couldn't remain here if that would've happened. Father Christopher only has normal normal train of thought. My family has been speaking to him for a long time. And when my mum asked him, can you take can you accept my son in Australia she explained that it was his dream and that it was his dream for a long time to end up in Australia. And he answered, why not? I just think that it's human qualities Father Christopher is a good person and he helped him realise his dream.
- Q351. Okay. You asked before about why you are at the police station. A Yes. Why is he here?
- Q352. Yes. It is my job as a police officer to make sure that you are protected and your rights and your freedoms are protected.

  A So he's asking, did it have to like, was it always goin' to happen that police have to question him on his first flight to Australia? Which is, obviously, no.
- Q353. No. But I will go into a little bit more detail. I just have a few more questions.
- A Yes, that's fine.
- Q354. Did Father Christopher ever massage you? A No.
- Q355. Did he ever shower with you?

  A No. He's not very comfortable with these questions but if it's required - -
- Q356. Yes, it is. Yes. Yes. We only have one more question. How was he dressed of a night time?
- A Um, so he doesn't know but they used to watch a movie in English with him because Father Christopher said that he would help him learn the English language. Then he would take his phone and would and would go to his bedroom, close the door and not on the lock but just shut the door. He he would speak to his friends over that networking site.
- Q357. Okay.

  And he would go to sleep. That's why he didn't see what he was wearing.
- Q358. Okay. What about when you were together in his house?

  A He wore a standard dress. He always wore a warm jumper and pants

   and socks and shoes.



Q359.

Okay.

Δ

Slippers.

Do you have any more questions?

#### GARDINER:

Q360.

Was there anybody else that went to church with you when you first

arrived or - - -

#### INTERPRETER:

From the airport?

#### GARDINER:

No. More so between the one and a half weeks whilst he was in the actual church. ...(indistinct)... was there anybody else going to the - - -

#### INTERPRETER:

Do you mean like in the house of the church or the actual church?

#### GARDINER:

The church itself.

A To the actual room or the actual church?

Q361. The church.

A Visitors to the church, to pray, people.

Q362. Okay.

PRIOR:

Q363. As I was saying before that, my job is to make sure that kids are

protected and when you have a situation where we have a man who is a lot older than you and you're under the age of sixteen we have to make sure that you are okay and certain things aren't happening to

you that are inappropriate.

A Nothing bad happens. So he's remembering Sydney and the only

bad, negative thing happened was that he ended up here.

Q364. Yes

A So to say things like what we're talking about, in Father

Christopher's mind, it would never have crossed his mind to do

something like that.



Q365. Okay.

A He's got a very negative view towards those kinds of people, people

who do that.

Q366. Okay. All right. Well, thank you for talking to us. I know it has been

hard for you to tell us, you know, and especially the last part, to talk about those private things but, as police, my job is to make sure that you are okay ...(indistinct)... so our officials can make decisions on your behalf that are the right decisions because you are under the age of sixteen and you don't have a parent with you. So we have to

make sure you're safe.

A He understands.

Q367. Okay. Do you have any questions you want to ask?

A He's got no questions now.

Q368. Okay. All right. Thank you for talking. It's been very long. One

more thing. Has everything you've told me been the truth?

A It's the truth. He didn't tell one lie.

Q369. Okay. Thank you. All right.

The time is eleven forty-one and this interview between Senior Constable Jane PRIOR is now finished.

and Detective

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