

**STATEMENT OF A WITNESS**

**In the matter of:** Strike Force ZAMA  
**Place:** Police Headquarters Parramatta  
**Date:** 10 August 2014

**Name:** Father David LLOYD

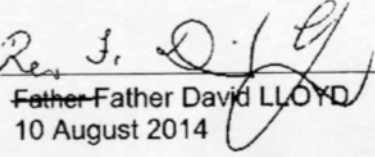
**STATES:**

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 62 years of age.
3. I am a British Citizen and I have resided in Australia on and off for 62 years. I am a Priest of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Australia. I have been a Priest for 6 years, almost 7 years. I am a roving priest where I cover all the parishes throughout New South Wales. I am also a registered Migration Agent (registration number 9251054). I am a Justice of the Peace, a member of the Migration Institute of Australia, a founding member of the Refugee Council of Australia, part of the Russian Relief Association and a member of the New South Wales Commission for Children. Up until last year I was also the director for the Migration Bureau.
4. I initially became aware of Father Chris, who I also know as Stanislav VAKHABOV, when he was referred to Australia by Metropolitan Hillarion (who is also the Archbishop of Australia and New Zealand) around 2011. It was originally intended that Father Chris become the Parish Priest in Dublin, Ireland. However, this did not go ahead due to, I believe, the economic crisis at the time and the Church did not think they had enough funds to support father Chris. Therefore it was suggested he come the Croydon Church All Saints of Russia in Australia. I completed all the relevant documentation to facilitate Father Chris coming to Australia. His two year Religious Working Visa was granted in 2012 and Father Chris arrived in Australia in

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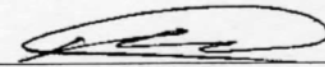
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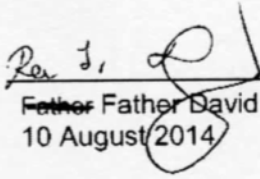
December 2012. He commenced working as the Rector (first priest who is in charge) at Croydon Church All Saints of Russia on his arrival. Father Michael LI is the second priest and I am the third priest. The three of us normally serve together. I would see Father Chris on a weekly basis, at least two services a week, sometimes more.

5. Father Chris did not speak about himself much to me, however I knew a bit about his history due to my work as the Migration Agent. I knew he came to us from Tiraspol in Moldova. He was born in Moldova but held Ukrainian citizenship. He had also been to Ireland and Russia. He had been involved in youth projects and church committees. We were told Father Chris spoke fluent English, however he only spoke very little broken English. I speak very little Russian and that made it difficult for us to communicate at length. Father Chris resided in the priest's accommodation attached to the church at 18 Chelmsford Avenue, Croydon. He resided there by himself. Father Chris is a Monk, so he has to be by himself.
6. The residence where Father Chris resided is a small, three bedroom granny flat. One room is the toilet and bathroom, another room is a small bedroom with one bed and a small 2 seater lounge and a desk, and the third room is a small kitchen/dining room. It is very small and suitable for one person.
7. I was personally not impressed with Father Chris from the beginning. I did not find him to be a competent priest. He did not take direction and he was not punctual. He would leave during services and come back during services and take phone calls during services. Things that priests don't do. However, I tried to be supportive of him but he didn't seem to bond with anyone particularly well. Father Chris divided the church in the short time he was there. Most of the parishioners didn't like him, however a small group of elderly women loved him. They would cook for him regularly and mothered him.
8. Father Chris provided church services that would vary week to week. He taught bible studies on Tuesday nights and this is where the elderly women got to know and like him. He also made appearances at youth activities over the Christmas holidays. The youth activities included conventions in Sydney and Melbourne. He also travelled to South Australia, Victoria and New Zealand and conducted services at church there. He taught at the Russian school in Strathfield on Saturday mornings – St Alexander Nevsky.

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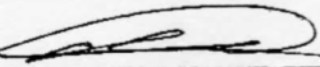
  
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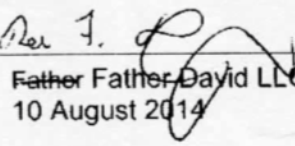
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9. On Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 I was at the church in Croydon and I saw a young boy appear from nowhere during the service. I had not seen this boy before. The boy looked like he was in his early teens. I didn't see the boy with anyone and I was not introduced to him. He was performing altar duties on this day. On Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 I saw the same boy at church again during service. He was performing altar duties. Father Chris introduced him briefly from Belarus and then he was whisked away by Father Chris. At this time I did not think it was too out of the ordinary to have a new altar boy as it was school holidays and quite often the regular altar boys would have their cousins participate during services. However, did not seem to be with any particular family. He was always kept very close to Father Chris.
10. On Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 I saw at the Croydon church again. I spoke briefly to him and he told me he was 14 years old. He did not speak English at all so I spoke with him using my broken Russian. I did not find out anything else about him on this day.
11. There was no church for the rest of that week until Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2014. This was the feast of St Peter and St Paul. We had a service at the cathedral in Strathfield and there was a feast afterwards. Father Chris left straight after the service which was very unusual. I did not see at this service.
12. After the feast my family and I attended the church at Croydon about 2pm where I conducted a Baptism for a family member. When I was in the church I saw that Father Chris' Monk's hat and his case were in the robbing room, so I knew he had been back after the service at Strathfield, however I did not see him. I remained on the church grounds having a picnic with my family during the afternoon. About 5.45pm Father Chris came out of the church and advised me that we had no Deacon for the service at 6pm. This was the first time I has seen Father Chris since the end of the service at Strathfield. I did not see him arrive at the church at any stage while I was there all afternoon. He has direct internal access to the church from his residence. I believe he was in his residence all afternoon.
13. About 6pm when the service started appeared out of nowhere again and performed altar duties. Once again he was not with a family. At the end of the service I asked Father Chris how was getting home. Father Chris said, "It's none of your business." Father Chris and disappeared again.

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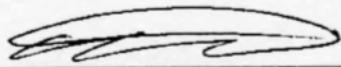
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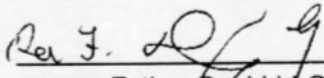
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14. Again on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 [redacted] appeared at the service out of nowhere. He was not with a family or any of the parishioners.
15. By now I was very concerned about [redacted] and where he was staying. On Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 I attended the 8am service at the Croydon church [redacted] was not there. Father Chris arrived about 8.45am and remained there until about 1pm. At this time I went to Father Chris' accommodation and asked to see [redacted]. Father Chris brought [redacted] out of his bedroom. I told Father Chris that [redacted] could not stay with him as it was inappropriate and it was also a breach of his Visa. The head Sister, Lena INGLISS, drove [redacted] to our place that night. I live with my wife Vivienne LLOYD. My children Svetlana and Alexander are grown up and they both have children. My wife and I had plenty of room for [redacted] to stay. I told Father Chris that I would bring [redacted] to church on church days and he would stay with my family at other times.
16. Around this time I also learnt that [redacted] parents had given him permission to travel to Australia, however it was not approved by the church and the church did not know anything about it. I had noticed that Father Chris constantly kept all his blinds drawn which had never been the case before.
17. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2014, when [redacted] stayed with my family he seemed happy to be with us. I didn't find him overly happy before that, He was withdrawn and isolated. When he came to us he settled in and said prayers, we chatted and he seemed happy and comfortable to be there. I asked [redacted] about himself. He told me about his Facebook page. He told me he saw skyscrapers on his Facebook page and the skyscrapers were in Melbourne. He told me that he wanted to be an architect and he wanted to come to Australia. He told me a bit about his family, that he had two sisters. He liked our pet cat and he settled in quite well. I didn't question [redacted] I just let him talk. I wanted him to feel comfortable and welcome.
18. The next morning, the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2014, my wife drove [redacted] to the church in Croydon to spend the day with Father Chris. [redacted] left his back pack and all his belongings at our house because he was due to return that afternoon. There was mention that Father Chris and [redacted] were going to go to Manly for the day, but it was raining so I don't know if they went or not. It was arranged that Father Chris would bring [redacted] back to our house that night between 6pm - 7pm. Father

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Chris does not have a car and does not drive, so the head Sister, Lena INGLISS, was going to drive [redacted] back to our place.

19. By 7pm on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014 [redacted] had still not been returned to my home. About 7.30pm I received a call from Lena INGLISS. Lena told me that Father Chris was not allowing him to be returned. I called Father Michael PROTOPOPOV and informed him that father Chris was refusing to return [redacted] I left it with the church hierarchy to pursue the matter and report it to that police, which they did. I also tried to contact Father Chris on his mobile (I don't remember the number at this time). He didn't answer any of my calls or messages. During Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 I continued to try to contact Father Chris on his mobile number. I also sent him emails. I don't have copies of the emails with me now but I can get them and I will provide them to Detective Senior Constable Melissa HORVAT.

20. Late on Saturday night, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2014, Father Chris finally answered one of my calls.

**He said,** "Father David you're stressing me."

**I said,** "Well I'm still your Migration Agent and I need to see you and speak to you."

**He said,** "Well send me an email with the details."

Father Chris refused to speak to me further. I sent Father Chris and email.

21. On Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014 I attended church at 8am. Father Chris arrived a few minutes later. I was surprised to see him so early, as he usually turned about 8.45am.

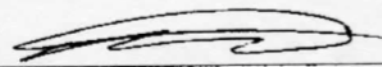
**I said,** "You're here early. Where's [redacted]"

**He said,** "[redacted] not here and you're not going to know where he is."

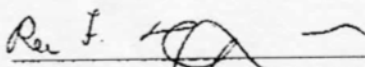
**I said,** "The agreement was that [redacted] would be with me."

**He said,** "That agreements finished, which you should know by now."

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I said, "I want to see [REDACTED]"

He said, "Well you can't."

I said, "I have [REDACTED] backpack, can you return it to him please?"

He said, "Yes, I've got his passport, I've been holding it."

I said, "I didn't know that, I didn't look in his back pack. You got my email regarding your immigration status?"

He said, "Yes, I'm thinking about leaving on Tuesday and going straight home."

I said, "And you know [REDACTED] visa is being cancelled? Immigration department will accept his Visa being transferred to me. I will see he gets his holiday. Especially if you're leaving on Tuesday."

He said, "No way."

I said, "Can I see [REDACTED]"

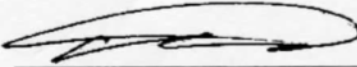
He said, "No, you're never seeing him again."

22. We conducted the service and Father Chris left straight after the service about 10.35am.

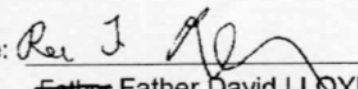
Father Chris left over the back fence, which is the way he arrived, He told me he arrived via the back fence. The church owns the property which backs onto the church. The property is a house which is subdivided into flats which are rented out. The property is on Malvern Hill Road, I can't remember the street number.

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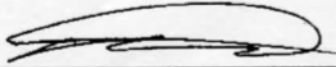
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23. I had no further contact with Father Chris or [REDACTED] I was contacted by police on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2014 and I attended Burwood Police Station that evening. I assisted the police with their investigation.

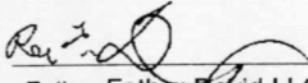
24. I am aware that [REDACTED] has since returned home to Belarus. I made contact with [REDACTED] mother [REDACTED] via email. I wanted to make sure that [REDACTED] was alright. [REDACTED] has since sent me several emails. I have provided copies of those emails to Detective Senior Constable Melissa HORVAT.

I now produce three pages of email correspondence between myself and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Rev. D.L. 11/8/2014

David Lloyd

From: [redacted]  
Sent: Friday, 8 August 2014 6:56 PM  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: Re: ??????? ? ?????? ???? ???????????

Translation of email 8.8.2014

Дорогая в Христе [redacted]

Я очень рад что Вы ничего мерзкого не увидели на странице у [redacted] потому что это значит что я оповестил нашу полицейскую службу вовремя и все было снято, поскольку я был уверен в [redacted] так же как и в своем собственном сыне Саше, и очень благодарен Господу за такой исход дела. Я искренно верю Божья правда восторжествует поскольку [redacted] так как и мой Саша, хороший верующий молодой человек .

Надеюсь на то что нам с Вами удастся когда нибудь встретится и тогда я смогу Вам рассказать обо всем что произошло более подробно.

Как я ране Вам писал [redacted] только надо мне сказать и я постараюсь сделать для него все что в моих силах. \*

Всегда там где Господь будет и дьявол, и в этом случае он в лице Вахабова старался погубить таких право стоящих как мы с [redacted] но я также уверен в том что Господь победит его. Мы это видим в том что Вахабова должны были выслать из страны сначала 6 того потом 8 ого Августа а теперь его задержали на еще два месяца пока не расследуют как следует его поступки.

Ваш в Христе  
Отец Давид

On 8 Aug 2014, at 2:16 pm, "David Lloyd" [redacted] > wrote:

Thanks Natalie  
Transiation please

My Dear In Christ

Madam [redacted]

I am glad you did not see in [redacted] page anything disgusting I may have gotten to the Police in time. I understand it is now gone.

As i said I see [redacted] as my own son Sasha, I have no doubt about [redacted] being anything but good. I thank God you did not see what they did then.

i truly believe God's truth will triumph here and know [redacted] is a good Church going boy just like my Sasha. I pray one day we might meet and I can explain things better.

If [redacted] needs anything he just has to ask and if it is in my power i will give it to him. Where God is working the Devil try's his hardest. God is with Ilya and the Devil Vakhabov is trying his hardest to destroy [redacted] and I. God will win Vakhabov has not been deported he was to go on the 6<sup>th</sup> then the 8<sup>th</sup> now he will be here another two months while investigations continue.

In Christ Fr David

From: [redacted]  
Sent: Friday, 8 August 2014 1:51 PM  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: Re: ??????? ? ?????? ???? ???????????



Translation of email dated 7.8.2014

Recd. D. L. Lloyd 1/8/2014

Dear Father David

You know that on [redacted]'s page I couldn't see anything that that could be misconstrued. My son has never done anything disgusting! Even if people like Bakhobov and his supporters are trying to discredit [redacted] there is still God who knows everything and sees everything in people's hearts. I am relying on God's will.

[redacted] himself wanted to attend church when in Australia however, Vakhobov would not permit him to and locked his door.

I am a firm believer that God in his fairness will assist us since [redacted] has become victim of Vakhobov behaviour.

God's truth will always triumph!

With respect  
The Lords Servant

On 8 Aug 2014, at 11:33 am, "David Lloyd" [redacted] wrote:

Sorry can I have a translation please  
Thanks David

**From:** [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 August 2014 9:55 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: ??????? ? ?????? ???? ????????????

from [redacted] to Lloyd

Дорогой отец Дэвид!!! Вы знаете в контакте на странице у [redacted] я ничего не вижу, за что его можно осудить. Мой сын никогда ничем мерзким не занимался! Даже если [redacted] и порочат такие люди, как Вахабов и его сторонники, то есть ГОСПОДЬ, который всё знает и видит сердца людей. И я надеюсь на ГОСПОДА и его волю! [redacted] хотел и в церковь там у Вас ходить, но Вахабов его не пускал, закрывал на замок. Я верю в БОЖЬЮ справедливость и так как [redacted] стал жертвой Вахабова, то ГОСПОДЬ нам поможет. Правда БОЖЬЯ всегда торжествует!!! С уважением раба [redacted]

Thu, 7 Aug 2014 18:32:38 +1000 от "David Lloyd" <[redacted]>:

Дорогая в Христе [redacted]

Я отношусь с таким же уважением к Вашему сыну [redacted] как и к моему сыну Саше. Как только я узнал о том что Вахабов написал в социальной сети сидя в камере в центре задержания, я быстро отрицал эту информацию и оповестил Вас о том что было написано. Я сейчас прикладываю все усилия что бы у Ильи имя осталось чистым и ожидаю что Вахабова накажут за его поступки. Здесь ежедневно появляется больше информации о его действиях и в Воскресение я еще раз должен буду пойти в полицейский участок на собеседования.

Rev F. J. L. 1.18/2014

Dear Father David,

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the assistance that you gave to my son and would like to pay homage to you and your Matushka. Father David, I can honestly say, and am happy to swear before an icon of Our Lord, that I am telling the truth in that my son, [REDACTED] is a normal boy whom I trust. He did not say anything untoward about Vakhobov even though Vakhobov was maligning people who only wanted to do the right thing by him. Vakhobov enticed my child and courted him, touching him in intimately, my son did not know what to do in this situation. It's difficult enough for adults to know how to react let alone a child who has not been confronted with this two-faced behaviour particularly especially as he was in in a foreign country where he did not know the laws in this regard.

Vakbanov constantly told [REDACTED] that you and Father Protopopov belonged to a sect and that he had photographic evidence to prove this, however he never actually showed the photo to [REDACTED]

He also told me via Skype all sorts of nonsense and said I should write to Metropolitan Illarion but send the letter to him to pass on. He also stated that if [REDACTED] went to Lloyd then anything could happen to him and one would never know where he might end up. I asked him why he had not reported this situation to the parish leaders and he replied that the Metropolitan was absent and all the rest belonged to the sect and had turned against him.

The social networks are not proof of defamation about a child - one can enter his page and write a lot of nonsense about him quite easily.

It seems to me that Vakhobov will go unpunished. At first I simply relied on God and believed truth would triumph. However Vakhobov is the epitome of evil, masquerading behind two-facedness.

Up until now it is [REDACTED] who has been questioned but Vakhobov was the actual perpetrator and he is hiding behind his parishioners.

With respect,

Servant of the Lord,  
[REDACTED]