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Police Statement

Statement in the matter of R v Bruce Emery Lehrmann

Name Marcus Colin Boorman
Occupation Detective Inspector of Police
Date 29 July 2021

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. My full name is Marcus Colin Boorman. I am a Detective Inspector of Police with the Australian Federal Police (AFP) currently attached to Australian Capital Territory Policing (ACTP). I hold to position of Crime Manager Major Crime within Criminal Investigations located at Winchester Police Centre (WPC), cnr Benjamin Way and College Street, Belconnen, in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT).
3. About 2.00pm on Friday 5 February 2021, Detective Superintendent (D/Supt) Rowena [REDACTED], AFP Specialist Protective Command, advised me a previous report to police of an alleged sexual assault in 2019 that was investigated by ACTP Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Team (SACAT) at the time, may need to be reactivated as the victim now wished to proceed and provided me a briefing.
4. (D/Supt [REDACTED] told me the matter had been reported in 2019 however at the time the victim, Ms Brittany Higgins (Ms Higgins) did not wish to proceed. The alleged sexual assault occurred at Australian Parliament House (APH) involving Ms Higgins and another staff member and was alleged to have occurred in a Ministerial Office after hours. D/Supt [REDACTED] advised the previous Case Officer Federal Agent Rebecca [REDACTED], now attached to the AFP Close Support and Protective Command, had received an email from Ms Higgins advising she now wished to proceed. D/Supt [REDACTED] told me Ms Higgins had been advised to contact ACTP.)

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5. About 2.10pm that same day I spoke with Detective Sergeant Gareth Saunders (D/Sgt Saunders) and provided him with a briefing relating to what I had been advised by D/Supt [REDACTED] relating to a 2019 alleged historical sexual assault matter. I requested D/Sgt Saunders take carriage of the matter.
6. About 9.55am on Saturday 6 February 2021 I was contacted by D/Sgt Saunders and provided a briefing in relation to a meeting he had with Ms Higgins earlier that same day during which he told me certain things.
7. *(D/Sgt Saunders told me, he in company with Senior Constable Emma Frizzell (S/Const Frizzell) had met with Ms Higgins at the Belconnen Police Station to discuss her wishing to proceed with her previous report of alleged sexual assault at APH. Also present was Ms Higgins boyfriend, David Sharaz (Mr Sharaz). During the meeting Ms Higgins had disclosed a number of matters inferring a cover up at the time of the incident, impropriety of Senior Officer Holders and the AFP. Ms Higgins informed him she had recordings of conversations between herself and a number of persons regarding the matter. D/Sgt Saunders explained the SACAT investigation process and Ms Higgins was offered the opportunity to participate in an Evidence in Chief Interview (EICI) however she declined. Ms Higgins advised she had it on good authority that a media article would be published in the very near future. Also Ms Higgins had participated in an interview with Lisa Wilkinson for "The Project" which was scheduled to air on 15 February 2021. Ms Higgins advised she wanted to see how things played out in the media before making a further statement. D/Sgt Saunders advised he had informed Ms Higgins the investigation would not proceed until she provided a statement. He also discussed the potential risk to the investigation as a result of the intended media coverage however Ms Higgins reiterated that she declined to participate in an EICI. D/Sgt Saunders advised arrangements had been made to conduct an EICI in the coming weeks).*
8. I requested D/Sgt Saunders draft an Executive Brief regarding the matter for forwarding through the Criminal Investigation chain of command.
9. About 8.30am on Monday 8 February 2021 I provided a briefing to ACTP Criminal Investigations, Detective Superintendent Scott Moller (D/Supt Moller) and I detailed the information provided to me by D/Sgt Saunders.
10. About 2.24pm on Thursday 4 March 2021 I met with D/Sgt Saunders and Detective Sergeant Jason McDevitt (D/Sgt McDevitt) regarding this investigation. I advised D/Sgt Saunders and D/Sgt McDevitt that I would be performing the role of Investigations Manager for the investigation in relation to the alleged sexual assault. During the meeting I was provided an update on the investigation to date.

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11. About 3.50pm on Monday 15 March 2021, I contacted Mr [REDACTED], Secretary, Department of Parliamentary Services and we had a conversation regarding to close circuit television recordings (CCTV) at APH in possession of police relating to the investigation. Mr [REDACTED] told me certain things.
12. *(Mr [REDACTED] advised there is no additional CCTV footage available regarding the incident and all previously available footage had been provided to police. During the conversation Mr [REDACTED] provided contact details of Ms Fiona Brown (Ms Brown), Chief of Staff for Minister Reynolds in 2019 and advised Ms Brown was expecting a call from investigators).*
13. About 3.39pm that same day, I contacted Ms Brown and made arrangements to obtain a statement the following week at the Winchester Police Centre. During the conversation Ms Brown told me certain things.
14. *(Ms Brown advised she has contemporaneous notes of her conversations and has metadata relating to the notes. Ms Brown expressed her desire to set the record straight following media reporting in relation to the alleged matter).*
15. About 12.00pm on Monday 22 March 2021, in company with Detective Leading Senior Constable Trent Madders (DLSC Madders), I met Ms Brown, at the WPC. Present with Ms Brown was her legal representative, Ms Dominique Hogan-Doran SC. After a brief conversation I left Ms Brown with DLSC Madders to participate in a Record of Conversation (ROC) with him.
16. About 3.00pm on Thursday 25 March 2021 I met with investigators D/Sgt Saunders, S/Const Frizzell and DLSC Madders. During the meeting I was provided a comprehensive investigational update. As a result I made a number of investigational decisions and set investigational priorities.
17. About 2.40pm on Wednesday 31 March 2021, I contacted Dr Ashley Tsacalos, (Dr Tsacalos) legal representative acting for Federal Minister Lynda Reynolds (Minister Reynolds) seeking a statement from the Minister regarding the allegation.
18. *(Dr Tsacalos advised Minister Reynolds was more than happy to speak with police if required and would cooperate in any way she could. Dr Tsacalos advised he is assisting Minister Reynolds with her statement and it will include her involvement in the events in 2019 and provide context. The statement would be forwarded to investigators at the end of the following week).*

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19. About 1.30pm on Tuesday 13 April 2021, I attended the ACT Administrative Appeals Tribunal office located at 14 Moore Street, Canberra City ACT and had a conversation with member Mr William [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

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20. About 8.45am on Thursday 15 April 2021, in company of S/Const Frizzell and Senior Constable James [REDACTED] S/Const [REDACTED], I attended the Brisbane Magistrates Court located at 363 George Street, Brisbane City Queensland (QLD) and had a conversation with Magistrate Mr Michael Quinn. As a result I was issued section 3E *Crimes Act 1914* search warrants relating to the defendant and [REDACTED] and an order pursuant to section 3LA *Crimes Act 1914*.

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21. About 9.45am that same day I attended in company with S/Const Frizzell and [REDACTED] at the AFP Brisbane Office located at 45 Commercial Road, Newstead, QLD. I handed S/Const Frizzell the Section 3E *Crimes Act 1914* search warrant and the 3LA *Crimes Act 1914* order.
22. About 10.15am that same day, S/Const Frizzell brought to my attention an administrative error had been identified in the documentation. I directed S/Const Frizzell to amend the error and advised I would make a further application for a section 3E *Crimes Act 1914* search warrant and a 3LA *Crimes Act 1914* order to correct the error.
23. About 1.45pm that same day, in company of S/Const Frizzell and [REDACTED], I attended the Brisbane Magistrates Court located at 363 George Street, Brisbane City Queensland (QLD).
24. About 2.20pm that same day, at the Brisbane Magistrates Court had a conversation with Magistrate Paul Byrnrne. As a result I was issued section 3E *Crimes Act 1914* search warrants relating to the defendant and [REDACTED] and an order pursuant to section 3LA *Crimes Act 1914*.

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25. About 9.52am on Friday 16 April, 2021, in company of S/Const Frizzell and S/Const [REDACTED], I attended [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. On arrival I knocked on the door and was met by a male I now know to be [REDACTED]. I introduced myself and had a conversation with Mr [REDACTED].
26. (Mr [REDACTED] advised he was a family friend of the defendant. The defendant was not at the premises and was interstate in Sydney, New South Wales (NSW). Mr [REDACTED] advised he was happy to speak to police however he was on a call for business and would do so at the end of the call).
27. (Mr [REDACTED] advised us the defendant has a legal representative in Sydney, NSW where he travelled two days earlier. He advised the defendant was due to return on the weekend and that he had been waiting to hear from Police.)
28. A short time later, Mr [REDACTED] invited S/Const Frizzell, S/Const [REDACTED] and myself into the residence where we had a conversation.
29. (Mr [REDACTED] advised us the defendant has a legal representative in Sydney, NSW where he travelled two days earlier. He advised the defendant was due to return on the weekend and that he had been waiting to hear from Police).
30. (Mr [REDACTED] went on to speak about the defendant. He advised the allegation has hit him pretty hard and that people assume he is gay due to his gentle personality. His mother lives in a studio on his premises and she's a single mother. The defendant, like Ms Higgins, moved to Canberra with big ideas. He hated it and was leaving which was publicly known).
31. (The defendant was made aware of the allegation when he was contacted by the media. He went to a private medical clinic as he was worried he might do something silly. He has been residing with Mr [REDACTED] since).
32. The defendant has disclosed the following to Mr [REDACTED]:
33. (The defendant was invited out by Ms Higgins that night. He was at dinner with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. They went to drinks afterwards and each person bought a round. The defendant had to return to APH to do something for

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work as he was leaving and Ms Higgins asked if she could come with him. Ms Higgins went into Minister Reynolds office and the defendant went to his desk. The defendant left).

34. (Mr [REDACTED] noted that the defendant would need balls of steel to do something like that there (APH) in considering the cameras and security. There was a "4 Corners" television episode in which they reported the defendant was at APH for twenty minutes, noting that Ms Higgins was struggling putting on her shoes when they entered, they went to the office, that alongside Ms Higgins recount (on The Project), the incident would have had to have happened in the space of a few minutes).
35. (Mr [REDACTED] questioned Ms Higgins motives in reporting the incident and why she did not follow reporting procedures. He cited her recent book deals, media personalities that she had engaged with, all since. He asked, if it were real, what's the motive to leave it so long, and if it were made up, what is the motive?).
36. Mr [REDACTED] noted the defendant has collated his Uber records and receipts as well as credit card purchases from the night.
37. (Mr [REDACTED] stated that it was reported on television the defendant rushed to leave. The defendant rushed because his Uber was there. To the defendant, it was so innocuous what happened that night. He had a follow up meeting with Fiona Brown on the Monday morning and has had no contact from anyone since the alleged since. As far as he is aware, the defendant walked away and wasn't sacked).
38. (Mr [REDACTED] stated the defendant did not go into Minister Linda Reynolds office at all. He further advised that the defendant would be better placed speaking to the incident however did advise, in January 2021, at APH David Sharaz approached the Defendant and introduced himself. The following day Mr Sharaz added the defendant on twitter before deleting and blocking the defendant. Shortly thereafter he received two threatening emails and a threatening message on a social media application. He thought the accounts were false).
39. (They went to 88 mph, is not aware of any contact with Ms Higgins afterwards, there was nothing with or about her that was competitive. She was attractive, an up and coming and ambitious).

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40. Notes of the conversation with Mr [REDACTED] were recorded by S/Const Frizzell and S/Const [REDACTED] in their official AFP diaries.
41. About 11.30am that same day, in the company of S/Const Frizzell and S/Const [REDACTED] I left the location.
42. About 12.30pm that same day, I reviewed notes taken by S/Const Frizzell and S/Const [REDACTED], signed their respective official AFP diaries.
43. About 12.33pm that same day I received a telephone call from a male who identified himself as the defendant and I had a conversation during which the defendant told me certain things.
44. *(The defendant advised he had just spoken to Mr [REDACTED]; was told police had attended his house and he was more than happy to speak to cooperate with police. He advised he found out all about this through the media and his legal representative is Mr John Korn and Mr Rick Korn. I advised the defendant to contact his legal representative and pass on my details. I informed the defendant I wanted to interview him in relation to the allegation and before doing so I would provide him a full caution and rights of which the defendant acknowledged. The defendant then advised he had records and had received threats via email and Twitter and he only knew David Sharaz as an SBS Journalist. I informed the defendant I did not want to go into any details over the phone and he should speak to his legal representatives and be guided by them. The defendant acknowledged and advised he would contact his legal representatives and either they or him would call back to discuss an interview).*
45. About 3.55pm that same day I received a telephone call from a male person who identified himself as Mr John Korn (Mr Korn). Mr Korn then told me certain things.
46. *(Mr Korn advised he was a Barrister and assisting the defendant. Mr Korn advised he had been contacted by the defendant and informed police wished to conduct an interview. I advised Mr Korn I would like to formally interview the defendant in relation to an alleged sexual assault at APH in 2019. The defendant was a suspect and any interview will be under full caution and rights. We discussed the various circumstances of the matter regarding extensive media coverage and associated pressures. I advised Mr Korn my role is to investigate the*

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allegation. Mr Korn reiterated to me the defendant wished to talk and provide his version of events. Mr Korn advised he would speak to the defendant and get back to me regarding a suitable interview location and date).

47. About 10.19am on Saturday 17 April 2021, I received a telephone call from Mr Korn and made arrangement to formally interview the defendant at the AFP Sydney Office, 110 Goulburn Street, Sydney, NSW, on Monday 19 April 2021.
48. About 9.45am on Monday 19 April 2021, in company of S/Const Frizzell and S/Const [REDACTED] and I attended the Downing Centre Local and District Court located at 4/143-147 Liverpool Street, Sydney, NSW and had a conversation with Deputy Registrar Officer Mr John Karam. As a result I was issued a section 3E *Crimes Act 1914* search warrant in relation Mr Bruce Lehrmann, the defendant in the matter.

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49. About 2.45pm that same day, S/Const Frizzell, S/Const [REDACTED] and I met a male who I now know to be the defendant, Bruce Emery Lehrmann, (DOB: [REDACTED]) in the company of his legal representative, Mr Korn in the foyer of the AFP Sydney Office, for the purpose of participating in a Record of Interview (ROI).
50. At this time I introduced myself and explained to the defendant the interview process and advised him he was not under arrest. I had a conversation with the defendant and his legal representative, Mr Korn, regarding the defendant's mobile phone and advised him investigators need to examine his phone. During the conversation I informed the defendant I had a section 3E *Crimes Act 1914* search warrant for his mobile phone and queried if there was any material on the mobile device relevant to Ms Higgins to which the defendant denied.
51. A short time later the defendant accompanied S/Const Frizzell, S/Const [REDACTED] and myself into the building and into an interview room.
52. About 3.11pm that same day, I commenced a Record of Search Warrant (ROSW) with the defendant in the presence of S/Const Frizzell and S/Const [REDACTED]. The ROSW was audio recorded.

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53. About 3.20pm that same day, the defendant handed his mobile phone to S/Const [REDACTED] and provided the password to access the device. S/Const [REDACTED] took possession of the mobile phone to examine and view.
54. About 3.31pm that same day, the ROSW was suspended.
55. About 3.36pm that same day, I commenced a Record of Interview (ROI) with the defendant. Also present was S/Const Frizzell acting as my corroborator. The ROI was audio and visually recorded. Any answers and or responses made to any questions asked were recorded on the recording equipment as the interview took place.
56. About 5.08pm that same day the ROI was suspended.
57. About 5.17pm that same day the ROI was resumed.
58. About 6.37pm that same day the ROI was concluded.
59. The ROI was saved to the AFP Digital Record of Interview (DROI) server and allocated the identifier 6381743_20210419153412.
60. About 6.40pm that same day, I had a conversation with S/Const [REDACTED] who told me certain things. As a result I formed reasonable grounds to believe there was evidential material on the defendant's mobile phone.
61. *(S/Const [REDACTED] told me his examination of the defendant's mobile phone at this time has identified a number of visual images of hand written notes relating to Ms Higgins.)*
62. About 7.09pm that same day, the ROSW resumed.
63. About 7.15pm that same day, the ROSW was concluded.
64. At the conclusion of the ROSW, I took possession from S/Const [REDACTED] the mobile phone seized from the defendant that had been placed into an evidence bag and sealed – serial number 1141070 and recorded on Property Seizure Record (PSR) M484541.

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65. The ROSW was saved in two parts. They were uploaded to the AFP DROI server and allocated identifiers 6381473_2021072214123 and 6381473_2021072214145.
66. About 7.23pm that same day, I contacted Mr Korn and advised him the ROI with the defendant had concluded. During the conversation we discussed certain things.
67. *(I advised Mr Korn investigators had seized the defendant's mobile phone and advised the defendant we may need to speak to him further. The investigation was ongoing. We discussed communication moving forward and any communication moving forward to be confirmed in writing for transparency).*
68. About 1.00pm on Tuesday 20 April 2021 I spoke with D/Sgt Saunders and handed him the defendant's mobile phone. I recorded this action in my AFP Official Diary.
69. About 10.52am on Wednesday 21 April 2021, I was contacted by Mr Korn who advised the defendant had contacted him. I had a conversation with Mr Korn who told me certain things.
70. *(Mr Korn advised the defendant was concerned with questions during the ROI regarding a security breach. The defendant has advised this was never raised with him before his meeting with Ms [REDACTED] and was only raised during the second conversation he had with Ms Brown. The defendant has advised him he was always present in the office when the classified document was on his desk. Mr Korn also discussed a number of other issues including what the defendant had been told regarding police wanting to speak with his mother and a family friend and the timeframe police intended to keep the defendant's phone).*
71. About 2.00pm on Wednesday 28 April 2021, I attended Department of Defence, Russell Offices, Russell, ACT, and met with Ms [REDACTED] (Ms [REDACTED]), Assistant Secretary, Ministerial and Parliamentary, Ministerial Executive Co-ordination and communication. Also present was Mr [REDACTED], Department of Defence General Counsel. During the meeting Ms [REDACTED] told me certain things.
72. *(Ms [REDACTED] advised Defence Liaison Officers (DLO) operated differently within Ministers offices subject to the requirements of the respective Ministers and the DLO in Minister Reynolds Office in 2019 was a Mr [REDACTED] who would be the best person for investigators to speak with. Ms [REDACTED] advised Defence IT have the ability to confirm whether or not emails can be recovered from the Defence system. Ms [REDACTED] advised any Defence mobile*

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phone issued to a person is cleaned and re-issued when they leave employment. Ms [REDACTED] advised she would make inquiries regarding email access logs for both the defendant and Ms Higgins from 2019 and get back to police).

73. About 11.33am on Thursday 29 April 2021, I attended the Department of Parliamentary Security office at APH and had a conversation with Mr [REDACTED] Acting Director Personnel Security. Mr [REDACTED] handed me the following:

- 1 x USB labelled USB 6 – Entrance to Parliament house
- 1 x USB labelled USB 14 – Access Info APH Bruce Lehrmann and Brittany Higgins
- 2 x A4 pages – passwords for USB

74. About 12.30pm that same day I returned to Winchester Police Centre SACAT office and completed PSR M51004.

75. About 12.45pm that same day I handed the PSR and items to DLSC Madders.

EXHIBIT: TWO USB DEVICES AND TWO A4 PAGES

DOCUMENT: PSR M51004

76. About 9.45am on Friday 30 April 2021, I attended at the Department of Finance, 1 Canberra Avenue, Forrest, ACT and received from Ms [REDACTED], Department of Finance Legal and Assurance Branch the following:

- Envelope containing 1 x Scandisk USB and green posted note with password written on same

77. About 10.30am that same day, I returned to WPC, SACAT office and completed PSR M480478

EXHIBIT: SCANDISK AND POSTED NOTE

DOCUMENT: PSR M480478

78. About 1.15pm that same day, I handed the envelope containing 1 x Sandisk USB and green posted note with password written on same and PSR to S/Const Frizzell.

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79. About 1.00pm on Tuesday 4 May 2021, I attended APH and met with Mr [REDACTED] acting Chief Information Security Officer / Cyber Security Branch. I had a conversation with Mr [REDACTED] who told me certain things. Mr [REDACTED] then signed a prepared statement in relation to analysis undertaken of the APH computer network. Mr [REDACTED] handed me the statement.
80. About 2.24pm on Wednesday 5 May 2021, I was contacted by Ms Heidi Yates (Ms Yates), ACT Human Rights Commissioner. I had a conversation with Ms Yates who told me certain things.
81. *(Ms Yates advised Ms Higgins has requested her to be the conduit between her and the police. Ms Higgins expectations were very low as she is aware of the success of sexual assault matters in court. Ms Yates advised Ms Higgins was more than happy to meet with police and provide anything further. I advised Ms Yates investigators have attempted to communicate with Ms Higgins however Ms Higgins did not respond and that investigators would need to speak with Ms Higgins in the coming weeks. Ms Yates advised she would be able to assist and will provide in writing police confirmation of contact arrangements.)*
82. About 2.57pm that same day, I was contacted by Mr [REDACTED] and provided the outcome of investigators inquiry of Defence Information Technology in relation to emails of the defendant and Ms Higgins. Mr [REDACTED] told me certain things.
83. *(Mr [REDACTED] advised regarding emails on the Defence system using meta data they can ascertain emails sent, time and date, account information and subject heading however not content. In relation to Mr Lehrmann's Defence email account between 1.00am and 5.00am on 23 March 2019 he sent three work related emails to Ms Higgins. The emails were not sent from a desk top as there are no recorded log on sessions and they were likely sent from a mobile device. In relation to Defence mobiles phones or iPad issued to personnel they are wiped and re-issued when the person leaves employment. Mr [REDACTED] advised in relation to Ms Higgins account they have no backup due to the time frame however an audit was possible in relation to sent and received emails but not content. I advised Mr [REDACTED] investigators would require a statement from a Defence representative outlining what he had articulated and he advised he would facilitate a meeting).*
84. About 9.00am on Thursday 6 May 2021, in company with S/Const Frizzell I attended the City Police Station and met Mr [REDACTED] and his legal representative Mr Tom Taylor (Mr Taylor).

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85. About 9.15am that same day I conducted a Record of Conversation (ROC) with Mr [REDACTED]. Present was Mr Taylor and S/Const Frizzell performed the role of corroborator.
86. About 10.05am on Monday 10 May 2021 I attended APH, Department of Parliamentary Security office in relation to phone recordings. At this location I received from Ms [REDACTED] the following items:
- An envelope containing 1 x USB and a posted note with a password written on same.
87. A short time later I returned to the WPC, SACAT office and handed the envelope containing 1 USB and posted note with a password written on same to S/Const Frizzell.
88. About 1.00pm on Tuesday 11 May 2021, I attended Department of Defence, Building R8, Russell Offices, and met Ms [REDACTED]. Also present was Mr [REDACTED]. During to meeting Ms [REDACTED] told me certain things.
89. *(Ms [REDACTED] advised in relation to the Defence email account of Ms Higgins on 23 March 20219, records were held however when someone leaves, the data was only kept for 45 days and they had attempted "Ghost identification" however have been unable to get anything back. Further meta data only showed emails going through the Defence system gateway and recorded title, date and time but not content. Ms [REDACTED] advised in relation to the Defence email account of Mr Lehrmann, on 23 March 2019 three emails were sent from the account during that day. There was no log on to the system and an explanation for this is the emails were sent from either an iPhone or iPad remotely. The emails sent related to early news clips as indicated in the titles).*
90. I short time later I was shown the meta data Ms [REDACTED] had referred to. I saw the meta data related to the defendant's Defence email account for 23 March 2019. The meta data showed two emails sent to Ms Higgins Defence email account and a further unrelated email later in the day to the defendant from an unrelated person. All emails had a media reference.
91. About 4.05pm on Wednesday 12 May 2021, I had a telephone conversation with Mr Korn regarding facilitating the service of the ROI with the defendant and seeking written consent to access the defendant's iCloud to view

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- emails, specifically an email sent from the defendants private email account to Ms Higgins private email account on 24 March 2019. I advised I would forward a written request.
92. About 11.35am on Tuesday 18 May 2021, I was contacted by Mr Korn acknowledging receipt of correspondence relating to access to the defendants iCloud. Mr Korn told me certain things.
93. *(Mr Korn advised he had spoken with the defendant regarding the email matter. The defendant was surprised and intrigued and could not understand if it was his phone why police need iCloud access. Mr Korn advised he would get back to me regarding the access).*
94. About 9.00am on Wednesday 19 May 2021, I attended at APH and met Mr [REDACTED] Chief of Staff for Senator Michaelia Cash, Attorney General of Australia.
95. About 9.34am that same day I commenced a ROC with Mr [REDACTED]. Also present was Ms Stephanie Beckingdale, Mr [REDACTED]'s legal representative.
96. About 10.01am that same day, the ROC concluded. I returned to the WPC, SACAT office, and handed the digital recording of the ROC to S/Const Frizzell.
97. About 2.15pm on Friday 21 May 2021, I had a telephone conversation with Ms Yates and advised investigators wished to conduct a further EICI with Ms Higgins and requested Ms Higgins bring her mobile phone with her for analysis. Ms Yates told me certain things.
98. *(Ms Yates advised she would contact Ms Higgins, discuss, and get back to me)*
99. About 2.41pm that same day, I had a further telephone conversation with Ms Yates and arrangements were made to conduct a further EICI with Ms Higgins. Ms Yates also confirmed with me Ms Higgins would bring her mobile phone for analysis.
100. About 3.00pm that same day, I attend APH to meet with Senator Michaelia Cash – Attorney General.

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101. About 3.30pm that same day, I attended the office of Senator Cash and we had a conversation.
102. About 3.52pm that same day, I commenced a ROC with Senator Cash.
103. About 4.25pm that same day, the ROC concluded.
104. About 6.00pm that same day I returned to the WPC, SACAT office, and handed the digital recording of the ROC to S/Const Frizzell.
105. About 2.00pm on Monday 24 May 2021, I had a telephone conversation with Ms Yates and requested Ms Higgins in addition to her current mobile phone bring with her old mobile phone for analysis to the next upcoming EICI as previously discussed.
106. About 9.25am on Wednesday 26 May 2021, in company of D/Sgt Saunders and D/Supt Moller we attended the reception area at the WPC and met Ms Brittany Higgins who was accompanied by Ms Yates. I introduced myself to Ms Higgins and explained the purpose of investigators wishing to speak further with her.
107. A short time later we all proceeded to the Belconnen Police Station and entered the Family Room interview area.
108. About 9:35am that same day, S/Const Frizzell and DLSC Madders attended the location to conduct an EICI with Ms Higgins. At this time I advised Ms Higgins I would speak to her at the conclusion of EICI.
109. I left the police station a short time later.
110. About 12.15pm that same day, in company of D/Supt Moller, I attended the Belconnen Police Station Family Room interview area and spoke with Ms Higgins in the presence of Ms Yates, D/Sgt Saunders, S/Const Frizzell and DLSC Madders during which I informed Ms Higgins of the investigation process moving forward.
111. About 11.34am on Thursday 10 June 2021, I had a telephone conversation with Ms Yates in relation to Ms Higgins providing her iCloud password during which I explained the purposes of the avenue of inquiry.

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112. About 11.28am on Tuesday 15 June 2021, I had a telephone conversation with Mr Korn in relation to obtaining the defendant's iCloud password and provided an update on the investigation. Mr Korn told me certain things.

113. *(Mr Korn advised he would speak to the defendant and respond later that evening).*

114. About 10.40am on Thursday 17 June 2021 I had a telephone conversation with Mr Korn regarding the defendant's iCloud password. Mr Korn told me certain things.

115. *(Mr Korn enquired to what investigators specifically required from the defendant's iCloud and asked about the return of defendant's phone. Mr Korn advised he would speak to the defendant that day and email response to me).*

116. About 11.00am that same day, I had a telephone conversation with Mr Leon Zwier (Mr Zwier). Mr Zwier told me certain things.

117. *(Mr Zwier advised he was now assisting Ms Higgins as her legal representative. He advised Ms Higgins is concerned about privacy and irrelevant material being exposed. Ms Higgins wants to assist investigators but would like some comfort regard the parameters, referring to access to her iCloud, if police could be more specific. Mr Zwier advised Ms Higgins would like written confirmation outlining investigators request and that he was concerned for Ms Higgins welfare due to the overall situation. Mr Zwier advised he had instructed Ms Higgins to remain silent in the media moving forward).*

118. About 11.30am on Monday 21 June 2021, I attended Clayton Lutz Lawyers, Level 10, 2 Phillip Law Street, Acton, ACT and collected the prepared statement of Minister Reynolds.

119. About 10.49am on Tuesday 22 June 2021, I forwarded email correspondence to Mr Zwier regarding Ms Higgins iCloud access.

120. About 10.59am that same day, I had telephone conversation with Mr Korn regarding access to the defendant's iCloud. Mr Korn told me certain things.

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121. *(Mr Korn advised he would follow up and requested me to call him back at 4.00p.m that day if I didn't hear back from him sooner. Mr Korn advised the delay had been due to events of the previous week resulting in the defendant losing his employment).*
122. About 3.44pm that same day, I had a further telephone conversation with Mr Korn. Mr Korn told me certain things.
123. *(Mr Korn advised he would forward the defendant's consent to access his iCloud in writing that day.)*
124. About 4.35pm on Thursday 24 June 2021, I had a telephone conversation with Mr Zwier regarding correspondence forward to him on 22 June, 2021 regarding iCloud access to Ms Higgins account. Mr Zwier told me certain things.
125. *(Mr Zwier advised he had forwarded the correspondence to Ms Higgins and requested clarification regarding disclosure of any content).*
126. About 1.01pm on Friday 25 June 2021, I sent email correspondence to Mr Zwier regarding iCloud access to Ms Higgins account.
127. About 6.14pm on Monday 28 June 2021, I had a telephone conversation with Mr Korn in relation to investigators accessing the defendant's iCloud account during which he sought clarification as to what investigators required from the defendant's iCloud. I informed Mr Korn investigators sought emails from 22 March 2019 to present. Mr Korn told me certain things.
128. *(Mr Korn advised he would get back to me after speaking with the defendant).*
129. About 4.00pm on Thursday 1 July 2021, I had a telephone conversation with Mr Zwier to arrange a personal meeting with Ms Higgins to discuss a number of matters and provide an investigational update. Mr Zwier requested written request outlining the purpose.

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130. About 6.42pm that same day, I sent email correspondence to Mr Zwier requesting a personal meeting with Ms Higgins and outlined the purpose to the meeting.

131. About 5.33pm on Wednesday 7 July 2021, I had a telephone conversation with Mr Zwier following up on my request to meet with Ms Higgins. Mr Zwier told me certain things.

132. *(Mr Zwier advised Ms Higgins was happy to meet with police in QLD as soon as possible to discuss investigation matters as requested).*

133. About 1.00pm on Monday 12 July 2021, in company with D/Supt Moller, I attended the ground floor meeting room, AFP Brisbane Office. At this location I spoke with Ms Higgins, who was accompanied by Ms Yates. The purpose to the discussion was to provide Ms Higgins with an investigational update and clarify a number of matters relating to the investigation. During the meeting Ms Higgins told me certain things.

134. *(Ms Higgins advised any photographs she may have taken on the night of the incident are on her "Google" drive attached to her iCloud. Ms Higgins advised she did not recall taking any photographs on the night however she may be wrong).*

135. Ms Higgins took her mobile phone out and showed a number of images to me stored on her "Google Drive" to demonstrate.

136. *(Ms Higgins advised the photograph of an injury to her leg she took herself during budget week, however cannot remember the exact date and she did this using "Whatsapp". Ms Higgins advised she shared the photograph with "The Project" on 19 January 2021).*

137. *(Ms Higgins advised since 2019 she has had seven iPhone's, most government issued and they had been handed back. Ms Higgins advised she was happy for police to take her old phones for examination and agreed to provide them to police).*

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138. (Ms Higgins advised in relation to the clearing out of her iPhone message, the comment related to recorded conversations when she was leaving APH. Ms Higgins advised she had been recording her conversations for her own protection and at the time she did not trust the process anymore or the system).
139. (Ms Higgins advised she could not recall receiving any email from Mr Lehrmann on 23 March 2019 and she had purged everything on her phone relating to him after he was fired and after the incident. Ms Higgins advised because of what happened she didn't want anything of Mr Lehrmann on her phone. Ms Higgins advised she blocked Mr Lehrmann on "Facebook" and deleted all of it).
140. (Ms Higgins advised that staff used private emails addresses to communicate with each other regarding work matters at APH when work emails were being set up. Ms Higgins advised she cleared out her private emails from time to time from the deleted email box due to volume).
141. About 2.05pm that same day, the meeting concluded and Ms Higgins and Ms Yates left the building.
142. About 2.40pm that same day, Ms Yates returned to AFP Brisbane office and handed me a iPhone Model A1778 – Black in colour and a iPhone (3 camera's on rear) in a cover with initials BMH on same. I recorded the details of the phones in AFP Official Diary D9493, Page 186. Ms Yates then signed at the end of the diary entry.
143. About 10.00am on Wednesday 14 July 2021, I handed a iPhone Model A1778 – Black in colour and a iPhone (3 camera's on rear) in a cover with initials BMH on same to S/Const Frizzell.
144. About 10.00am on Thursday 15 July 2021, I attended the reception area at the WPC and had a conversation with Ms [REDACTED]. We proceeded to the Belconnen Police Station where I conducted a ROC with Ms [REDACTED].
145. About 10.17am that same day, the ROC commenced.
146. About 10.46 that same day, the ROC concluded.

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147. A short time later attended the WPC, SACAT office, and handed the digital recording of the ROC to DLSC Madders.

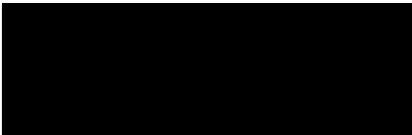
148. Throughout the investigation I took notes in AFP Official Diary D9493 on pages

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I read this statement before I signed it.



Marcus Boorman

Detective Inspector 12612

29 July 2021

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