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STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

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In the matter of: Place: Date:	Moses KELLIE Blacktown, NSW 18 January 2016				
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and not come home until 7pm. Moses would lie and say that he was studying at the library, but he wasn't. He was hanging out with others at the train station. He didn't want to live by the rules of our household.

- 5. In late 2006, Moses moved out of the house. He called the Police to complain about my children. Moses told the Police that he wasn't comfortable living at our house. As a result he moved out but we never knew where he went. Moses took all his clothing and belongings with him. We did not have any contact with Moses after that until we were notified in 2009 that he was in gaol for a robbery.
- 6. Moses is a good artist. He can draw and he is very clever and intelligent. He used to sketch us while we were watching TV in the house at Doonside. While he was in gaol he sketched the 10 Commandments and gave it to us but I no longer have it because we have moved house.
- 7. Detective Staples has told me that Moses KELLIE has provided different information regarding his background and she asked me to comment on some of this information. Detective Staples has written a summary of the information provided by Moses in italics, and my comments are written below.
- 8. Moses has given an account that he was a member of the RUF, the Revolutionary United Front in Sierra Leone. He was captured at a young age and lived with them from 1996 to 2002. Mosquito was the Rebel leader and Moses lived with him. He received training and went to the battlefield but never fought in combat because he was always in the communication section or with doctors.
 - Comments: As far as I know Moses was not a child soldier or a member of the Rebels RUF. I don't know anything about that. Moses has never said anything like that to us. My Aunty helped raised Moses but after the war started, took Moses to Freetown. They then moved to Liberia and then into Guinea. I heard that and I made applications to bring them here. In Guinea they lived in a church compound for four or five years. Moses was well behaved and good. There was no sign of any bad behaviour. There were no complaints about him.
- 9. Moses has said that his father left the family when he was 8 or 9 to go and mine diamonds so he was raised by his mother. Moses said they lived in Koidu town in Kono district. He said that

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he came to Australia with two of his sisters and and that his mother still lives in Sierra Leone.

- Comments: I can say that is a lie. My father did not leave the family when he was 8 or 9 to mine diamonds. Yes, he was a miner and a farmer but he never left the family or the district. Moses was here living with me here in Australia when I went back to Africa to go to our father's funeral. Moses was born in Kono district but he went to live with our Aunty in a town called Makeni. My mother was a business woman, who imported goods from Liberia and she was also a seamstress who made traditional African clothing.
- 10. Moses has given another account of how, whilst living in Sierra Leone, he witnessed the murder of his mother and father by the Rebels, as part of the civil war. In further detail, Moses said that his mother and father were killed during the Sierra Leone Civil War, when he was approximately 11 years of age. His mother worked in the town council and his father worked as a miner. Moses said he had two brothers, one of whom was "missing in the war" and the other remained in Sierra Leone. He said he had not had any contact with his brothers since moving to Australia. Moses also that he had three sisters, all of whom moved to Australia.
 - <u>Comments:</u> Our mother was murdered by the Rebels but this was not witnessed by Moses. Moses was not present, only was there. This occurred in about 1993. The attack happened in town but at the time my father was at the farm in the village. He was not injured or killed as I said earlier he died in 2006. When the attack began Moses and ran away into the bush. He then went to live with my Aunty in Makeni. When Makeni was attacked they fled to Liberia and Guinea, as I described before. Also my mother did not work in the town council she was a business woman and seamstress.
- 11. Moses has said that before he came to Australia on 4th of April 2006, he was working for his uncle in a shop selling electronics.
 - Comments: I can say that is a big lie. There was no uncle there.
 and Moses lived in Guinea for about five years and they were staying in the church camp. My husband Daniel is a minister and he organised for them to be in the church camp. Daniel and I sent money from Australia to Guinea to help

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care for them in Guinea. It was a good facility. It was safe and they were provided for.

- 12. Moses has given an account of how at the age of 11 years he fled to a Guinea refugee camp with his sisters, and remained there for approximately 10 years prior to moving to Australia.
 - Comments: I can say that sounds accurate. When they fled it took a long time for them to get to a safe place and then for us to find them, arrange for them to be in the church camp, and then bring them to Australia.
- 13. Detective Staples has asked me about my knowledge of any mental health issues affecting Moses and if so what his symptoms, complaints and treatment were. I can say there must be something wrong with Moses for him to lie and behave in a bad way. But I was not aware of any problems until he was arrested. His lawyer contacted Daniel and I and said they had found out Moses had a sickness that was causing his problems. I can't remember what the sickness was called but it was a long word. I hadn't heard of it before. He needed to take medication for it and was being treated now. He needed to take medication every day.
- 14. Detective Staples also asked me about Moses' sleep patterns and whether I was aware of any sleeping difficulties he may have had. I was not aware of Moses having any sleeping problems when he was living here with my family.
- 15. Detective Staples has told me that Moses KELLIE has provided information regarding his mental health and she asked me to specifically comment on some of this information. A summary of the information provided by Moses is in italics, and my comments are noted below.
- 16. Moses said that he believed his first contact with mental health services was whilst he was in a refugee camp in Guinea, having fled there from Sierra Leone in approximately 1996.
 - Comments: I think this is a big lie. There was a big medical check as part of him coming to Australia. He had to have a full medical check for physical problems, mental problems, drugs and alcohol. Moses had no problems passing this medical test. We were informed of all the results because we were his sponsors.
- 17. Moses has said that he was assessed at Blacktown Hospital by services whom he believed to be in relation to mental health, and was prescribed psychiatric medication but he was not

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compliant with this. On this subject, Moses has also said that in 2008 he was diagnosed by a doctor at Blacktown Medical Centre as having schizophrenia and he was hearing voices.

- Comments: I don't know about that. Moses was not living at my house in 2008.
- 18. Moses has said that his father was also diagnosed with schizophrenia, and that he was treated with psychiatric medication.
 - Comments: I can say that is a big lie. That is not true. My father never had schizophrenia. He was strong, healthy and mentally well until he passed away in 2006. I think there is something wrong with Moses with him telling all these lies.
- 19. Moses has said that one of his sisters moved to Tasmania and that is why they don't come to the gaol to visit him.
 - Comments: I can say that is a big lie.
 and I all live in Sydney and have never lived in Tasmania.
- 20. There is something wrong with Moses. He lies constantly. The Homicide Police came and told me that they believed Moses may have been responsible for a robbery and a killing in a park in the city. They said they were investigating the robbery now and were trying to find out more information about the killing. When I went to visit Moses in Goulburn Gaol with my daughter, I asked Moses directly what he did and whether he did the killing. Moses told me that it was his friends that did the killing but they ran away and Moses was the one that got caught. Moses said that he got caught with the man's phone. Moses told me that the Police took some money from him and they were making checks into where it came from. When I asked Moses about having knives he told me that he didn't have any knives. He denied killing and denied having the knives. He said his friends did the killing in a group and he was there. I told Moses that he had to tell the Police what happened. If he didn't do it he needed to tell the police who did it.
- 21. Moses wrote me some letters from gaol asking me to forgive him. We sent him a bible and some scriptures for him to read. This happened when he was in Goulburn.
- 22. We have a green bike that belonged to Moses. The Police came to our house and delivered the bike to us. It was around 2013 when this happened. At the time Moses was in Parklea Gaol. We have kept the bike here in our storeroom so that Moses could have the bike when he was released from gaol. We were told that Moses was nearly ready for release. We were

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asked if he could live with us. We said no – we couldn't be responsible for Moses or for monitoring his medication. We were also contacted by an Immigration lawyer and asked about whether there was family still in Sierra Leone. We told them that there was no one there. We also told them that there would be no access to the medication he needs if he was sent back to Sierra Leone. We were asked to write this information down and send it to immigration. We did this.

23. There is something wrong with Moses and his brain. All the time, he says different things about his past.

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