

SUPPORT STATEMENT

SECTION A — SURVIVOR DETAILS

Survivor Name: James Stewart

Date of Birth: 08/06/1965

SECTION B — Supporting Person Details

Name: Sarah McLaughlin

Relationship to Survivor: SISTER

Length of Relationship: 58 years.

Purpose of This Statement

I am providing this statement in support of the above survivors Redress Scotland application. I know them personally and wish to offer information about their experiences they shared with me, and the impact this has had on their life.

What the Survivor shared with me

I remember my brother James being in Young offender's, I was about 13 years old. I remember him telling me after he was released that he nearly died a few times. he told me he was put in a cell next to a pyromaniac, who was always setting stuff on fire. James had severe asthma and this triggered many asthma attack's and the Prison guards would laugh at him, and the time he nearly died in polmont young offenders. he nearly drowned he said he thought he was a gonner, he said there was only one prison guard to supervise around 30 inmates, He was also forced to take part in physical ~~attack~~ exercise. even having severe asthma attack's, James said the prison guards withheld his inhaler due to him not having any Pocket's in his prison gym wear, The police always Pick on James, I remember him being in and out of Jail and being gate arrested many times. I think they picked on him due to

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Impact to the Survivor that I have observed

I seen a big change in my brother, His whole demeanour changed, He wasn't his usual self, He seemed anxious and always on edge. His physical appearance changed his face was all spotty due to using carbolic soap in jail, his eyelids were red and swollen, He had picked all his eye lashes out, He had lost weight. He looked depressed and withdrawn. He started drinking and sniffing glue. He was extremely paranoid. He became mistrusting even with immediate family. He would say the police were outside, I would check and know one would be outside. He would isolate himself for days in his room. it had a profound impact on his daily life. not eating or sleeping for days, James was in and out of Jail on many occasions missing many Birthdays his 18th and 21st. He got moved to Barlinnie were he was gate arrested on many occasions due to unpaid fines, I remember him showing me a copy of his social work background reports which stated that he was living a miserable existence due to being Jailed owing to the vast amount of fine's totaling around £5000.00 pounds. Hopefully this is of help if you need any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. my mobile number is 07733375445.

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Supporting Statement confirmation

I offer this statement to support the above survivor's application. Everything I have written reflects what they have shared with me and what I have personally observed during the time I have known them.

Name:

Date:

23/7/26.

