

# Statement Addendum

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**Client Name:** Duncan Prowse  
**Date of Birth:** 15/01/1990  
**Care Setting:** MARGARET AND GORDON- FOSTER FAMILY  
**Dates:** 2002  
**Persons Involved:**

## Full Statement

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Then we were moved to another placement where me and all my siblings were manipulated and treated very badly. We were all secluded and this had a very serious impact on our mental health. This period was extremely damaging for all of us.

They originally started off as our respite carers, and we already knew them. They had agreed to keep us together, but once we were living with them, their attitude and behaviour changed completely. It became clear that they did not want us anymore. They would say they wanted younger children instead, and that they were only interested in the money. Hearing this as a child made me feel unwanted, worthless, and like a burden.

They made us feel very small and constantly reminded us that we had no parents. We were singled out and treated differently. It felt like hell for us living there. The environment was emotionally abusive and deeply distressing.

After Lauren and Alexis left, I was left in the placement and had to stay in order to remain with my younger sister. I remember one specific incident clearly. I went ice skating one weekend, and when I returned home, my bedroom had been emptied. My bed had been taken, and I was left without it. I was called a "paedophile", which was extremely upsetting and damaging, especially given my age and the circumstances involving my own father. My father had been involved in sexual abuse, and this was used against me repeatedly in a cruel and degrading way.

A man called Gordon Campbell, who was also associated with Kerr Law, was involved in my care. He was extremely harsh towards me. Alongside Margaret Reid, who would call and laugh at me and torment me emotionally, they made my life extremely difficult. I remember Margaret Reid being very cruel in her behaviour towards me, constantly belittling me and laughing at my distress.

They would call me names such as "pedo" and other degrading terms. Gordon Campbell would also force me to dig holes and bury rubbish while being verbally abused and called names throughout. I felt completely used and humiliated. I had no choice in these situations and felt trapped.

Gordon Campbell was also physically abusive towards me. He would restrain me, hold his hands around my

throat, grab me, and drag me to my room. He was a large, intimidating man, and his behaviour made me feel extremely unsafe. The physical restraint caused me pain and fear, and I was constantly frightened of what might happen next.

My time in this placement was characterised by constant torment, bullying, and both mental and physical abuse. I was secluded, isolated from others, and repeatedly mistreated by the people who were supposed to care for me.

The impact of this has been long-lasting and severe. It has had a significant effect on my mental health, and I continue to struggle with the consequences of what I experienced. I suffer from anxiety, PTSD, depression, and ongoing difficulties with trust, relationships, and emotional stability. These experiences have left me deeply affected and have shaped many aspects of my adult life.

Looking back, I feel I was completely failed and placed in an environment where I was not safe, not protected, and not cared for in any way. The abuse I experienced during this time has had a lasting and life-changing impact on me. i couldn't take it anymore and i had to leave my little sister and leave as i stayed aslong as i could but i couldn't deal with it anymore i felt suicidal