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Petitioner

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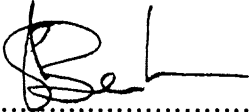
I, MARK THOMPSON of 119 Headswell Avenue Ensbury Park
Bournemouth will say:-

1. I am married to Fleur Thompson, the Respondent's daughter. We were married in August 1993.
2. During 1992, when Fleur was my girlfriend she told me that her stepfather James Colton had sexually abused her as a child. Fleur and I had only known each other for a few months at that stage. I was embarrassed and made a joke of it.
3. About a year later in early 1993 Fleur and I had formed a serious relationship and I wanted to marry her. At that stage I felt that I needed to know if what she had told me previously was true. I told her that I did not want to know any details because I could not know how I would feel about it. She confirmed that her stepfather had sexually abused her and it caused us to argue. She begged me not to

confront Mr Colton, or her mother because her mother knew nothing about the abuse so I have said nothing until now.

SWORN at S Poole Road Bourneville
in the County of Derby
this 25th day of November 1999

Before me



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A ~~Solicitor~~/Commissioner of Oaths