

I, John McGeorge Scott, ID number 5211255107086, self employed at 1 Westview Drive, Mill Park. Port Elisabeth, hereby declare under oath:

I am a retired Advocate and Senior State Prosecutor. During the period of 1980 to 1986 I was the Senior Public Prosecutor at the Port Elisabeth magistrate's court.

During the last months of my employment there (I cannot remember the exact date) a police docket in which a David Allen was the accused on a charge of possession of pornographic material was brought to me in my office by a court ordonnance. It was reported to me that the accused, David Allen, committed suicide. I, within my full right and authority to do so and after verifying the facts and for reasons none other than that the accused had passed away and cannot therefore be prosecuted, closed the docket as "nolli prosequi".

Then, approximately thirty years later in 2018, a book "The lost boys of Bird Island" was published in which allegations were made against certain cabinet ministers of the old National Party and furthermore alleged by one of the co-writers named Mark Minnie that I – as Senior Public Prosecutor at the time – instructed him to stop all investigations into the case. This is false.

During the course of June 2019 copies of certain pages of the book "The lost boys of Bird Island" (the Afrikaans version called "Die seuns van Bird Eiland") was given to me in which Minnie described how I summoned him to my office and supposedly instructed him to stop all further investigations into the case. This is false.

A few other random statements made in the book pertaining to me are also false: I am not of above average height. I never in my life used English Blazer aftershave. I never as a rule used red ink to make notes on police dockets. Minnie most certainly did not have my direct phone number – only the Attorney General had that. I most certainly did not leave a message with anyone for Minnie to contact me as I did not know him. Most importantly I never knew or met Mark Minnie ever in my life. His name and image became known to me only this year after I was approached for comment.

I know and understand the contents of this statement.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

I see the prescribed oath as binding to my conscience.



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