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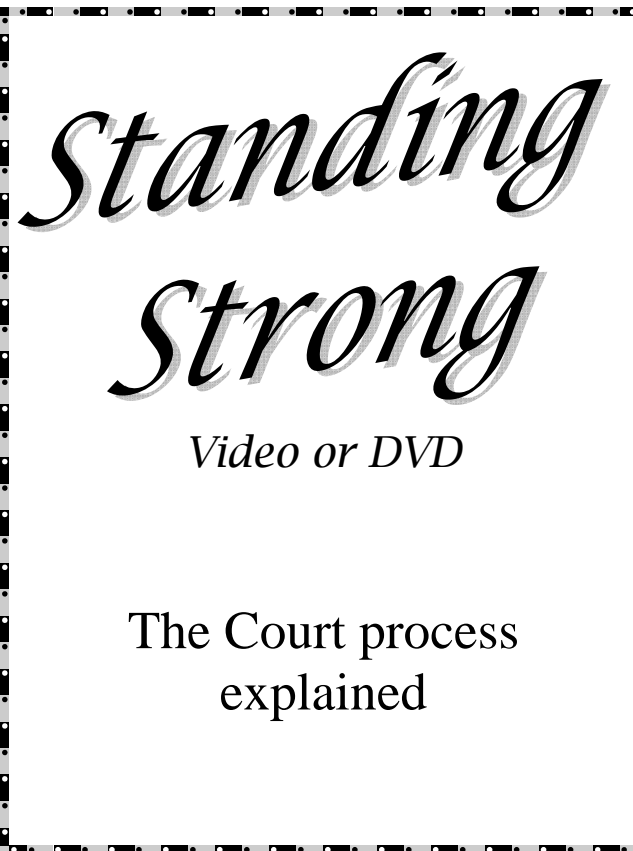
SPECIAL THANKS

The Sexual Abuse Survivors Trust would like to give a special thanks to the people whose stories and hard work made these videos possible.



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We are a charitable trust,
operating since 1992



Our aim is to meet the needs of the sexually abused and their families



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Anyone at any age can be a victim of sexual crime (whether sexual assault, sexual abuse or rape)

Each year over 300 sexual offence trials take place in New Zealand.

**You are
not alone**

The Monarch Centre has available on DVD or Video "Standing Strong" a resource for those appearing in court on historic or recent complaints.

In their role as a community agency working with sexual abuse and sexual assault on a daily basis it became evident that the process of being a complainant of childhood sexual abuse or recent rape/sexual assault had a highly traumatic impact on a person. Under such stress it was sometimes difficult for evidence to be presented clearly, and there was a relatively low conviction rate for reported sexual offences.

The intention of The Monarch Centre is to supply supportive encouragement and information in an easily accessible resource tool that may redress this obvious imbalance.

Heather Smyth who was responsible for the video project says "The courtroom experience can often prove more traumatic for the complainant than the original offence. It has even been likened by clients to "a second rape!".

The story line uses a fictitious court case and actors portray scenes as they might happen in real life.

The intent is to empower complainants of rape/sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse by familiarising them with courtroom proceedings. By being prepared for what may occur plaintiffs may more easily express themselves in an honest and coherent manner.

Filming took place in the Christchurch High Court over a Christmas break and the production by Gerard Smyth of Frank Film employed many of Canterbury's leading actors. The script was written by Paul Endicott with the collaboration of the Police, legal fraternity, counsellors and complainants who had been through the court process. The project was funded by the Wellington based Legal Services Board and is the only resource of its type available in New Zealand,

The "Standing Strong" DVD/videos retail at \$30 each with a discount of \$10 for community groups and agencies. (Price does not include post and packaging.)

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