

APPENDIX A

LETTER OF CONSENT

Dear

Thank you for choosing to participate in my Master's research study. The focus of the study is on the emotional experiences of fathers regarding their incestuous behaviour. The aim of this study is not to prove certain preconceived ideas about fathers involved in incest, but to explore your own unique emotional experiences regarding the incestuous behaviour. Your input and feedback are therefore crucial to the study.

Your participation in this research endeavour entails two to three conversations, lasting approximately two hours each. Each conversation will be recorded on tape and will be transcribed. It is hoped that our conversations will be mutually beneficial and rewarding.

Please note that:

1. Any information obtained from the conversations will be used exclusively for the purposes of research.
2. You are under no financial obligation or commitment.
3. All information will be treated with strict confidence. Your name will not be reflected in the dissertation, nor will I discuss your name with anyone.
4. You can withdraw from the study at any time that you choose. However, it is hoped that you will find the conversations beneficial to your understanding of incestuous behaviour. Your story will also benefit other people who have been involved in incestuous behaviour.
5. If you find yourself in a distressful situation due to the nature of the perturbation of the interview material, you should contact your therapist.

Winah van Niekerk

I hereby confirm that I understand that Mrs W.J. van Niekerk is preparing a dissertation on the emotional experiences of incestuous fathers regarding their incestuous behaviour. I have agreed to be interviewed by her for this research. I am aware that the interviews will be tape recorded and transcribed. I also understand that all information will be treated with strict confidence, and that any publication of it – in whole or in part – will respect my anonymity.

Print name: _____

Postal address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Telephone numbers: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____