

# Teen basketballer takes lie-detector test

A YOUNG amateur basketballer has taken a lie-detector test to try to prove her innocence of a playing charge.

In what is believed to be an Australian sporting first, a Basketball Victoria tribunal is considering whether to admit the 16-year-old's polygraph evidence.

Knox Amateur Basketball Association president Dennis Smith refused to comment on

the case, but confirmed the tribunal was considering a case involving a polygraph test.

The girl's father said he had paid \$350 for the lie-detector test from Australian Polygraph Services to try to prove his daughter's innocence.

But he refused to give any details of the case because he had promised the tribunal not to go to the media until it was over.

"I gave my word that I wouldn't go to the media, to keep it under my hat and I have. I don't know how you got to hear about this," he said yesterday.

He said his daughter had just turned 16 and that he had decided to pay for her to take a polygraph test because it was a case of her word against another person.

The man who gave the lie-

detector test, former policeman Steven Van Aperen, refused to give any details about it.

Mr Van Aperen, said he had tested sportsmen and women accused of taking drugs, but could not think of any cases where amateurs had used him to prove their innocence in an incident in play.

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