

Additional statement of Det Sgt PAGE

Product Type: TEXT DOCUMENTS:Statement

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Brief Description: Attached to this product is an additional statement of Det Sgt PAGE.

Summary:

- Para 801 - 807:** Obtains statement from MUSY in relation to disappearance of MATTAINI
- Para 808 - 809:** Outlines statement from WYSZYNSKI in relation to disappearance of MATTAINI
- Para 810 - 813:** Creates report making MATTAINI officially missing.
Completes Situation Report and makes enquiries with the Missing Persons Unit.
- Para 814.:** Outlines statement from Heather THOMPSON from Dept Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs that MATTAINI arrived in Australia on 17/03/1984 with no record of departure.
- Para 815.:** Outlines statement from Heather THOMPSON from Dept Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs that MUSY departed Australia on 16/08/1995 and returned on 24/09/1985 with WYSZYNSKI arriving on 02/10/1985.
- Para 816 - 817:** Enquiries are made with RTA, French Consulate to locate MATTAINI with no result.
- Para 818 - 819:** Enquiries reveal witness OTTAVIANI is now deceased.
- Para 820.:** Publishing of a media release in relation to MATTAINI.
- Para 821.:** Information received through CrimeStoppers unit that Jason NICHOLAS stated he and his associates bashed a gay man to death in a park.
- Para 822 - 823.:** Outlines statement taken from Adam JACOVIDES who states that Richard PORTER admits being a member of a Bondi gang who pushed a gay man off a cliff at Bondi.
- Para 825.:** Opinions as to cause of death of MATTAINI.

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STATEMENT in the matter of:
Suspected death of MATTAINI

Place: Rose Bay
Police Station

Date : 28 August 2002

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Name: Stephen John PAGE

Address: Rose Bay LAC

Tel. No.: 8356 8225

Occupation: Detective Sergeant of Police

STATES:-

800. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness.

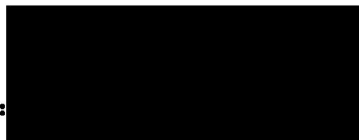
The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable for prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

801. I am 35 years of age.

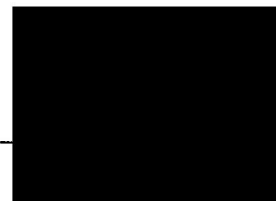
802. Further to the statement I made in relation to the suspected death of WARREN and suspicious death of RUSSELL on the 25th of July, 2002. .

803. On the 14th of August, 2002, I obtained a statement from Jacques MUSY ("MUSY"). MUSY stated that he met Gilles MATTAINI ("MATTAINI") about 1978 in Paris and they begin an intimate relationship. MATTAINI does his military service as a teenager and tries to take his life by way of drug overdose. MATTAINI leaves the army and the relationship with MUSY continues.

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804. MUSY and MATTAINI subsequently move to Australia in 1983 and reside at Bondi, and MATTAINI overstayed his visa which caused him some distress. MATTAINI around the time of his disappearance was in employment as a barman at the Menzies Hotel, Sydney.

805. MATTAINI owned a set of stereo headphones and would often take long walks around Ben Buckler headland and the Bondi/Bronte walk (which passes Marks Park). MATTAINI was gay but would not attend Marks Park for sexual purposes.

806. In August, 1985, MUSY returns to France for a visit and whilst overseas he is informed by a friend Vincent OTTAVIANI ("OTTAVIANI" - now deceased) that MATTAINI has disappeared. MUSY returns to Australia and notices no sign of forced entry at their residence and no appearances of disturbance. [REDACTED]

807. MUSY discusses purchases by MATTAINI up until his disappearance and outlines that whilst in contact with him he appeared in good spirits. MUSY states that MATTAINI was looking forward to a visit from a French based friend, Antony WYSZYNSKI ("WYSZYNSKI"). Attached as an annexure to this statement is a copy of the statement of MUSY.

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808. That date, a statement was obtained from WYSZYNSKI. He states that he met MATTAINI in France and in 1985 he discusses travelling to Australia with MATTAINI, and MATTAINI appears in good spirits. WYSZYNSKI arrives in Australia (he believes 25/09/1985) and with OTTAVIANI searches for MATTAINI, with no trace found.

809. WYSZYNSKI describes MATTAINI as timid and shy, and not promiscuous. WYSZYNSKI describes an incident between 1986 and 1989 when he is at Marks Park and two carloads of hoodlums arrive and begin chasing gay men. WYSZYNSKI has always believed that OTTAVIANI had reported MATTAINI missing. WYSZYNSKI has later returned to France and returned all MATTAINI's belongings to his parents. Attached as an annexure to this statement is a copy of the statement of WYSZYNSKI.

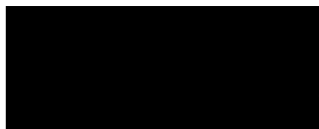
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810. On the 3rd of August, 2002, I conducted C.O.P.S enquiries with the holdings of the NSW Police Service. There was no record of MATTAINI being previously recorded missing in that system or on the missing persons database. I have then created C.O.P.S event E14960947 in relation to the disappearance of MATTAINI. Attached as an annexure to this statement is a copy of that C.O.P.S event.

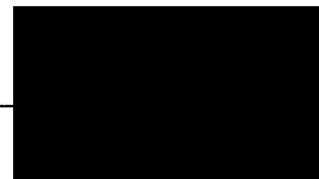
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811. When examining the C.O.P.S system I noted that there was no information recorded whatsoever relative to MATTAINI relative to intelligence, events, charging or licensing.

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812. On the 3rd of August, 2002, I completed a Situation Report for Police Service management outlining the disappearance of MATTAINI. Attached as an annexure to this statement is a copy of that Situation Report.

EXHIBIT I PRODUCE THAT SITUATION REPORT - ANNEXURE 268

813. On the 8th of August, 2002, I spoke with Senior Constable WHITE ("WHITE") of the Missing Persons unit, and he informed me that he was the allocated case officer for the disappearance of MATTIANI. WHITE stated he would conduct enquiries and provide a statement which will include searches with the Department of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Centrelink, other Australian Police Forces and various financial institutions.

814. On the 6th of August, 2002, Heather Maria THOMPSON ("THOMPSON") of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs provided a statement that according to records maintained by that department MATTAINI arrived in Australia on the 17th of March, 1984, and there is no subsequent departure recorded. Attached as an annexure to this statement is a copy of the statement of THOMPSON.

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815. On the 8th of August, 2002, THOMPSON provided a further statement that according to records for the year 1985 MUSY departed Australia on the 16th of August, 1985, and arrived on the 24th of September, 1985. THOMPSON further states that according to records for the year 1985 WYSZYNSKI arrived on the 2nd of October, 1985 with no date recorded for departure. Attached as an annexure to this statement is a copy of the statement of THOMPSON.

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816. On the 6th of August, 2002, I requested a certificate from the Roads and Traffic Authority in relation to any licenses held by MATTAINI. I have subsequently received a certificate under Section 46 of the Road Transport (General) Act 1999 that MATTAINI is not the holder of a New South Wales driver's or rider's license. Attached as a copy to this statement is a copy of that certificate.

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817. I have contacted the French Consulate to establish whether there were any holdings in relation to MATTAINI. As a result of conversations I had with Monique de LAVALX ("de LAVALX") of that Consulate. I provided de LAVALX a copy of the COPS and SITREP de LAVALX provided me with a report dated the 6th of August, 2002, stating that "Gilles Jacques MATTAINI is unknown of this French Consulate". Attached as an annexure to this statement is a copy of that correspondence.

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818. On the 8th of August, 2002, I made enquiries of RTA records of Vincent Simon OTTAVIANI. I established that records available showed that he was born on the 29th of June, 1950 and last resided at [REDACTED]. RTA records showed that OTTAVIANI was deceased.

819. That date I have requested a copy of a death certificate relative to OTTAVIANI from the Department of Births, Deaths and Marriages. I was subsequently provided with the reference number iASK-58459. Attached as an annexure to this statement is a copy of that request.

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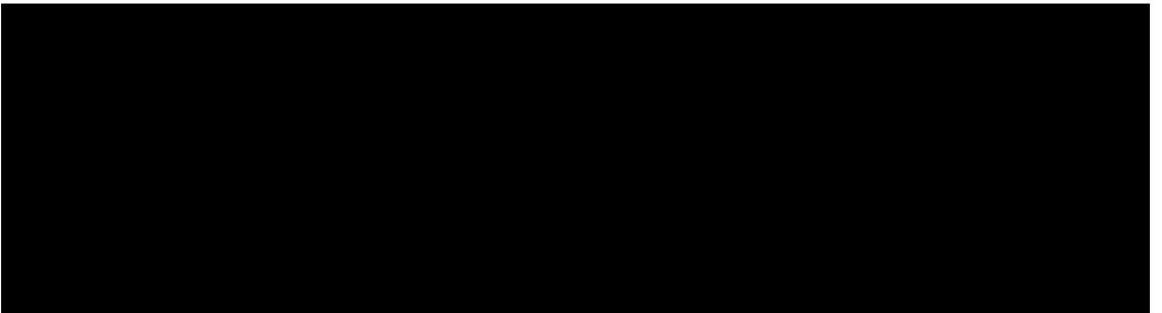
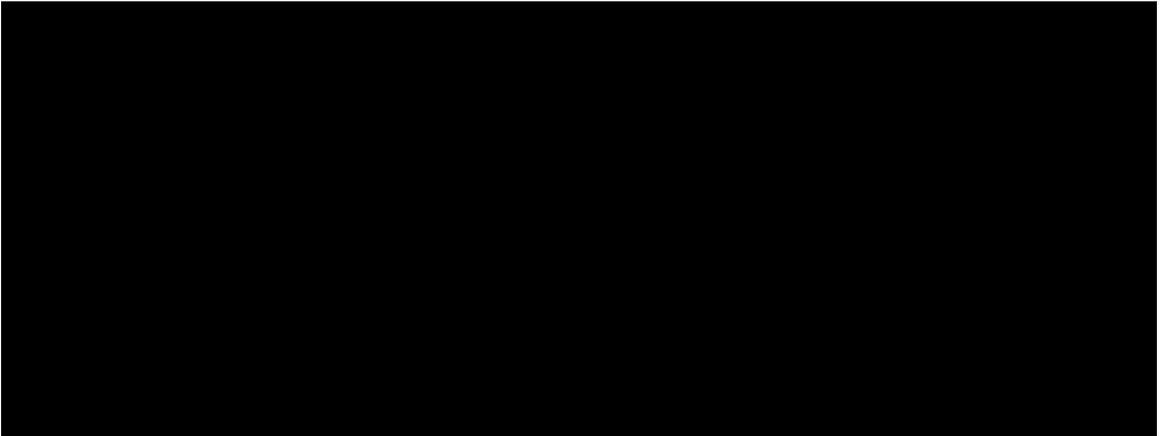
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820. On Monday the 12th of August, 2002, a media release was published in relation to the disappearance of MATTAINI. Persons with information regarding the last movements of MATTAINI were requested to contact police. At the time of making this statement no information has been received as a result of this media release.

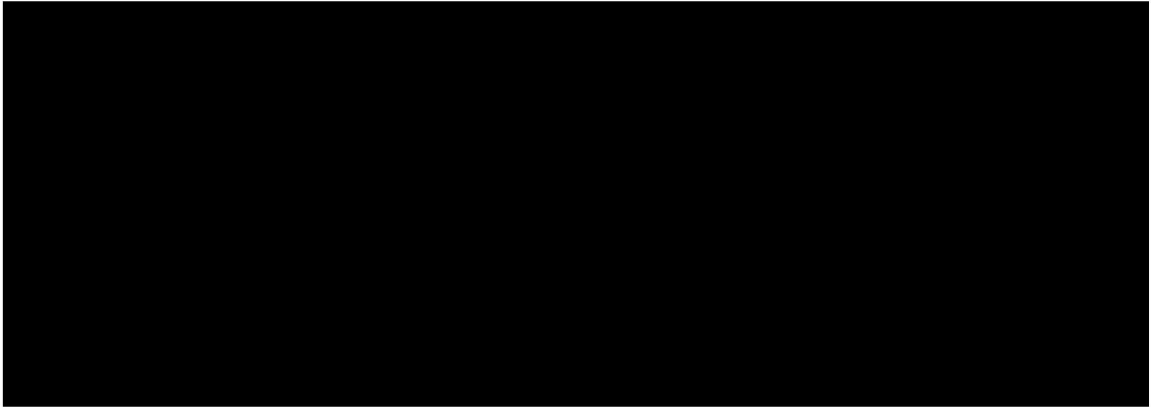
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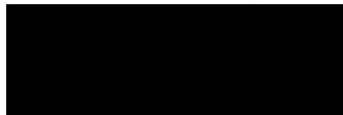
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824. In relation to all other outstanding enquiries to be conducted in relation to MATTAINI, JEFFREYS and the CrimeStoppers report I15168862 a further statement will be provided by Detective Sergeant BISHOP.

825. In so far as early opinions in relation to the factors surrounding the suspected death of MATTAINI, I do not believe that homicide can be excluded taking into account the fact MATTAINI has gone missing with items he usually takes when going for a walk, and his walks take him past Marks Park at Tamarama which is known to be a violent area for gay victims. I am aware that MATTAINI has previously tried to take his own life, however, there is a significant passage of time since that era and whatever factors that did exist causing him to be suicidal there is no evidence to suggest that those factors still existed. Considering these suicide attempts occurred in his early teens, the causes may well have been confusion over sexuality and loss of liberty whilst performing national service.

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Det Sgt