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EXHIBIT " 16 "

Inquest touching the death

of William Duffield

Coroners Court, 11-16

Parramatta Road, Glebe

(Date) 12.12.94

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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
DUTFIELD MURDER

Place: Mosman Police Station
Date: 21 November, 1991

Name: 160

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

460-3794

Occupation: Restaurant Owner

States:-

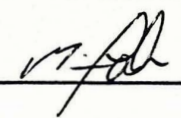
1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. My age is 28

3. I am the co-owner of the Mosquito Bar Restaurant at 5/142 Spit Road, Mosman. I am in partnership with Hassan [REDACTED] and Hassan works as a chef whilst I handle the customer service. The restaurant has been in operation for just over 3 years and Hassan has been with the restaurant since its opening. I have been associated with the restaurant since December, 1990, when I bought out Hassans partner.

4. On Tuesday the 19 November, 1991 I arrived at the restaurant between 4.30pm and 4.45pm. When I arrived there Hassan was already preparing food for the evening meals. I then assisted Hassan in the food preparation and about 6.15pm whilst I was still in the kitchen I heard someone whistle from the dining area.

5. I then went into the dining section of the restaurant and I saw two male persons. I recognised one of them as a person who had been a customer on about 3 previous occasions over the last couple of months. I would describe him as Australian appearance

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with an Australian accent, about 44-45 old, small build, fair complexion with black medium length hair, I can't remember what clothes he was wearing, however I remember that he was quite drunk when he came in. I could tell this because I had seen him before when he was sober and on this occasion he was slurring his words, but he seemed in a very happy mood. The other male person I would describe as Australian appearance, older than the first, about 52-53 old, 172-3 tall, greying hair, medium build. I also can't remember what he was wearing.

6. The younger of the two then said, "We've booked a table for two" I said, "Yeah, just help yourself." and I pointed to a table and said, "I'm just going to be a few minutes." He said, "Take your time, no problems." I gave them each a menu and then opened a bottle of white wine which he had brought into the restaurant, I don't think the bottle was in a bag but I remember that it was cold at the time. After opening the bottle I put on some music and then went back into the kitchen.

7. When I went back into the kitchen I finished preparing the garlic bread and at 6.30pm, which is the time the restaurant opens, I went back out and took their order of one garlic bread, one salad and two beef curries and rice. At that stage there was still no one else in the restaurant and I returned to the kitchen with the order.

8. About 5 minutes later I returned to their table and gave them the garlic bread. I then attended to work both in the kitchen and in the dining area and to tending to their wine. Shortly before 7.0pm I brought the two main meals and the salad out from the kitchen. I know it was about this time because just after I served them two ladies arrived for a 7.0 o'clock booking.

9. I then attended to serving customers in the restaurant and

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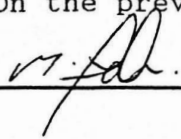
every so often I would go back to their table to see if they needed anything. Between 7.30am and 7.45pm the older of the two asked if I would clear the table and if I could place the remainder of their curries into a takeaway container. I said, "Would you like them in separate containers?" and he said, "No, just put them in one." I then cleared the table and returned about 10 minutes later with the takeaway container and the older man asked for two coffees. I then left the table and returned a short time later with the coffees.

10. About 10 minutes after I served them with coffees, the older man asked me for the bill. This would have been around 8.05pm. I then prepared the bill and left it on their table and I then went away and served another table. When I returned to their table I saw a fifty dollar note with the bill. I picked up both the money and the bill and the older man asked for two more coffees. I then went and got two more coffees, then added these to the bill which I added up to amount to \$34.30. I then returned to the table and gave them their coffees and \$15.70 in change.

11. I then went about my business with other customers and I served three persons who had come in for and 8.30pm booking. These three were from the 7/11 store down the road. These people brought some beer and wine in with them and I went into the kitchen with one of them and when I came back out from the kitchen the two males had left. I'd say they would have left between 8.25pm and 8.45pm. When they left the restaurant they left \$5.70 as a tip.

12. The younger of the two men seemed in a very happy mood whilst he was at the restaurant. He asked me on 3 or 4 times to sing and he was very friendly.

13. On the previous occasions that I have seen the younger of

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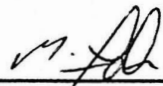
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the two men, I can't remember who he was with. When I would see him in the street he would always be wearing shorts a shirt and a small white cap. He always seemed friendly and would always say hello.

14. On the night of Tuesday the 19 October, 1991 we had 32 people in the restaurant, which was a busy night for a Tuesday. We eventually finished about 12.30am.

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