

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: KINGS CROSS POLICE STATIONTOUCHING THE DEATH OFSAMANTHA RAYEDate: 20 MARCH 1989.Name: Wayne David HURRELL

(Surname in capitals)

Address: [REDACTED] EWART STREET, DULWICH HILL.Tel. No. [REDACTED]Occupation: STUDENT.

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 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 date of birth is [REDACTED]

3. I have known Samantha RAYE for the past 3 years. During this time, she has been a friend of mine. I first met samantha RAYE when I came to Sydney from Melbourne in January 1986.

4. I was introduced to Samantha by a mutual friend. When I first met Samantha, I realised that she was not a normal woman. Samantha and I spoke quite openly about her appearance and she classed herself as a 'Hamaferadyte' or being born half woman and half man. Samantha underwent a sex change operation in October 1988 at a private hospital at Eastwood to change her genitals from male to female. I also know that Samantha was taking a female hormone called 'Primigen' or similar since the end of 1987. However, Samantha had breasts like a female when I first met her in January 1986.

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5. In the 3 years I have known Samantha RAYE, I have never heard her talk of or refer to a sexual partner. To my knowledge, Samantha RAYE was not promiscuous. Samantha did not have many friends, but she used to go to P.J's coffee shop in Premier lane in Sydney where she used to associate with other transexuals but mainly she used to associate with these guys from a church, which ran the coffee shop. To this date, I have no knowledge of any boyfriend of Samantha.

6. Shortly after meeting Samantha I found out that she suffered from Diabetes and Ashma. Samantha had to take the Insulin with a syringe and she used to inject the injulin into her behind. Samantha was not very fit and would be out of breath if she had to walk any great distance.

7. Since I have known Samantha RAYE, I have seen her in severe states of Depression. Since December 1988, Samantha has been upset over a number of different things. She has been having trouble with her neighbour, I think that he lives in Flat [redacted] at [redacted] Macleay Street, Potts point. He was generally harassing Samantha with threats of physical violence and bodily harm. I heard of a case of him urinating against her front door. Samantha was also concerned about the housing commission delaying in giving her a unit, as she was very unhappy where she was living. Samantha was also a very lonely person, which also caused her to become depressed. In June 1988, Samantha attempted to commit suicide by taking some other drug and not taking her Insulin. The Police had

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to kick her door in to save her. The Police then took Samantha R<sup>A</sup>YE to St Vincents Hospital. Prior to June 1988, Samantha had spoken to me about Suicide but since her attempt on her own life, has not spoken to me about it again.

8. The last time I saw samantha alive was on Sunday 5 March 1989 when I went to her unit at [REDACTED] Macleay Street, Potts Point. I just let myself into her flat with my key and sat and talked with her for about 1 hour. During this time, she seemed of normal spirits. The last time I spoke with Samantha on the telephone would have been on Saturday 11 March 1989. She rang me from the Wayside Chapel about 7.00pm. This telephone conversation lasted for about half to three quarters of an hour and she seemed to be upset, but I did not mention anything about suicide. This was the last time I heard from Samantha R<sup>A</sup>YE.

9. Around Mid day on Friday 17 March 1989, I went to Samantha's unit. Upon letting myself in with my key, I found that she was not at home. Samantha is usually at home during the day and doesn't like going out much. She also usually rings me on thursday nights but didn't do so the night before, Thursday the 16 March 1989. I then noticed a note on the side table in the living room. I recognised this note as being written by Samantha and it read, "At lighthouse, will be back ???". I also noticed that Hanna, Samantha's social worker had also written something underneath this note. I then left a note of my own next to Samantha's note and left the unit. I returned to Samantha's unit on Sunday 19 March

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1989, again finding that Samantha was not home. On this occasion, I attended with Hanna. We then went to the Kings Cross Police Station where we reported Samantha as a missing person.

10. On Monday 20 March 1989, I decided to look for Samantha. I checked with her Doctor, Her psychiatrist and I also checked at the Kings Cross branch of the St George Building society. I got these details off Hanna and all avenues proved negative. Her Psychiatrist told me that Samantha did not keep her last appointment which was on the 16 March 1989. I then went to the lady Jane beach at Watsons bay, where I knew that Samantha went to swim. I looked along the beach and in the bushes and I looked up and saw the light house at South Head. I saw the Police vehicles and put two and two together. I later identified the body that the Police had as my friend of three years, Samantha RAYE.

11. I have no knowledge of how Samantha met her death, or if she went to the light house with anyone. The only person that I know of that had anything against Samantha was her Neighbour, but I did not witness any of the incidents which Samantha told me about. Samantha originally came from New Zealand, but I don't know what year she arrived in Australia. I also do not know the name she used when she was a male person. She did not get on with her family and I don't know their names or where they live. In February 1989, Samantha filled out a form saying that I was her next of kin.

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Samantha also told me that she would leave all her possessions to me in the event of her death.

12. At no time did I have any physical relationship with Samantha RAYE. On a few occasions, Samantha had hinted to me suggesting that we have sex. I declined on all occasions. I felt sorry in a way for Samantha and just visited her as a friend and for her to have some Company.

WITNESS.....

W.J. WILCHER  
Constable.  
Police Station, Kings Cross  
20 March 1989.

SIGNED.....

Wayne David HURRELL

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