

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Place: St Peters lane & Forbes street
 TOUCHING THE DEATH OF Darlinghurst.
 SAMANTHA RAYE Date: 5 April 1989.

Name: Bruce DAY
 (Surname in capitals)
 Address: [REDACTED], Paddington, Tel. No. [REDACTED]
 Occupation: Bus Driver 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 date of birth is [REDACTED].

3. I have been involved with the St Johns church at Darlinghurst for the past 10 months. The church runs a coffee shop called P.J's which is underneath the church hall.

4. I have known Samantha RAYE For the past 9 years. I first met her through a mutual friend in 1979 or 1980. I knew Samantha RAYE on a casual friendship basis from 1980 to 1982. I lost contact with Samantha in 1982 and I did not see her until I started doing voluntary work at the P.J's cafe in the middle of 1988, about June.

5. Samantha would come to church for the services once in a while. She attended the coffee shop on an irregular basis, sometimes 3 times a week or some weeks, not at all. Samantha would talk to the people from the church but she didn't seem to fit in with the other transsexuals who attend the coffee shop on a regular basis.

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6. I know that Samantha had a major operation in late 1988, I think that she was in hospital for about 4 weeks. After the operation Samantha returned to the coffee shop. I then noticed that Samantha wasn't in the same frame of mind as she was before the operation. She seemed to be very depressed and didn't want to talk to anyone. She always used to sit in the middle booth of the lounge and stare at the opposite wall. She would drink coffee, smoke, and stare at the wall for up to 3 hours sometimes. This behaviour was a big change to the Samantha that I knew before the operation.

7. I knew Samantha for 9 years, during which time, I was only a friend to talk to occasionally. In the last months of her life, she was very depressed, that depressed that I thought that she was dying or something. Samantha never spoke to me about suicide, or any of her problems. Samantha was just a loner.

WITNESS.....

William John WILCHER
 Police station, Bondi
 5 April 1989.
 Constable of Police.

SIGNED.....

Bruce DAY

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