

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Bondi Police StationTouching the Death of Samantha RAYEDate: 8 May, 1989.Name: Patrick John DINCOMBE

(Surname in capitals)

Address: C/- Bondi Police StationTel. No. [REDACTED]Occupation: Constable of Police

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 anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. My date of birth is [REDACTED]

3. At 10:25am on Monday the 20 March, 1989, with Constable Wilcher, I attended the Hornby Lighthouse at South Head in relation to a body found on the rocks below there. On arrival we were met by Francis CLEMENTS a National Parks and Wildlife Officer, who took us to the cliff top and pointed out where the body was located. The feet of the deceased could be seen sticking out from the cliff base about 15 metres below and 50 south metres. We were then led by Clements down to the cliff base where the body lay.

4. The body was located back under a large over hang about two feet above the high tide mark. I there saw what at first appeared to be the body of a male, in its late 20's, lying on its back, its right leg was over its left leg, its left fist close in the centre of its chest, its right arm along its side, its head turned to the right, a dried mucus running from its open mouth and nose, both its eyes were slightly open, it had brown long hair with blonde tips, and appeared to be unshaven. The deceased was dressed in brown pants, black nylon spray jacket, white Dunlop sand shoes, and wearing several earrings, rings and bangles.

5. I was then approached by Daniel WILLIS, who identified himself to me as the person who first discovered the body. He

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then informed me that he had found the body at about 9:30am that morning and on looking closer, saw no movement, so felt for the vital signs of the deceased, on finding the body to be cold he went to the nearby National Parks and Wildlife Officers Station and rang Police.

6. At 11:30am Constable STEWARDSON and VINCENT from the crime scene unit attended and took photographs of the deceased and the surrounding area. Rescue Squad personal were also in attendance. A search of the body was then conducted and the deceased found to have a folding knife and and whistle in the pocket of its jacket on the right side. On undoing the deceaseds jacket it was found to have on a black shirt unbuttoned and female breasts, Its pants also were undone the belt only loosely threaded through the buckle and the fly only half done up.

7. At 12:25pm we had just finished carrying the deceased to the top of the cliff, in a body bag, when we were approached by Wayne HURRELL. Who stated he was looking for a friend who was missing, and then described the deceased to us. HURRELL was then shown the deceased and Identified the body as SAMANTHA RAYE, his missing friend of 3 years, 30 old, of [REDACTED] McCleay St Potts Point. HURRELL further stated that Samantha RAYE was a trans sexual.

8. The body was then conveyed to St Vincents Hospital by the Government Contractors, where life was pronounced extinct by Dr CLIMIE, and then taken to Glebe Morgue.

9. HURRELL then took Police to the deceaseds residence, where the following medicines were found; Serepax, Vibra-tabs 50, Primogyn, Tryptanol, Panadeine Forte, Panamax, Codalgin, A book containing several sad poems was found open on a small table, and a note on the mantle piece saying, "At lighthouse, will be back?????", apparently written by the deceased. A number of letters from males written in answer to an add put by the deceased in a Sydney Gay magazine were also found. A number of syringes were also found in the deceaseds unit.

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10. Huurell then attended Kings Cross Police Station where he made a statement in the matter to Constable Wilcher. I contacted local hospitals to obtain medical records of the deceased. I found that the deceased had only been treated 5 times in the last 2 years in St Vincents Hospital for minor injuries and had not been admitted, there was no record of her having received any treatment at Sydney Hospital. There was no metion on any of the deceaseds medical records of her being diabetic, or requiring insulin for other medical reason.

11. On Tuesday the 21 March, 1989, I attended the Glebe Morgu where I identified the body of the deceased, Samantha RAYE, at 9:30am to Doctors Bradhurst, Hollinger, Korula, Duflou, Schwartz Hyne, and Smalley.

12. At 12:35pm on Wensday the 12 April, 1989, I obtained a statement from Reverand Cliff CONNERS, who informed me that he had known Samantha RAYE since 1976, before she had taken on the guise of a female. At that time the deceased was a quiet and withdrawn person very insular, and went on to explain that over the years he had known her she had become more and more withdraw taken to melodramatic actions to gain attention, suffered from severe depression, becoming very emotional for no reson at all. He was of the impression that she was out of control of her life

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