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STATEMENT in the matter of: Carl STOCKTON

Place: Police Station Date: 9 November 1996

Brent Matthew TOZER Name: Bar Cleveland, Corner of Bourke St and Cleveland St, Address: Tel. No.: Redfern STATES:-Occupation: Hotel Manager

> This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence 1. 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.

I am 34 years of age. 2.

I am employed by Con BOUGAS as the manager of the Bar 3. Cleveland which is situated at the corner of Bourke Street and Cleveland Street, Redfern. I have held this position for the past three months.

Since I began working as the manager of the Bar Cleveland 4. I have see in the hotel a number of times a male. I do not know this mans name but he is Caucasian, probably in his late sixties. He is about 5'8" tall of slim build. I can not recall when I first saw him but ever since I have seen him he has had one of his arms in a sling. I have spoken to this man a couple of times but can not recall the content of the conversations. The man always comes in alone and always plays the number 1 card machine in the back bar. I have never seen this man in company with anyone else.

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5. About 7pm on Tuesday the 5th of November, 1996, I started my shift at the bar Cleveland. During the course of my shift I worked in both the front and back bars and can not recall seeing the man with the sling.

6. Between 1.15am and 1.30am on Wednesday the 6th of November, 1996, I was in the front bar of the Hotel cleaning tables and picking up glasses when I heard a staff member, Madga KOS, yell out something from the back bar. (She yelled, " There's someone who has collapsed on the road outside. Can you go out and check it out."

7. I walked out of the front bar onto Cleveland Street where I saw a man on his back on the inside lane of Cleveland Street, right at the corner with Bourke street. He was laying across the inside lane and his head was pointing to the north. As I walked towards the man on the road a passer by approached him as well and we reached him about the same time.

8. When we reached the man the passer by and I had a conversation. (I said, "Give me a hand to get him inside off the road." The passer by said, "O.k, why don't you call missionbeat as well.") The passer by and I picked him up off the road under the arms and helped him walk to the steps on the side of the hotel. We sat the man down there and I looked at him closely. It was quite dark but I could see that the mans right eye was black.

I asked the man with the black eye, " Do you live in the area?" He said, " Yes." I said, " Where do you live?" He said, " I don't know."

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9. At this stage the passer by left the scene and walked off in a northerly direction up Bourke Street. A regular customer by the name of Gavin came out of the hotel and with his assistance we helped the man to his feet and we helped him walk inside the hotel. As I helped the man across the footpath and into the hotel I noticed that the man appeared very uncoordinated and was not able to move freely. I could not smell any alcohol on him but due to his physical state I was of the opinion that he was drunk.

10. Once we got the man inside under better lighting I recognised him as the customer with the sling I have referred to above. He still had the sling on and he was wearing track suit pants and an old jumper. We sat him down in a chair near the door and I kept repeating the question to him, " Where do you live?"

He replied a number of times that he lived in the area but he did not know where. When he spoke he spoke very slowly and slurred his words. I had some difficulty but I was able to understand him.

11. I got a wettex from behind the bar and put it under some cold water before handing it to Gavin. Gavin then used the wettex to wipe the mans face and dab at his swollen eye.

I left the man with Gavin and went to the phone and called 12. Missionbeat. I continued working in the bar while Gavin looked after the man. Every five minutes or so I looked over to check on the mans welfare. He remained seated the whole time and appeared to be talking to Gavin.

13. About 10 to 15 minutes later two men in a Missionbeat van

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arrived and spoke to the man in th hotel. Gavin and I walked the man out of the hotel and the Missionbeat men took hold of him at the door and walked him to the van. I remained inside while Gavin went outside and spoke with the missionbeat men. The man was put in the Missionbeat van and driven off.

14. The bystander who went to the injured mans aid when I did was caucasian, about 23 to 25 years old, about 6'2" tall and of normal build. He had shoulder length straight black hair and was wearing a long dark overcoat that reached just below his He was clean shaven and had a thin face. I have seen knees. this man walking around the area before. I do not know his name, where he lives or if he comes into the Bar Cleveland.

15. I did not see how the injured man received his injuries. At no time while I was with him did he tell me how his injuries were sustained.

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