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STATEMENT in the matter of:  
Carl STOCKTON

Place: Surry Hills  
Police Station

Date : 11 November 1996

Name: Bruce David DOUST

Address: [REDACTED]

Tel. No.: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Medical Practitioner

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. I am 58 years of age.

3. I am a qualified Medical Practitioner. I am currently employed as the director of Radiology at St. Vincents Hospital, Darlinghurst. My qualifications are as follows;

1. BSc (Med). Sydney University. [REDACTED].
2. MBBS. Sydney University. [REDACTED].
3. Diploma of Diagnostic Radiology Sydney University. [REDACTED].
4. Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Radiologists. [REDACTED].
5. Diploma of Diagnostic Ultrasound. Australian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine. [REDACTED].
6. Diploma of the American Board of Radiology. [REDACTED].
7. Diploma of the American Board of Nuclear Medicine. [REDACTED].
8. Associate Professor of Medicine. University of New South Wales.

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4. I have known Carl STOCKTON since 1966 when I met his sister, Vivienne. Vivienne and I were married in October, 1966. When I first met Carl he worked as a Blackberry sprayer. He subsequently joined the Taxation Department. He rose to a position of responsibility in the Taxation Department where he was responsible for adjudicating complaints that came from Members Of Parliament on behalf of their constituents. About 8 years ago Carl left the Taxation department and joined the State Rail Authority as a trainee engine driver. He has remained in this employment ever since.

5. For many years he has lived in Mort Street, Surry Hills. Since I have known Carl he has been distant from his family and as far as I know he has lived by himself. My relationship with Carl was not close but he would contact me on occasions when he needed medical advice. I know that one of Carls friends is sufficiently close to him that Carl gave him a key to his Veteran Rolls Royce. I do not know this persons name. I was aware that Carl had a regular G.P. and also saw a Psychiatrist. I do not know their names or where they work. I am unaware of any long term illness that Carl may have suffered from.

6. About 6 weeks ago I had a conversation with Carl subsequent to him having injured his right collar bone. He told me that he had woken up in the street in the Surry Hills Darlinghurst area and he did not know how it happened. During this conversation he expressed the view that he may have sustained the injury while drunk. He told me that he thought it would be better if he addressed the problem of drinking alcohol. I never saw him drunk and do know the extent to which he drank. The injury was a fracture of the right clavicle ( collar bone). The treatment was undertaken at St. Vincents Hospital and consisted of

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confining his arm to a sling.

7. About 3pm on Wednesday the 6th of November, 1996, I received a telephone call from Dr. Bruce ROBERTS, a radiologist in Macquarie Street, who performs C.T scans for Sydney Hospital. ( a C.T. scan is an X-Ray procedure which produces pictures of the body in the form of slices or cross sections. C.T. scanning is a procedure commonly performed when it is suspected that there is something wrong inside the skull). Dr. ROBERTS told me something. ( He said that he had just performed a C.T scan on Carl STOCKTON and that the appearances were highly abnormal and showed haemorrhage in the brain.)

8. Soon afterwards I received a call from a Doctor at Sydney Hospital who told me something. ( He said that Carl STOCKTON had sustained brain damage. I asked him to arrange for Carl's transfer to St Vincents Hospital.)


9. About 6.30pm I went to the Accident and Emergency Centre of St Vincents Hospital where I saw Carl. Carl was lying on a bed in a standard cubicle. His right hand was restrained by a leather restraint. These restraints are used when patients are confused and may do themselves an injury. An example of this is when patients attempt to remove their intravenous lines or attempt to walk away. Carl had bruising in a ring around the right eye.


10. I said to Carl, " Hello Carl."

He said, " Oh, hello."

When he said this he turned his head towards me.

I said words to the effect of, " I am sorry to see you here."

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It became immediately obvious that Carl was confused.

I said, " Look, I'll see you later."

He said, " O.K, good bye."

When I spoke to him I was of the impression that he was confused.

11. I left Carl and went to the Doctors Office in the Accident and Emergency Centre and spoke to Dr. Paul PREISZ. ( Dr. PREISZ was dealing with Carl's management and he told me the C.T scan showed very significant injury, that the medical staff had been unable to obtain information from Carl as to how he had sustained the injuries and that he was being sedated. Dr. PREISZ expressed doubts as to the likelihood of Carl surviving so serious an injury.)

12. I looked at the C.T scan and saw multiple skull fractures and very widespread areas of haemorrhage in the brain. In my professional opinion it was the most severe brain injury I had ever seen. I can only describe it as "monstrous". After seeing the C.T scan I was astounded that Carl had been able to speak with me as he had a short time before.

13. The following statement is made without having had the opportunity of reviewing all of Carl's medical record. Within the limits imposed by this deficiency it is my opinion that Carl's injuries could not have been caused by a motor vehicle accident. The reason for this view is the that the injuries as far as I know are confined to the head. I believe that if a motor vehicle had caused a head injury of this severity there would have been significant injuries elsewhere. It is my opinion that the injuries sustained by Carl were due to a blow or blows on the head. However I am not an expert in forensic medicine.

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