

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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Statement No. []

STATEMENT OF	
Name of Witness (in full) KENNEDY <small>(Surname in BLOCK LETTERS)</small>	Date 20.2.86
Address of Witness [REDACTED]	Age 38
Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]	Telephone Nos. Home: [REDACTED] Business: [REDACTED]

I am a single male and I reside at the given address.

I arrived in Brisbane on Friday 14 February 1986 at about 11.30am.

I left Woollongong at approximately 6pm on the evening of Thursday 13 February 1986 and I drove to Brisbane in an Avis Rent a Car. I hired the car at Woollongong on Wednesday 12.2.86.

I know William ROONEY has is a personal friend. I have known him over a period of 2 to 3 years. I know that William ROONEY is a homosexual and he lives in Woollongong with a male companion named Wayne, I cannot recall his surname I know where William and Wayne live but I do not recall the name of the Street. Prior to leaving Woollongong on Thursday evening I had association with William ROONEY over a period of 4-5 days. I recall that Wayne and William have broken up their relationship sometime in the last fortnight, however they were both still residing at the same address.

On Thursday 13 February 1986 during the day William and I had been packing glass at my parents place at [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] During the course of packing the glass William had a couple of drinks. We then went to the pub and returned to pack glass again later that afternoon. We had been to the Illawara Hotel & Tattersalls Hotel in Crown Street. William saw Wayne during that day, however I was not present, I was told by William that he had seen him whilst I was away at my brothers flat. Mr brother is Dennis KENNEDY [REDACTED].

Also on Thursday William and I had been to the goods depot at Woollongong to dispatch goods to Brisbane.

I last saw William ROONEY at about 6pm on the evening of Thursday 13 February 1986 on the street outside of his unit. I cannot recall the name of the

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Witness *[Signature]*

J.P. *[Signature]*

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
STATE OF QUEENSLAND

IN MATTER OF THE PROSECUTION OF
[Name of Accused]

STATE OF QUEENSLAND
[Name of Witness]

I, the undersigned, being a Justice of the Peace for the State of Queensland, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the statement made by the witness named above on the day and at the place specified in the foregoing pages numbered 1 to [] is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and

I, the undersigned, being a Justice of the Peace for the State of Queensland, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the statement made by the witness named above on the day and at the place specified in the foregoing pages numbered 1 to [] is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and

OATHS ACT 1867-1981

I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1867-1981 that:-

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(2) I make it knowing that, if it were admitted as evidence, I would be liable to prosecution if I stated in it anything that I knew to be false.

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Taken and declared before me at this day of 19.....

Witness: Justice of the Peace for the State of Queensland.

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street. I remember that William was in good spirits and he farewelled me as I left Woollongong.

I know that later that night William went to meet two Irishmen known to me as Paddy and Ignatius. We had both met these persons on the evening of Wednesday 12 February 1986 at the Illawara Hotel.

On Wednesday 12 February 1986 we had been packing glass when we had a break and we went to the Illawara Hotel at about 4pm.

William is a very outgoing type of person and he had been greeting everybody at the Hotel.

Around Sunset I remember that these two irishmen arrived. I recall that Paddy had asked to borrow a stool, William told him yes so long as he sat on it near us. I remember that both these irishmen were very well built and as I leant over to shake hands I recall that William stroked his arm and introduced himself and Paddy returned the gesture in a very light hearted manner. I recall that the second person Ignatius had reservations in regard to personal contact. Ignatius asked me if I was the same as William in regards to sexuality, and I said, 'No I'm heterosexual.'. It was around about at that time that a lady came over to the table and she sat between Paddy and Ignatius. I do not know who the woman was but William said he knew her from School. At that time Ignatius asked me if I was a Pom. I replied, 'Yes why do you ask.' We then broke into a discussion about the Irish situation and in answer to a question of mine as to what he thought of the Irish situation, Ignatius replied, 'That he would do whatever he was called upon to do - that he'd already done some.' I then asked him what he meant and he said, 'That if it meant killing English people or anybody else he would not hesitate to do so.' He ended that statement on Ireland by saying, 'It doesn't just apply to Ireland but under certain circumstances I would not hesitate to kill anybody.' Ignatius said, 'I can't sit here all night I'm looking for a lady or some fun for the evening.' I'm not sure of his exact words.

At about this time William saw what he termed 'Two local ladies of the evening' enter the pub. One was about late 40's, and the other one early 30's, they had been sitting with two other men for about 15 minutes when Williams

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made the comment that they looked extremely bored. Paddy said, 'Why don't you go and get them over here.' William then approached the ladies and invited them over to the table. I recall that the two men that girls had left were quite put out by the girls leaving them. I do not know who the men were but they were known to the girls. One of these men looked to be Italian or Croatian. William introduced the older lady as Margaret, I do not remember who the other one was. I do remember that Margaret corrected him regarding her name but William insisted on calling her Margaret. The address that William said they came from [REDACTED].

Ignatius attached himself to the younger lady and Paddy was with Margaret. After a period of a couple of hours the younger lady leaned over and told me that she was more of a lesbian than a heterosexual and she was a bit upset that Margaret was showing affection to Paddy. The younger lady then left our table and returned to the other two men who they had been with previously. She said that she knew one of the men as a client. William went back to get her to come back. William said that if he bought her back she might lead her friend off, thus leaving Paddy available for William's advances. Toward the end of the evening Paddy and Ignatius discussed returning to where they were staying. Ignatius suggested that perhaps they should get a Motel somewhere. The younger one objected, saying that she found that too seedy or something like that. Ignatius continued to ask her to come back to where they were staying.

I recall that the Irishmen had said that they were staying somewhere out toward Nowra or in that general direction. Just prior to the four of them leaving together I remember that William had grabbed Paddy's arm saying, 'When are we going to see you again.' Paddy said, 'We'll see you here tomorrow night and or Monday night. I'm not sure exactly.' William and Paddy then exchanged telephone numbers. The four of them left the pub after shaking hands with me and giving William a kiss. As they said, 'See you tomorrow night.' William and I then left the Hotel, William said, 'I have to have another drink.' We actually bought a bottle of wine, we then drove around all the local haunts

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