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STATEMENT in the matter of:
David Samuel ROSE
Death of

Place: Maroubra
Police Station
Date : 22 December 1997

Name: Ian Grant ROSE
Address: [REDACTED] Bondi
Occupation: Computer Sales

Tel. No.: [REDACTED]

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 39 years of age. D.O.B: [REDACTED] 1958

3. I moved to Australia in 1961 with mum, dad, David. I have lived in Francis Street at Bondi since October 20, 1986. I live alone currently and am single. A company by the name of NASA Technology currently employees me and have done so for just over two years.

4. David, my older brother, went through High School at Balgowlah Boys High and finished his Higher School Certificate when he was 17 years old, 1973. David went through high school with no obvious problems in relation to depression or anxiety. The only time I knew David to stress was before his Higher School Certificate exams. David was well liked by his peers at school. He was not picked on except for your normal school boy comments by other students.

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5. Once David left school he went to the University of New South Wales campus at Kensington where he moved on campus into Shalom College. David attended the university for four years graduating as a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. Although David had left home I would see him about once a week, either on the campus or at Mum and Dad's place.

6. During his years at University, David seemed to become more feminine in his mode of colour selection for dressing. His life became very private especially his personal life. To the best of my knowledge, David never tried to harm himself in any way and did not suffer any major illnesses or depression. He only had hayfever and mild asthma and an allergic reaction to an anti-biotic which I don't know the name of. David graduated in 1977/78.

7. After he graduated he basically started work straight away with the Westpac Bank. I do not know exactly what his job designation was, except he designed programs for the Automatic teller machines and intra and inter branch networking systems. David lived in the Kensington area for a couple of years before buying his first unit in Anzac Parade, Kensington. Throughout this time in David's life he was comfortable with himself and his way of life. Once David bought his unit, it became more noticeable that the colours and tones of colours became more feminine. As far as I knew he only did the cross dressing at home.

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8. I would still see David on a regular basis. He had is own circle of friends which the family or myself never got to know. As far as I am aware, David never had a girlfriend or boyfriend, or a serious relationship with anybody.

9. David travelled a lot. He would go overseas for holiday every second year for at least six weeks. He has been to nearly every country in the world. Through his life, David never appeared to have any emotional trauma or bouts of depression. There never appeared to be anything major happen to David other than the normal course of life's ups and downs.

10. To the best of my knowledge David did not have any enemies or any relationship that he may have had other than normal friends. He didn't state where he would go out or the people he was going with. David did not appear to me to go out excessively. Up until between six and twelve months ago he would work on Saturday nights as a volunteer with Radio Station two print handicap for people that were sight impaired. He also used do some early morning work on Mondays with 2SER.

11. David never involved himself in any other drugs other than prescribed drugs for hayfever or any minor illnesses. Alcohol was not a problem for David as far as I know. I have only ever seen him under the weather once which was after his eighteenth birthday. He was about as close to a tea totaller as you can get. As far as I know he did not have any financial problems and did not gamble. David rents his second unit out, and was not in any form of financial difficultly.

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12. I would see David or speak to him at least once a week. I did not go to his unit very often at all and haven't been there since he returned from his last trip overseas, at least six months ago. On the occasions when I did go to his unit I noticed that David was not a messy person. He was a reasonably tidy person who kept stuff reasonably well organised, a place for everything and everything in it's place. When David and I organised to go out, we would normally meet at the place we were going to. On the occasions we did go out he was a normal happy character.

13. I last saw David on Friday 5th December 1997 at my parents place in Balmoral about 6.30pm until 8.30pm/9.00pm. I drove David home that night in my father's car. David did not appear in anyway agitated or depressed and did not mention to me that he was having any problems. On Friday the 12th December David had a Christmas party to go. I spoke to David again during the week of the 12th. Once again there appeared to be nothing wrong in his attitude or voice.

14. I telephoned David last Thursday 18 December 1997 at home after ringing his work and he wasn't there. When I spoke to David I said, "Hi it's me, what's new?"

David said, "I've just got of bed. I've got a very bad nauseous headache."

I said, "O.K I won't hold you up, I just basically rang to let you know that mum is unwell we won't be going over there on Friday night."

He said, "O.K, I'll see if I can give her a call later on today.", that was the end of conversation.

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15. I again rang David on Friday 19 December 1997 at his home after discovering he was again not at work.

I said, "How are you feeling, do you need me to do any shopping for you?"

He said, "I've managed to do some shopping. I feel a little bit better but I still have a bad headache."

I said, "If you need anything give me a call."

He said, "O.k." That was the end of the conversation.

At the time when I spoke to David on the Friday, he gave no indication of anything being amiss. I would have spoken to him either late morning or early afternoon.

16. I rang mum on Saturday morning to see how she was feeling. She said that she had spoken to David on the Saturday before I rang her. Mum told me that David still had a headache and then we just had general conversation.

17. I tried to ring David late morning/early afternoon on Saturday to see how he was feeling. I was unable to get through because the phone was giving an engaged signal. I spoke to mum and dad again on Sunday and they told me they had rang Telstra's service difficulties and had been informed that the phone was off the hook. I didn't think it was unusual because if he had been getting a lot of calls and still had his headache he may have wanted some peace and quiet.

18. Mum was very concerned that she could not get hold of David and she stated that if she hadn't heard from him on Monday she would go to the Police and get them to enter the premises to check on him. I can not remember when mum told me, but her and

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dad went to David's house on Sunday afternoon. Mum said that the unit was all locked and they were unable to gain entry as they had no keys to the unit. Mum said that she couldn't hear any music from the unit. Normally David would have music or television on if he was at home, which could normally be heard from the door.

19. On Monday morning 22 December at approximately 9.40am mum rang to say that still hadn't heard from David and that she was going to go to the Police and she wanted me to go with her. Mum picked me up from home at approximately 10.30am and I went to Randwick Police Station with Mum. We spoke to a Senior Constable DUNNETT who organised for someone to go down and have a look.

20. We arrived at the unit between 11.00am and 11.15am. My father was waiting outside the unit block. Constable SIMS arrived with his partner and he informed us that they would get the Police Rescue Squad to gain entry through the back verandah door that was open.

21. The Rescue Squad arrived and went in through the kitchen window and the officer who gained entry requested a General Duties officer go to the front door. At that stage I guessed what had happened.

22. Mum, Dad and I stayed outside where we were informed of David's death and told that it would be better if we wait outside. After a while, mum and dad went to the Police station and I remained at the unit to make a formal

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identification. I was taken inside by Sergeant Brian MATHES. I informed Sergeant MATHES of certain items which appeared to be out of place, they were, the telephone/ answer machine which was on the floor, two bangle/bracelets that were on the floor in the lounge room which David would not normally ever take off. After a formal identification was made I departed the premises and went to Maroubra Police Station.

23. The garage door was locked and after standing on the door lock in an attempt to see if David's car was still there through then gap at the top of the garage door. It appeared that his car was still there. David never used to drive very much, he would catch a bus or walk unless he was going out to a social occasion or to the radio station. His car was a red nissan pulsar with personalised registration plates [REDACTED]. The laundry was locked and we did not have a key to gain access.

24. Upon going into David's unit with the Police, I had a very quick look around, David's bedroom appeared normal and everything else other than the things I mentioned seemed normal.

25. I saw my brother's body lying face up in the kitchen wearing a white t-shirt with the word SHALOM written in hebrew on the front and beige coloured dress. I saw that he had blood on the left side of his face up above the eyebrow and off the side of his head, and appeared to have extensive bruising across the area of the nose any eyes. He had paper bags over his hands. His body was in a position with his hands by his side, but not up against him, like he was asleep on his back. I formally identified him as David Samuel ROSE.

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26. In my opinion David was not gay, although he did cross dress, not suicidal or depressed. About three to four years ago I formed a suspicion that David may have surgically removed his genitals, although I have not broached th subject with him. I am not aware of anybody else having keys to the unit and it was not unusual for David to leave the verandah door open but only if he was home.

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