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STATEMENT in the matter of:

Death at unit [REDACTED] Addison Street
Kensington

Place: Maroubra

Police Station

Date : 22 December 1997**Name:** Takao ASANO**Address:** [REDACTED] Addison Street, Kensington **Tel. No.:** [REDACTED]**Occupation:** Student**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 25 years of age.

3. I came to Australia in March 1991. My home country is Japan. Since coming to Australia I have lived at Unit [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Addison Street, Kensington with my stepmother, father, and two little sisters who are 4 years old and 7 years old. At the present time I am on holidays from University and for the last couple of weeks have spent most of my time at home.

4. I only talk to one other family in the building who is Chinese and I just say 'hello' to the other people. I don't know the unit number of the unit above us, but I would say 'hello' to the person who lived in the unit upstairs. The man that lived above me had long hair, but was a little bit thin on top, he was between 160 and 170 cm tall, normal build, white skin, grey hair, Australian appearance.

Witness: [Signature]**Signature:** Takao Asano

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Whenever I saw him, usually in the evenings, about once a month, he would be wearing women's clothing like high heels, dresses, glasses, hat and lipsticks. He always looked like a woman.

5. I knew who he was because I would see him at the entrance to the unit block and I would also see him at the clothes line, hanging out women's clothes. I would say hello when I saw him. My parents told me that he lived up stairs above our unit.

6. When I am at home I leave the front door open so I can hear when someone comes, and if they leave. I was at home all day on Sunday 21st December 1997 except between 1.00pm and 3.00pm and 8.00pm to 9.00pm when I went jogging. I got out of bed and went and had a shower. When I got out of the shower, some time between 12midday and 1.00pm, I heard like a plate break, just the once, but it was very loud. It was like it dropped on the floor and break and it sounded heavy. After that I didn't hear any other noises at all, I just thought that was loud. I was at home on my own when I heard the noise.

7. I have never seen anyone with the man upstairs. I hear noises in the unit block sometimes but I do not know where the noise come from. I know he has a car that is a red pulsar that he parks in the garage. I didn't think anything else of it.

Witness: JCS

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Signature: Takao Asano