

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: [REDACTED].

Death of David ROSE.

Date: 23rd December 1997.

Name: BLACKMAN, Kay

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: General Manager.

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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. My age is 46.

3. I have been involved in radio station 2SER FM since 1985. I spent five years as the Program Manager, and seven years as the General Manager. 2 SER FM is a community radio station jointly owned by the Macquarie University and the University of Technology. The Station has sixteen paid staff and three hundred and fifty volunteers.

4. When I first joined the radio station in 1985 I met a man by the name of David ROSE. David was a volunteer back then. Since I have known Dave he has been involved in a number of roles, primarily being that of training. Over a number of years Dave has been a trainer teaching groups of eight to ten new volunteers to operate the studio panel. This training was conducted mostly on Tuesday nights, or at least one night a week. The course would run for about five to six weeks and then a new group would start. The time David has put in over the years has always been consistent and he has always been reliable.

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5. In my opinion David would have trained hundreds and hundreds of people in various aspects of the radio station. David also works in a voluntary capacity for 2RPH AM.

6. Since I have known David he has always dressed in a feminine style. Whilst I have known David he never actually dressed as a women, however he would wear clothing that was more associated with a woman than a man. He would wear clothing that was of a colour that men normally would not wear. He would also wear ladies style shoes.

7. Although he dressed like this he was well accepted within our organisation and I have never heard anyone complain about his style. He has been well liked and accepted by all those he has had contact with.

8. To the best of my knowledge he has never had a partner and I have never met anybody else through him that I would consider to be with him. I often saw him walking home from work and never saw him with anybody. I would see him walking from work down Anzac Parade.

9. David and I spoke often but we usually only talked about what was going on with the radio stations. I havn't really sat down and had a conversation with him for some time. From what I know of David I don't think he was the type of person who would frequent bars or clubs. Although David liked to dress differently I feel that he was very asexual. I have never been under the impression that he was homosexual. I am of the opinion that he just wanted to be a woman.

10. This morning I spoke to Steve BECKER from the radio station 2RPH. (Ph: [REDACTED]) He told me what had occurred to David. Whilst I was speaking to Steve he told me that he had been

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speaking to David on the telephone and that he hadn't sounded well. He also told me that as a result of that he had gone around to David's place to see if he was feeling ok. He said that there was no answer at David's unit so he tried to ring him on his mobile telephone to which there was no reply. He then tried to ring Westpac and got an answering machine message. He told me that he rang the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

11. He mentioned that David was having hormonal treatment in preparation for a sex change operation and may have had some sort of infection from the treatment. The infection was something similar to CJK disease. I don't know exactly what that is but its hormone related. I know that Steve BECKER had been working with David for about five years on a program so he obviously knew him reasonably well.

12. When I was speaking to Steve BECKER he told me that he knew of a woman that had spoken to David on Saturday between 12pm and 2.00pm. I was of the understanding that the woman he was speaking about was another colleague from the radio station 2RPH. Steve told me that after he became concerned he rang Mrs ROSE, David's mother, to say that they were concerned about him. He gave me the address of Mrs B ROSE [REDACTED], Balmoral Ph [REDACTED]

13. I last saw David within the last ten days. It probably would have been on Tuesday the 16th December in the studio. The studio is located at the University of Technology in Broadway. When I saw David he wasn't his usual bubbly self. I wouldn't say he was depressed but he wasn't himself. He seemed a little bit tired.

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14. I know that David volunteered for the Christmas Day on air roster which means that he would have worked between the hours of 6.30am to maybe 9.30am or possibly even 11.00am.

15. I have access to records of staff and volunteers which can confirm his training rosters and on air shift over the christmas new year period and also for the past couple of years. These could be confirmed through Michelle CAREY, the training Co-ordinator and Michelle BAWDEN the Program Manager.

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