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STATEMENT in the matter of:
Death of David ROSE

Place: Newtown
Police Station
Date : 25 December 1997

Name: Oswald CARRANCO

Address: [REDACTED]

Tel. No.: [REDACTED]

Occupation: [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 35 ([REDACTED]/62) years of age.

3. I am employed as a Sports Therapist at [REDACTED], which is a natural therapies clinic, [REDACTED], Darlinghurst. I have been employed in this position for about 1 year.

4. On new years eve 1993 I started going out with Stella Marie PRESTON. On that date about 7.30pm I picked her up from where she was living at the time [REDACTED] Adison Street, Kensington. Stella introduced me to the person she was living with at the time, David ROSE. I knew that Stella had been staying with David for three or four months while she was looking for somewhere else to live. I was aware that Stella and David's relationship was platonic.

5. I am still going with with Stella PRESTON and have done so since new years eve 1993. Stella moved in with me about 4 months

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after I met her and I have lived with her ever since. Stella is currently in New York [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She is staying in New York with a friend of hers Graham HOWARD at [REDACTED], New York, 11375. Her phone number is [REDACTED]. Stella went to New York around April, 1997 and should be returning to Australia sometime in January, 1998.

6. I think that Stella and David had been friends for about 2 years prior to me meeting her. They used to work together at a volunteer radio station at the University of Technology, Sydney, 2SER. Stella does not work for the radio station any more. She is currently employed at Department of Social Security, Crown Street, Sydney.

7. Stella and David ROSE have a very intimate relationship and she is one of his closest friends. Through my friendship with Stella I have come to know David ROSE. I would describe myself as a friend of David's however because of his personality and what he wanted to be, I think he found it hard to relate to me.

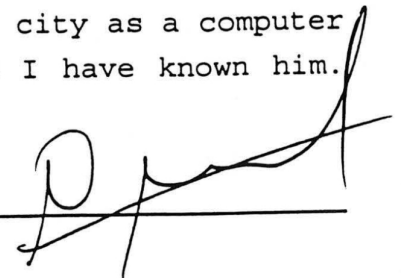
8. During the whole time that I have going out with Stella, she has contact with David at least once a week on the phone and they would go out together about once a month. As far as I know David and Stella, who both worked in the city, would meet once a fortnight or month for lunch in the city. When they would socialise after hours I would go out with them. We might go out to dinner, a movie, a picnic or the beach. Sometimes other friends would come along as well.

9. David ROSE worked at Westpac Bank in the city as a computer analyst. He has in that position as long as I have known him.

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David was probably in his mid to late thirties. As far as I am aware he lived by himself in his unit at Kensington which he owned. He owned another unit somewhere but I don't know where. The only thing I knew about David's family situation was that his mother and father lived in Sydney. He also had a grandmother in England. David didn't speak much about his family. He spoke mainly about his grandmother and that he had a better rapport with his grandmother than his mother. I knew every Friday David would go to his parent's house for dinner. I was not aware that he had a brother until I went to David's funeral yesterday, the 24th of December, 1997.

10. I knew that David worked as a volunteer at radio station 2SER and at another station 2 RPH. He did this in his spare time but I'm not sure how much time he spent at the radio stations.

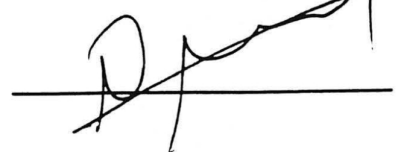
11. In David's mind he believed he was a woman in a man's body. David used to dress in female clothing in an awkward way. He would often wear leg tights and would wear a bra and some type of female blouse. I've only seen him wear a dress once. He would wear makeup, a wig, high heels and jewellery. Whenever I saw David, I saw him in some form of female clothing. He always wore makeup and jewellery whenever I saw him. My girlfriend had told me that David wanted to have a sex change and take female hormones. He never spoke with me about that subject. David's mannerisms were very masculine. There was nothing in the way he talked or walked that could be described as feminine.

12. David was extremely intelligent, very witty had a good sense of humour and tried not to take things too seriously. David was always joking and I never saw him depressed. David was not shy but I think he was more comfortable with women. David

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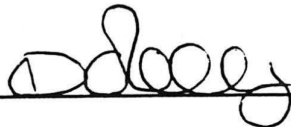
did not ever talk badly about anyone and as far as I know he did not have any enemies. As far as I knew David had a lot of friends because he spoke about going to different places with people but he never mentioned their names. The only friend of his that I ever met was a lady named Emma who used to work with him at Westpace. I got the impression they were good friends.

13. I never saw David drink any alcohol and as far as I am aware he did not drink at all. He did not smoke or use any illegal drugs. I don't know if he took any form or medication. David's health was generally good. On one occasion I gave David a massage because I am a sports therapist. Because of that I knew that David was quite fit. Most of his muscles were well defined and his leg muscles were very toned. I didn't massage his arms but I don't think they were as well toned as the rest of his body. There was a lot of power in his lower limbs and his trunk. He would walk to and from work and I would say that he could walk about 10-12 kilometers a day. I would assess his ability to defend himself against an attack as better than average due to the strength in his torso and legs. I did the the massage about 14 months ago. I have not seen him for the past 8 months since my girlfriend was away, but I have no reason to believe that his level of fitness had altered.

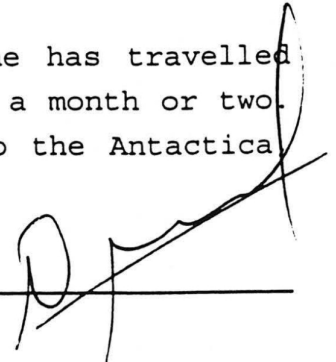
14. David owned a red Nissan Pulsar which I don't think he drove much. I know that David was practical with money and I think he would walk to save money on petrol. I don't know anything about his financial situation.

15. In the that time that I've known David he has travelled overseas quite a lot. At least once a year for a month or two. The last time he went overseas when he went to the Antactica

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Stella and I looked after his unit. He gave us keys to the wire door and a key for the front door. While he was away I went to his unit about three or four times to water the plants and pick up the mail. I went by myself most times, I think once I went with Stella. When David returned he came to our unit and picked up the keys. I never had any of Davids keys duplicated for myself. I don't know any person who has keys to his unit and I don't know how many keys he had to his unit.

16. I liked David and hoped to develop a closer friendship with him but think David had trouble relating with me because I was a man. I was tolerant of David's lifestyle and have no prejudices against any persons sexuality.

17. In the time that I knew David I never saw David with a partner. I never discussed that subject with him myself. He would sometimes mention that he would like men. When he was with my girlfriend they would talk about men as two girls might. If they were looking through magazines or talking about movie stars he might say that someone was cute. My girlfriend has told me that David has only ever had sex with one woman who apparently forced herself on David. I don't know when this happened. My girlfriend has told me that David has not been sexually active with any man.

18. As far as I know David would not go to gay establishments. About three and a half years ago, I think it was David's birthday. My girlfriend decided to take David to the Albury Hotel which is a well known gay hotel in Sydney. My girlfriend hoped to expose David to the gay scene. David wore a dress to the hotel and a few of the people ridiculed him. He was very upset by this. David had told my girlfriend that he would like

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to meet another man to have a relationship with. I don't believe that David was homosexual but it was like a woman wanting to meet a man.

19. The last time that I saw David was about 8 months ago but about 3 months I spoke with him on the telephone. David rang me at home just to find out what was happening with my girlfriend. I gave him her phone number and since then we haven't spoken.

20. On the 22nd of December, 1997 I rang Stella in New York to tell her that David had died and she told me she had spoken to him a week earlier. He had told her that he had had a tough year and that he wished it was over. He mentioned that a nephew of his that lives in England had died from a terminal illness. Apparently he was taking some hormones and getting his facial hair removed getting ready for a sex change.

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