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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Marrickville Police Station

DEATH OF DAVID ROSE

Date: 23 December, 1997

Name: SVENSON, Nicola

Tel No.:

Address:

Occupation: Program 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 25.
- 3. I have been a volunteer at 2RPH for the past two or so years . In January, 1998 I will become a paid employee. 2RPH provides a community service by volunteers reading newspapers, magazines and books to persons who are print handicapped.
- 4. When I started at 2RPH I immediately met David ROSE who was a announcer on junior journal, and Saturday night programs. She also trained the announcers. Shortly after starting at 2RPH I took part in this course. David and I became close friends as a result of us both working at 2RPH. Dave also introduced me to 2SER where I subsequently volunteered my time and did their panel operation course which Dave ran.
- 5. Since starting work at 2RPH I have attended social functions with David and other persons from the radio station and Westpac. David and I were very close, the kind of friends who you ring at anytime of the day and visa versa.

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Nearly every time I saw Dave she would be wearing female clothing, usually leggings rather then a dress. When I spoke with or about Dave I would refer to her as a female and this is how she would put herself across.

- I worked on Junior Journal with Dave for a year or so. Other persons who worked at the station who I would regard as being close friends of David are, Steve BECKER, Louise SADEK, Peggy CALOW, Nada BOROVNIC, Marlene NORST, Sue EDGECOMBE, and Christina IAONNOU. These persons also worked on junior journal.
- In October, 1997 I became aware the station management were not happy with David for making comments on the air. Dave told me Tom had spoken to him and sent Dave a letter regarding this. Not long after receiving this letter Dave made an announcement on the air on her Saturday evening program along the lines of, " I have been sent a letter by the management. I am not allowed to comment or enliven the show. If you are a listener who enjoys this program then it seems to me that management don't want you as a listener." Dave thanked several persons for their support and announced she was resigning.
- David and I spoke at least once a week via the telephone. 9. This did not change once Dave resigned. We saw each other less frequently. The last time I saw David was at the 2RPH christmas party which was on Friday 5th December, 1997. This party was held at the radio station. After that evening I did not see David again.
- 10. David and I spoke quite often after the party via the telephone as we were arranging to meet on christmas day. The last time I had a communication with David was Thursday 18th December, 1997. Wreceived a message from David on my answering machine.

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David said, " I have been sick as a dog for the last few days and have been off work. Don't try and call me, I have the answering machine on, I am just going to try and sleep."

The call was terminated.

- 11. Prior to this phone call David and I had arranged to meet on Christmas day. I was to show up at Dave's place at two o'clock.
- 12. David had told me that she had started taking oestrogen roughly two months ago. David has been toying with the idea of having a sex change operation for years and years but she had never got the guts to do this. The majority of David's friends that I know of are female. Some male friends included Steve BECKER, Dave JEFFEREYS, Ty SUMMERS. Dave and Ty are both announcers at 2RPH.
- 13. I am not aware of any financial problems Dave may have been encountering. Dave owned her car, was paying off her unit and would go on a major overseas trip every two years or so. She would usually travel alone as no one else had the money to travel overseas. I am not aware of David taking any prescription medication for mental illness. She was a little depressed after the christmas party and due to having the flu. She sounded more sick then depressed.
- 14. I do not know of Dave having any enemies. David saw herself as a female. I am not aware of her having any sexual partners but when we were out at tea we would talk about and comment on any men that took our fancy.

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I have never been inside Dave's house but I am aware that she did the house cleaning each Saturday and she had washed the verandah down over the weekend of saturday and sunday 13th and 14th December, 1997.

I do not know of any other person, other then Dave, having a key to her unit.

15. Dave would often speak of her family. I am aware that she has a brother in the navy and she visits her mother and father. Dave is usually a happy and outgoing person. She is not the type of person who would yell at you and tell you to piss off, no matter how stressful the day had been.

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