

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
DEATH OF DAVID ROSE

Place: MAROUBRA POLICE STATION
Date: 30 DECEMBER, 1997.

Name: SHARP, GORDON JOSEF

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: MARRIAGE CELEBRANT

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 52
3. I am a marriage celebrant with my own business. I also work as a volunteer radio announcer with 2RPH and have done for 11 years. I work once a week with the monday morning breakfast show.
4. During my time with this radio show I got to know David Rose from the time I started at the station and have been a friend and an associate of his ever since.
5. I would speak with David every couple of weeks on the phone and in person at the radio station. We would socialise within the radio station such as station parties and get together with staff. Sometime lunches on Saturdays.
6. The last time I spoke with David would have been early November. He rang me at my home and we spoke of Sandra Durward who I was also an associate with at the 2RPH and know David has been concerned with Sandra's drug and alcohol addiction. David

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had been visiting her in drug and alcohol units throughout Sydney.

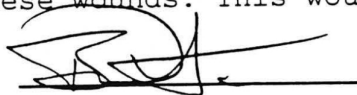
7. On this occasion that I spoke with him he warned me not to let Sandra in the house if she came as she had stolen from her sister Fiona and he was concerned that she would also steal from me. He said he would not let her into his apartment and that he would not answer the door unless he knew who was there.

8. For me it was too late as she stayed at my house I can't recall these dates it was a Friday night late October, early November this year. Sandra stayed over night and left the next day after I asked her to leave. She did not take anything that I am aware of and I have not spoken with Sandra since. I am aware now that Sandra tried to stay at Dona and Tom Devitt's house at [REDACTED] Perrett Street, Rozelle prior to coming to my house. I spoke with Sandra at the Funeral of David Rose. This conversation related to the distress of David's death and she said that she was working in a massage parlour in at St Marys. She made no mention of the last time she spoke or met with David.

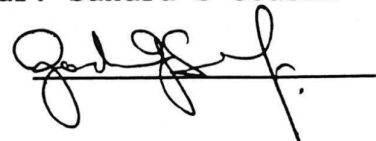
9. Sandra has stayed at my place a couple of times after dinners over the years. I have known her for about 11 years. I have never known her to be violent however she was I believe the victim of domestic violence from her former husband his name is Paul Hilton.

10. I have seen her in the past year the victims of assaults from person said to be unknown to her, however I suspect that these assaults may have been connected with the people that supplied her drugs. I don't know what type of drugs, but I know she has been on heroin at some stage. She sometime had bruises and open wounds and has had treatment at St George Hospital for these wounds. This would be in the last year. Sandra's cousin

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Fraser (Ph; [REDACTED]) was aware of this to my knowledge.

11. Sandra was in detox at Jarrah House, little Bay earlier in the years for alcohol problems where she met a women called Dee who supplied her with heroin according to what Sandra had told me. Having obtained heroin she offered to share it with her friend Dona Devit. Dona was outraged and phoned me and told me, She refused and is clean now.

12. David was aware of these drug problems and was trying to help her. He was also aware that she might steal from people and had mentioned this to me.

13. I have learnt that Sandra had her ex husband Paul Hilton stay at david's unit when she stayed there when David was away. I have been told that Paul stole from David. This information was given to me by [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED].

14. I have never been to David's house. I'm not aware of friends outside the radio station. I know that he had a brother but I dont know about him. I am aware that he had a good relationship wit his mother.

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BRYAN MATTHES
DET SGT
30-12-97

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