

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
Death of David Rose

Place: Maroubra Police Station
Date: 31st December, 1997.

Name: VAGG, Marcia

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

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

2. My age is 34 ([REDACTED]/63)

3. I am currently a student at the University of New South Wales, researching migrant men and domestic violence as part of my PHD. I live in the Bondi area by self and have done so for the last nine years.

4. I first met David ROSE in about 1984 at 2SER which is a radio station which is part of the University of Technology at Broadway. I was a Volunteer at the studio and David was the trainer, he was my instructor for the time that I was there.

5. I was a student of David's for about 2 months, and then I had my own radio program at the same radio station, and my friendship with David grew over the next 14 years. From the time that I met David I knew that he was a transsexual. When he came to work at the radio station he would wear, some womens clothing, and would also have nail polish and womens jewellery which included bangles and earrings. On some occasions he would also wear a bra that he would stuff with tissues. I believe

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that David was also working for the Westpac bank as a computer analyst.

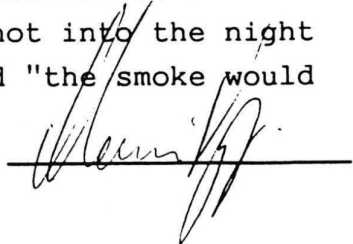
6. Around 1985 I left the Sydney area and moved to GRIFFITH, to work full time in commercial radio and television. I had kept in contact with David during my time there. On one occasion David came and stayed with me for a couple of days. We often exchanged phone calls and letters during the time that I was away.

7. I moved back to Sydney in about 1986, and started to work at 2GB radio station as a journalist. David and I continued with the friendship and I was living in the Eastern Suburbs. Our friendship at this stage had certainly grown closer, and we would often have long chats on the phone about our work and personal lives, we would often talk more about my personal life than his.

8. David had never told me about any sexual or normal relationship, that he has had, to the best of my knowledge he has not engaged in any sexual relationship. Earlier this year I actually said to him "Are you a virgin?" David laughed and then changed the subject and any time that I tried to bring the subject up he would change it. We were that close that if David had been in a relationship I feel that he would have told me.

9. On one occasion I asked David if he wanted me to take him to a club were he would feel comfortable, but David said that he would feel uncomfortable in such a place, and that it was not his scene. I asked him if he would like to go to the Mardi Gras, but he said that he would also feel uncomfortable in such an environment. David told me that he was not into the night club scene. When I asked him "why?" He said "the smoke would

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irritate his sinuses." It has the same effect on me so I did not questions this. As far as I am aware David did not attend any gay bars or transsexual bars.


10. David believed that he was a woman. David lived like a woman within his home, but when he went to work he would tone it down a bit, because he had told me that on occasions he would get a hard time at work by some of his co-workers, in that they would isolate him and make his life difficult, but as far as I am aware there were no threats made against David from his co workers.

11. I had spoken to David about having a sex change operation, but he always told me that he would never do it, as it would upset his parents, and that he was not sure how it would be accepted at his work, and the actual act of having his penis removed scared him. In early 1997 David and I spoke about buying him some breast prosthetics that we had seen on television. David asked if I would buy some for him, so shortly after I saw some in a shop and I bought them for David, after this David told me that he was wearing them all the time.

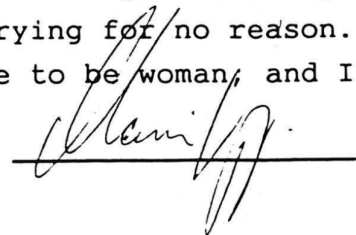
12. David started on female hormone tablets about three months ago, and David told me that he had started this program because he wanted to have less body hair, and he was hopeful it would help him grow breasts, and to feel more like a woman. I think that the Doctor that David saw may have been around the Bondi area.

13. As a result of the hormones that David was taking he told me about 6 weeks ago that at first he was not feeling any different physically, but emotionally he was having difficulty with the mood swings, and often felt like crying for no reason. David asked me if this was what it felt like to be woman, and I

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said "well I don't know I have always been a woman so I don't know any different."

14. On the 17th December, 1997 I called David's work at Westpac and I heard David's voice on his voice mail indicating that he was not at work, so I called David at home and got his answering machine, I left a message for David to call me back. David called me back about five minutes later and he sounded awful, David told me that he was suffering nausea as a result of the specialist doubling the doses of the hormones.

I said "Why would he double the strength?"

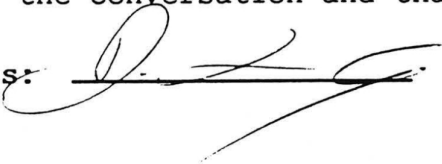
David said "Because the specialist was very pleased with my progress, and felt that I could tolerate the extra dose."

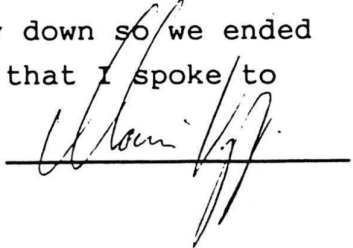
As a result of this nausea David had taken a time off work, I'm not sure how much time this was.

The tone of voice that David was speaking in I thought that he sounded very depressed, and I was worried that David may harm himself.

15. On Friday the 19th December, 1997 David left a message on my answering machine at home and left a brief message. I was out of the room and I called David back about 5 minutes after he had left the message, we talked about how he was feeling with the hormones, and he said that he was feeling a little bit better, and that the specialist had told him to stop taking the hormones until he felt completely well, and that he had stopped taking the hormones. We also talked about the trip to Jenolan caves that we were going to taken in January for my birthday, and he seemed very enthusiastic about this trip. On this occasion David did not sound as depressed as he had on the 17th when I spoke to him.

16. David said that he wanted to go and lay down so we ended the conversation and that was the last time that I spoke to

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David before his death. He did not mention any personal problems that he was having and every thing seemed to be normal.

17. On Sunday the 21st of December, 1997 I think that I might have tried to call David, but I cant be sure. I know that I did try to call David on Monday the 22nd December, between 8.30am and 10.00am, but the phone was engaged every time that I called. I went to the hair dresser, and after I got back I tried to call David again but the number was still engaged, so I contacted Telstra and reported it to see if there was a problem with the line and I was told that there was a fault with the line, and that it would be noted.

18. David was very security conscious of his unit and he would always keep the doors locked, even when I was coming over he would leave the door locked until I got there, and then he would open it. I would often her David lock the door as I was leaving. David would never open the door to his unit to somebody that he did not know. Sometimes when I was at the unit the balcony door would be open as well at the windows. I do not have a set of keys to David's unit and I do not know of any other person that does. When David went away on his trips overseas which he did quite often, I'm not sure who if anybody looked after his flat.

19. About 4 or 5 months ago, I had called David at work and David seemed distressed. I said "What's wrong?"
David said "I can't talk now, I have just had a very alarming telephone conversation, can I call you back and tell you about it another time?"
I said " Sure."

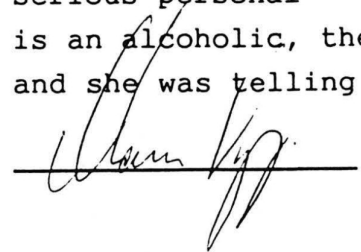
David called me back about two days later at home.

David said "A friend of mine is having very serious personal problems, she is addicted to heroin and she is an alcoholic, the day you phoned I was talking to her sister, and she was telling

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me about how this friend had taken a turn for the worse."

I said "What do you mean?"

I can't remember the exact conversation but David told me that this friend of his had been staying with her sister, but she had been thrown out when she had been caught stealing from them to by heroin of alcohol. This girls sister did not want David to take her in because she feared what she might do.

I said "Have you taken her in before?"

David said "Yes, she's homeless, but I threw her out when I caught her drinking turps or metho, and she had put cordial in it."

I said "Make sure that you take her advice and not let her in."

David said "It's a very hard thing to do, because she is my friend, but her sister says that she has become an opportunist and is capable of anything.

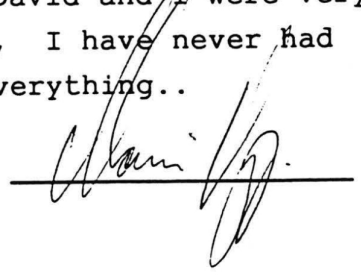
20. From this conversation I felt that David was talking about this girl either stealing from him or being violent towards him. I only know that this girl used to work for 2GB in the sales department. I had met this girl once on a girls night out that I had attended with David some time between 1990 and 1993.

21. As far as I know David did not have any enemies that would want to see harm done to him. I feel that David and I were very close and that we could talk about anything, I have never had the feeling that David was not telling me everything..

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D.J.LINDLEY

Plain Clothes Constable.
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