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STATEMENT in the matter of:
Murder of David ROSE.

Place: 200 Kingsgrove Rd
Kingsgrove.

Date : 30 December 1997

Name: Helene Rosemond TOPP

Address: [REDACTED]. Tel. No.: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Credit 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 anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. I am 44 (DOB: [REDACTED]/53) years of age.

3. I am currently employed as a Credit Manager at [REDACTED] situated at [REDACTED]. I have been employed here for a period of two years.

4. I am familiar with a person called Stephen BECKER. I have known Stephen for a period of approximately twenty six years. Stephen was a friend of my ex-husband and is the god father of my daughter Sandra.

5. Either Thursday the 18th of December 1997 or Friday the 19th of December 1997 I spoke with Stephen by telephone about coming over to my house for a barbecue on Saturday the 20th of December 1997. On the Saturday I spoke to Stephen by telephone from about 11.00am to 12.00 midday or a little later. We decided that he wasn't going to come over because he had spoken to my ex-husband earlier and there was some tension regarding

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Stephen seeing the children. I was going to Maitland on Christmas Day so I told him that I would call into his house on the way through.

6. About two hours later Stephen rang back and said that he would call around for a cup of coffee but wouldn't stay for a barbecue and would give the children their presents. I know when I was speaking with him on the telephone he was ringing from home because I could hear his dog in the background.

7. Stephen arrived at my house at about 4.30pm or 5.00pm on Saturday and stayed there till about 7.30pm. While he was there he was talking about a person called David ROSE who I know through my association with Stephen. He showed me some photographs from a barbecue at Stephen's house which included photographs of David ROSE. Other than that we mainly spoke about the problems with my ex-husband and about Stephen's eye which had been injured by his dog. When he left he said that he was going to stop and see his mother who is in a nursing home at Botany. He didn't say anything about going to David's place.


8. I either spoke with Stephen the next day being Sunday or on the Monday and he told me that he had been to see his mother but she was asleep so he didn't disturb her. Stephen also made mention that he'd seen my ex-husband and sorted things out but I don't recall when he said that was. I know on the Monday he also rang me to let me know about the death of David ROSE and that it was going to be on Channel Seven. He also told me that he had been around David's place on the Saturday after he had left my house and he knocked but there was no answer. He was concerned that David was probably inside and that he may have been able to save him. He said that he had rung David's on the

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Sunday and there was still no answer and that is when he became concerned.

9. I have known of David ROSE for a period of at least three years through Stephen's work association with the radio station 2RPH. Stephen worked with David at the radio station and would often talk about him. I have spoken with David a number of times on the telephone at the radio station and have spoken with him in person on two occasions. I knew that he always thought he was a female and wanted to be a female and about his sex hormone program. He was an extroverted person but intelligent and caring. He didn't talk about his personal life. During the time I knew David ROSE I was not aware of any threat against him nor of any enemies he may have had.

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