

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
Death of David ROSE

Place: Paddington Police Station
Date: 31 December, 1997

Name: VESCIO, Emma Marie

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Personal Assistant

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 36 ([REDACTED]/1961)

3. I am employed by WESTPAC Financial Services, Level 14, 130 Pitt Street, Sydney. I have worked for WESTPAC for about 20 years.

4. I first met David ROSE in 1988 when I worked in the technology area of the Westpac Bank. He worked in the same area. We became friends and have continued to be friends since that time. I see David on a regular basis, probably every couple of weeks or so. I usually meet him in town for lunches. Once or twice a year we might go out in the evening. I would normally speak to him once a week on average on the telephone and the conversations might range from one to two minutes. The calls were always while I was at work so they were not long. We spoke mostly when we met for lunch. I have known David for a long time however we weren't so close that we discussed personal things.

5. As far as I was aware David didn't drink alcohol, he didn't go to pubs. If he did go out it would be to visit friends or go

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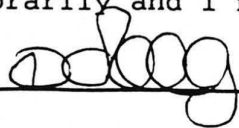
for drives with friends. David would tell me about what he would do so I only know what he told me. In the time that I have known David I am not aware that he had any female or male partner. He mentioned the fact that he'd like to be with someone . I think he was lonely in his lifestyle. I knew that he liked to dress in female clothing and I just accepted that. Some years ago he wanted to pursue a sex change but I don't know what happened. I don't know why he didn't go through with it. In the last month or so he told me he was seeing a doctor and taking female hormones.

6. I didn't ask David what his sexual preferences were and we never discussed it. I got the impression that he was not sexually active but I did not discuss the subject with him. As far as I know David did not frequent any gay establishments. When I had lunch with David we talked about his work, his work at the radio, his family, my family and what he did in his spare time.

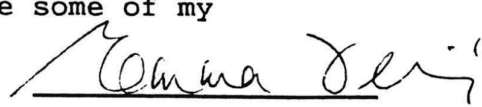
7. I know that David had a Mother and Father who lived in Balmoral and a younger brother. I don't know his brother's name. David used to go and visit his mother and father every Friday night for dinner. I think his brother also went to these dinners. David had told me that he had never got on with his mother but I didn't know why. As far as I know I think he had a good relationship with the rest of his family. He never really spoke about his brother. I got the impression he wasn't particularly close to his brother.

8. I have been to David's unit in Addison Street, Kensington about 6 or 8 times. The last time that I went there was about three or four months ago. I used to live in Mackenzie Street, Bondi Junction and then I moved to the back of Oxford Street, temporarily and I needed somewhere to store some of my

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furniture. David offered to look after it for me and he kept it in his laundry. He looked after it for about 3 months. When I moved to Hopewell Street, Paddington I went over to David's to pick up the furniture. I didn't spend long at David's when I saw him on that occasion.

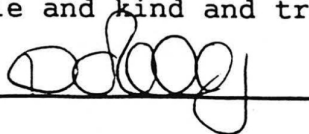
9. The last time that I spoke to David was on Friday the 19th of December, 1997. We had previously arranged to have lunch in the city on that day. I rang David at work and found he wasn't there and then called him at home. It was between 10 and 10.30am when I spoke to David. He told me that he wasn't feeling well. I woke him up and we decided that we would cancel our lunch. David said he was going to go back to bed. He said he was feeling fluey. He said he was having a reaction to the female hormone that he was taking. I think the doctor had told him to double his dose. We only spoke for a couple of minutes.

10. David has never mentioned that he has fears for his safety from any person. He has never said that he has any concerns about any particular person. I was not aware of anything that may have been worrying him. I think that he was financially quite comfortable.

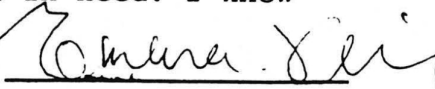
11. David would travel every 2 to 3 years. He would spend about 2 or 3 months away and I think he travelled on his own. I don't know who looked after his unit when he was away. I think his brother may have on once occasion looked after his car which was probably the last time when he travelled. David had a red car which I think he only drove on weekends. David travelled to work by bus and I think he would try and walk home at least once a week for exercise.

12. I never heard David be critical of any person. He was gentle and kind and tried to help people out in need. I know

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that he had a friend named Sandra who needed a place to stay. I think about a year ago she stayed with him for a couple of weeks or a month. I don't know why she needed somewhere to stay. Sandra had an alcohol problem and after she stayed with David she went into detox at Manly hospital. David did not speak often about Sandra. I think there was another occasion when David thought she might ask him if she could stay with him again. David said he wasn't going to let her because of her alcohol problem. I think this was about 6 months ago. I don't think he wanted her to stay because at one point Sandra had stayed with her sister once and had gone off one night and her sister couldn't find her. I think she had picked up a taxi driver or something. Sandra and David have been friends for a long time. I have never met Sandra.

13. I don't know how many sets of keys David has and I have never seen him with a set of keys.

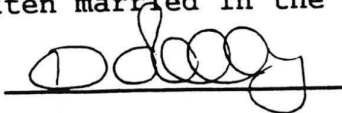
14. I think David was security conscious because he had a wire security door and I think he locked his doors with a key when I left the unit. I didn't take any notice of where he took the keys from.

15. I don't know that David had any enemies or of any person he didn't like or that he had a fight with.

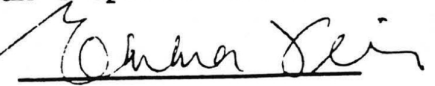
16. I know that David had a friend named Nada, I don't know here surname, Linda Lahood, Sally INGLIS, and Louisa GOCK. All these people have worked at Westpac. I knew he had friends from the radio he worked at but I don't know their names. As far as I know he didn't have male friends.

17. I don't know any person that David and I know who was gotten married in the last 12 months. He hadn't spoken about

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that subject and as far I know he hadn't been to any weddings in the past 12 months. The only person that I know is engaged is myself. I am engaged to be married to David MIKOWSKI. He is a picture framer at 'Metropolitan Framing' at Willoughby. David lives at [REDACTED], Bondi Junction. David ROSE has only met my fiance on one occasion about 3 months ago. As far as I'm aware he hasn't had any contact with him since. We wouldn't discuss my boyfriend to any large degree. I got engaged about 3 or 4 weeks ago. As far as I'm aware David had no concerns about me getting engaged.

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