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STATEMENT in the matter of:

Place: Maroubra

Death of David Rose

Police Station

Date : 7 January 1998

Name: Gaynor Margaret FOSTER

Address: [REDACTED]

Tel. No.: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Writer

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 42 years of age. DOB: [REDACTED]/1955.

3. I have worked at a community radio station '2RPH' situated 252 Illawarra Road, Marrickville as a volunteer worker for about two years. I announce and produce a Healthy Lifestyle program. During that time I came to know a fellow volunteer at the radio station by the name of David Rose. David trained me and was in charge of training at the radio station. I would say David and I became friends and he would call me on the telephone occasionally. However, I found David to be a private person and I only socialised with him once. That was at the Sydney Casino in late November 1997.

4. David had an argument with management at 2RPH during the middle of 1997 due to differences of opinion. Due to this David resigned on air in the middle of the year. Prior to that I would see David at least once a month on a Saturday.

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5. During my association with David Rose it soon became apparent that he liked to dress in female clothing, in fact it was apparent from the first day I met him. I never saw him dressed in mens clothing. I got the sense that David was 'asexual', although that is just my opinion. I never heard of him having had an intimate relationship with anybody. I used to talk to him about wearing lipstick and womens clothing etc.

6. I have also come to know a male person by the name of Stephen Becker through the radio station. Stephen used to produce the program which I read for on the radio. He also used to work with David on Saturday nights. I would say that David confided in Stephen Becker more than other people and I knew that Stephen used to go around to David's apartment. They appeared to be good friends.

7. On Monday the 22nd of December 1997 I received a phone call from Asha at radio 2RPH. At the time was at home and the time was approximately 10pm. She informed me that David was dead.

8. The following day on Tuesday the 23rd of December 1997 I received a phone call at home about 8.30am from Stephen Becker. Stephen told me that David was dead and I replied that Asha had told me. Stephen told me that he had been concerned about David and that Stephen had called David on the Saturday but David had replied he was too tired to speak to Stephen on the phone as he had the flu. Stephen then said he had tried to call David all day Sunday but the phone was off the hook. Stephen said that he was concerned enough to contact David's mother. Stephen also informed me that he had gone to David's unit to drop a christmas present

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Name: Matthew Sutton
Rank: Det Sgt C/S
Date: 7.1.98

Signature: *GM Foster*

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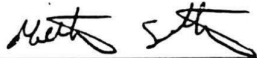
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consisting of a compact disc at the front door of the unit.

9. As I knew that I was going away on christmas eve (24/12/97) I knew that I wouldn't be able to attend David's funeral. I asked Stephen for David's parents address at Balmoral. That afternoon I went to the parent's address and put a sympathy card in the letter box.

10. During the time that I knew David he didn't speak much about his family. I gathered that he was estranged from his family due to his cross dressing. I never heard David have any heated arguments at work or on the telephone. David never expressed any fear that anyone was going to harm him in any way.

Witness: 
Name: Matthew Stilton
Rank: Det Sen Cst
Date: 7.1.98

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