New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: LEVEL 10/1 LELAND STREET

DEATH OF DAVID ROSE.

BONDI, JUNCTION.

Date: 21ST JANUARY, 1998

Name: STEINBECK, Alfred

Tel No.:

Address:

Occupation: Medical Practioner

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 77

- 3. I am currently employed as a medical practioner I am also a consultant physician and Endocrinologist. My qualifications area Bachelor Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery from the University of Sydney, Doctor of Medicine of Sydney University, and Doctor of Natural Philosophy of the University of London, and Fellow of the Royal Collage of Physicians, London, Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physician.
- 4. During my time as a medical practioner I have had cause to treat a number of Transsexuals who were seeking Hormonal treatment to assist them in passing as a member of the opposite sex.
- 5. On the 7th of October, 1997 I first met David ROSE who was referred to me by Dr Finkelstein who works at a Medical and Dental Casualty centre. The reference stated that David Was referred to me for my opinion and Treatment. David ROSE told me

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that he had never had a sexual relationship with a male or female person, and that the early age of five to six he had wanted to be a female. David told me that he felt uncomfortable upon reaching puberty because he became more masculine, growing body hair and enlargement of the penis etc:.

- 6. David ROSE told me that Dr FINKELSTEIN was not his regular doctor, and that David felt very strongly about wanting to be a girl, and that at the age of 18 David had seen a counsellor Barbara GROUCH at the University of New South Wales in relation to his transexuality and this is when he first started to cross dress. The counsellor had referred him to Dr BARR who was a psychiatrist at the Price Henry Hospital, but David had not followed this through.
- 7. David told me that his parents had come from Scotland and that he was not a social person, and that most of his friends were women and that he was treated as a woman by these people, and that he did not often go out in public fully dressed as a female, and that he dressed wearing pants and a female blouse as a compromise because of his work at the bank.
- 8. I asked David if he had any contact with other Transsexuals, and David told me no, and that he was only attracted to women as friends, and that he was not attracted to men at all. David told me that he would dress fully as women only in his home, and that he had been wearing nail polish since the age of twenty, and putting on make up, and would some times wear this to work. David also told me that he had been receiving treatment to remove all body hair. David told me that he would push his testicles up into his groin and place his penis between his legs, and would accomplish this by wearing tight underpants or by wearing tights.

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9. David informed that his Brother was heterosexual, and that Davids family did not approve of his Transexuality but they had accepted it. David did mention anything else about his family.

- The conversation that I had with David on this occasion was a conversation that I have with all patients that come and see me, and by which I determine wether or not I will treat the person. I was happy with the answers that David gave to my questions and I felt that on Davids history he was a classic case of a Transsexual. As a result I prescribed hormonal treatment to David. I started David off on Androcur which is an anti androgen which blocks some of the action of testosterone at the cell receptor. This drug slows down hair growth but not facial, leads to some loss of testicle size, with some development of breasts, and loss of muscle strength. In some cases this drug may also cause depression, David never mentioned to me that he was feeling this way and was in fact happy to be taking the treatment and was convinced that the hair on his face was thinning. I supplied David with a prescription for 100 tablets, which he was directed to take two a day, which would last David for the month
- 11. I also prescribed David with Progynova which is an estrogen or female hormone, which increases breath growth, block the pituitary stimulation of testicle testo terone production, which also reduces the size of the testicles and stops the production of sperm, and being unable to gain an erection. David told me that he was not worried about this because cross driving had not supplied sexual stimulation for him. I supplied a prescription for 56 tablets and two repeat prescriptions with instructions to take 3 tablets a day.
- 12. The next time that I saw David ROSE was on the 4th November, 1997, David and I had a conversation in relation to

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the hormones, and I was satisfied with the way that he was progressing and there did not appear to be aby problems with David. David did tell me that his nipples were sensitive but this was to be expected. As a result I increased the dosage of Androcur from two tablets a day to three tablets a day and the Progynova from three tablets a day to six tablets a day.

- 13. The next occasion that I saw David ROSE was the 9th December, 1997. I examined David and saw a definite breast size increase, and I noticed that David was very happy about the progress and David told me that there were no problems either physically or mentally. The medication was left at the same level. I did take a blood sample from David to prove that the treatment was working. This was the last time that I saw David ROSE before being contacted by Constable CHAMBERS who told me that David had died.
- 14. The entire time that I treated David ROSE and as far as I could judge David seemed to be a well adjusted person with out any apparent problems. David never told me about any person that would want to harm him in any way what so ever.

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