

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
Death of David ROSE

Place: Maroubra Police Station
Date: 4 January, 1998

Name: TAGLIAFERRO, Paul Peter

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Busdriver

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 37 ([REDACTED]/60)

3. I am employed by the State Transit Authority as a bus driver and I have worked in this position for about 2 years. I always work night shift which starts normally starts about 10pm and finishes about 6.30pm. The times can vary but that is the general shift I work. I begin work at the Port Botany depot, Bumborah Pt Road, Port Botany and finish at Port Botany. I drive on an number of different routes including the 394 route which goes from Circular Quay to the La Perouse Terminus, Bunnerong Road. On night shift the 394 route terminates on Anzac Parade, at the Prince Henry Hospital. The 394 route runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

4. I am not the permanent driver of the 394 route, I am working as a relief driver while the permanent driver is on holiday. The permanent driver is Vic THOMAS and someone else who I only know as Bob. These two drivers have been permanent on the 394 for years. They always work the night shifts.

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5. I usually drive the 394 route about 10 times a week and whenever I work Saturdays I would always drive on the 394 route. About once a fortnight I pick up a person who is a man dressed as a woman. He has blonde hair and I always pick him up from the Taylor Square stop and I always drop this person off at the Prince Henry Hospital. I have been picking this person up since I started doing night shifts, which has been for the past three months.

6. This person tries to speak to me whenever he gets on the bus but I just ignore him. I don't know what he has spoken to me about because I always ignore him. He gives when I don't talk to him. I think this person is usually drunk when I pick him up because of the way he talks and he has trouble walking. He speaks loudly and when you don't talk to him he gets a bit aggressive. When I say this I only mean by the tone of his voice. This person is usually at the bus stop on Friday or Saturday night and I usually pick him up about 1 or 2am in the morning. I have never seen this person with anybody else when I pick him up. I don't know anything else about this person.

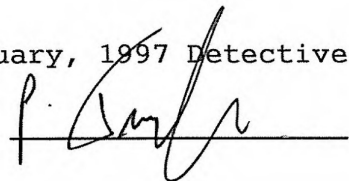
7. The person who I pick up might be in their 40's old, about 5ft 10 in tall, about average build, a bit chubby maybe. He is either Australian or English, he has a fair complexion. When he speaks I can pick up a slight accent that may be english. He has blonde shoulder length hair that curls under and I am pretty sure it is a wig. He wears a lot of makeup and tries to speak like a woman. He normally wears dresses and skirts and blouses. He normally carries a handbag. I don't really take a lot of notice of him. He normally pays with a pension ticket that is out of date but sometimes he just gets on without paying. I have never seen his pension card.

8. About 12.30pm on Sunday the 4th of January, 1997 Detective

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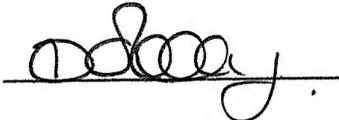
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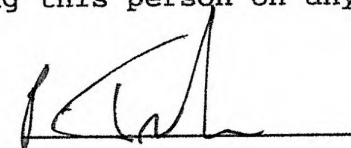


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O'REILLY showed several photographs of a man. I do not recognise this person and I don't remember ever seeing this person on any bus that I have driven.

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