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STATEMENT in the matter of:
Death of David Rose

Place: Surry Hills
Police Station
Date : 7 January 1998

Name: Hong LIU

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

Occupation: Business Owner

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 32 years of age. DOB: [REDACTED]/1965.

3. I currently own and operate a business by the name of NASA Technology situated on the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Sydney. That business deals in computer sales and repairs. I have owned that business for approximately five years and have always worked from the same premises. At the moment I employ nine staff.

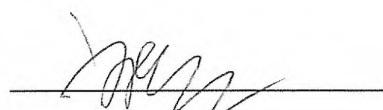
4. I have employed a male person by the name of Ian Grant Rose for approximately two years and three months. Ian Rose's main job task is the sale of new computers. He works exclusively from our business address at [REDACTED], Sydney. He does not have a business motor vehicle.

5. Generally, Ian Rose has been a good employee in the work that he does. He is always caring with customers that may come into the store. All I know about his social life is that he goes to his parent's house for dinner on Friday nights. I am also aware

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that he was interested in bowling in that he used to bring bowling balls to work. Although I am not sure, I believed that Ian may have been homosexual. Ian would never disclose his sexual preference. Ian has never really been involved in any fights or disagreements with me or any of my staff as far as I know.

6. Ian Rose's usual work hours are 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday. Ian gets four weeks per year annual leave. I pay Ian Rose \$399.80 per week gross of which he gets a net payment of \$330.75. I pay Ian around lunchtime on each Tuesday. I pay him with a cheque from my business account which is held with the Commonwealth Bank. Ian usually goes to the bank the same day to cash the cheque. I think he goes to the Commonwealth Bank in Castlereagh St, Sydney.

7. Over christmas this year my business was closed for holidays. The last day of trading was the 19th of December, 1997. From recollection I believe that Ian Rose worked the whole week prior, from Monday the 15th of December 1997 until Friday the 19th of December 1997. My business did not resume until Monday the 5th of January 1998. I did not have any contact with Ian from the 19/12/97 until he resumed work on the 5/1/98.

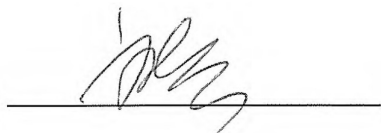
8. When Ian Rose returned to work on the 5th of January 1998 he told me that his brother had been killed. Ian didn't elaborate on how his brother had died and out of courtesy I didn't ask. Ian basically told me that he didn't know whether he would be able to cope. I got the inference that Ian may have wanted to take a couple of days off if necessary. I offered Ian a couple of weeks off but he didn't take any time off. To date Ian has been working normally and hasn't seemed overly distressed or upset.

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9. About six months ago I saw Ian's brother David for the only time. David came into the store because Ian had bought a computer printer for his parents and I believed that Ian and his brother were going halves in the cost of that item. I think the printer was a present for the parents. My recollection is that the printer was a Canon BJC-4200 colour printer worth approximately \$450.00.

10. I was never actually introduced to Ian's brother on the day, I only saw him.

11. At my business most of the staff are seated in a communal type front office. I also sit in that front office so that I can directly supervise my staff. I can normally see my staff when they are talking on the telephone. Ian is always at the front counter of my office and is within my sight. Ian would speak on the phone often to customers. I am aware that Ian would speak regularly to his parents on the phone but am not sure about his brother.

12. I cannot recall any heated arguments or any type of disagreements that Ian may have had on the phone. In the week leading up to 19th of December 1997 I cannot recall any arguments or unusual behaviour that Ian may have had with any staff, customers or persons on the telephone.

13. I would describe Ian Rose as a reliable employee as far as being on-time at work and as far as his job description is concerned. He did take a number of sick days in 1997 but that was mainly at the beginning of the year. I do not believe that any of my staff socialise with Ian whatsoever.

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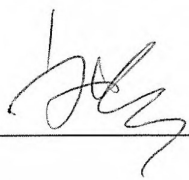
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14. Ian Rose has a mobile phone which his own. The number for that phone is [REDACTED].

15. I do not think that Ian Rose has much money because he has to cash his pay cheque straight away every week. Some other people that I employ can wait to cash their cheques, Ian can't.

16. Every computer in my business has access to the Internet. Ian has his own private computer at work which is not usually operated by any of the other staff. His main task on that computer is quotation of prices to staff. I am aware that Ian has a computer at home which he bought from my business about one and a half years ago. The computer is a Pentium 166. I am pretty sure he doesn't have internet access at his home.

17. I eventually found out that Ian's brother had been murdered on Monday the 5/1/98 because some other staff had told me so. I have no knowledge whatsoever relating to the circumstances surrounding the death of David Rose.

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