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STATEMENT in the matter of:
Death of David ROSE

Place: Balmain
Police Station
Date : 40th January 1998

Name: Nada Laura BOROVNIK

Address: [REDACTED].

Tel. No.: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Computer Analyst

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 40 years of age. B: [REDACTED] 57

3. I first met a male person by the name of David ROSE around 1983. At the time I was working with the Westpac Bank as a Computer Programmer. My work was situated at 77 King Street, Sydney. I met David Rose in the cafeteria and came to know that he was a computer programmer, but he was more senior.

4. Just through general association I became friendlier with David. I found David to be different but intelligent, and you could talk to him about anything. At first it was rumoured that David was a cross-dresser in that he wore female clothing, but at that stage he never told me that he did. As the years wore on David became braver about wearing womens clothing. At first he would wear mens clothes but in pastel colours with earrings and bangles. Later on he would wear stockings to work along with makeup and nail polish.

Witness:

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5. About 1986 David invited me along to a community radio station which he worked at. The radio station was 2SER in the UTS Building. At that stage David was working on a folk music type program. I played my parents Croatian music on the program.

6. I didn't really socialise with David until into the 1990s. At that stage I was working closely with David and probably got to know him better. I left the bank in 1992 and when I returned in 1994 I worked with David on the action request system. I worked with David for nine months in that capacity. I sometimes found David difficult to work with because he didn't suffer fools lightly.

7. On a social basis David would organise a girl's night for women from Westpac and the community radio stations. That would usually be on a Friday night every two months. Sometimes a function would be organised for someone's birthday or similar.

8. Other persons that David was quite friendly with included Emma Vescio, Brenda Watson (Westpac Concord), Sally Inglis, and a lady called Caroline (worked at Westpac but I didn't know her surname).

9. At no stage had I ever visited David Rose's home address. I was aware that he lived in a unit in Kensington. David did invite me to his unit on a number of occasions but I was unable to attend due to other engagements.

10. As far as I am aware David had no enemies except that people did find him hard to get along with. I don't think that anybody really hated David. He never expressed any concerns about his safety from any other person.

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11. I never met David's parents or brother. I did see them at the funeral. David never mentioned anything adverse about his parents or brother. The only time he mentioned his brother was in a conversation about a month after my 40th birthday. David told me that he was on a bus with Emma Vescio and his brother then got on the bus. David told me that he and Emma avoided his brother.

12. The last time I saw David in person was on November the 14th, 1997. On that night we attended a mixed night-out for radio 2RPH. On that occasion David was toned down and wearing a men's jacket with no makeup. He was wearing stockings and shoes however. I didn't notice anything unusual about that night except that he told me was taking hormone tablets for the first time.

13. I never knew David to be involved in an intimate relationship with anybody, either male or female. I did think that he was a woman trapped in a man's body and that he was attracted to men.

14. In early 1996 when I was working at Westpac David approached me after work. David told me that on the previous evening he had been walking home past Moore Park. He told me that he had been propositioned by another male and he expressed to me that the incident had scared him.

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