

## New South Wales Police

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**STATEMENT in the matter of:**

Death of David Rose

**Place:** Maroubra

Police Station


**Date :** 12 January 1998**Name:** Melanie RUSSO**Address:** [REDACTED] 2010. **Tel. No.:** [REDACTED]**Occupation:** Market Researcher**STATES:-**

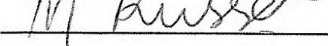
1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. I am 20 years of age. DOB: [REDACTED]/1977.

3. I came to know a male person by the name of David Rose through working at radio station 2SER in the UTS Building Sydney. I prepare and present a show at that station involving music. I first met David Rose in March 1997. David was the Panel Operation Course Teacher. I found David to be very nice and patient. I only really saw David whilst at 2SER or sometimes on the street. I never socialised with David. I was aware that David would dress in womens clothing when he was working at 2SER.

4. The last time I saw David Rose was about two weeks before christmas 1997. That was at 2SER. David seemed a little bit tired and grumpy on that day but was basically his normal self. I am not aware of anything that may have been troubling David Rose. I never saw David involved in any heated arguments or show any fear of being harmed by anybody. Generally, David was well liked at the radio station. I never visited David's home at any stage.

**Witness:**   
**Name:** Matthew Skilton  
**Rank:** Det Sen Cst  
**Date:** 12.1.98

**Signature:** 

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5. On the 12th of January 1998 I attended Maroubra Police Station and Detective Stirton showed me a photocopy of a note. That note was written by me on the '21/11/97'. That note was written so that myself and Dean DENHAM could get refresher tips on the workings of equipment in the radio studio. Towards the last line of the note I have written the words "We will offer drugs/money/food/sex whatever in exchange!" That comment is made simply as a joke and is not sinister in anyway.

6. Sometime just before New Years Eve Dean told me that David Rose had died. When I questioned Dean further he told me David had been murdered. I have no ideas as to anyone who might want to have harmed David in anyway. I didn't know of any enemies that he may have had.

7. This date I endorsed the photocopy of the note which I had written to David with my signature, name and date.

Witness:   
Name: Matthew Stirton  
Rank: Det Sgt Cst  
Date: 12-1-98

Signature: 