

New South Wales Police

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STATEMENT in matter of: Place: Katoomba Police Station  
 Death of David ROSE, Date: 27 December, 1997  
 Kensington

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Name: I262  
 Address: [REDACTED], Blackheath  
 Occupation: Self Employed  
 States:-

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

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 33 ([REDACTED]/64)

3. I am self employed as a sales person for Home Care Australia. I distribute catalogues for the company and fill orders. The company sells a wide variety of products including household goods. I started working for Home Care in November, 1997.

4. I am a pre operation transsexual. I have changed my name by Deed Poll. Prior to changing my name to I262, I was known as [REDACTED]. When I was about 17 years old, in 1983 I was looking through the public notices section of the Sydney Morning Herald. I saw an ad advertising a group for people to get together and discuss their sexuality. There was a phone number that I rang and they told me that the group met Saturdays and the group was in Holt Street, Surry Hills. The group was called 'Young Gays'. I don't know if the group still exists.

5. It was towards the end of spring, 1983 that I first went to

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the group. The group met at ■ Holt Street, Surry Hills. The group started at 1pm in the afternoon and went to whenever. There was a gym called 'Fitness Exchange' that gay people went to in the building and there was also a gay counselling service. When we started the session we would have a group discussion where we talked about our problems and sexuality. These sessions would last for about 4 hours. We would have a break in the middle and have coffee.

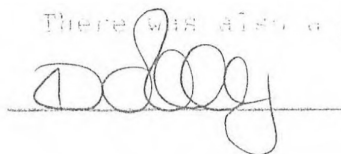
6. Following the session most of us would go out clubbing in the Surry Hills, Darlinghurst, City area. The numbers of the people attending the group would fluctuate. There would sometimes be about 15 people, other times there would be more. There were both male and female members of the group. The rules of the group were that when the member turned 21, they left the group. The group met on a weekly basis and as far as I'm aware, there was no one person who ran the group.

7. On the 2nd time that I went to the group I met a person who introduced himself to me as David. He told me that he liked to be called 'DAI'. This was pronounced 'DI'. I am about 75% sure that this person is the same person who appeared on the channel 7 nightly news on Tuesday the 23rd of December, 1997. When I saw the photograph on the screen, I rang Crime Stoppers straight away and told them what I knew about the person.

8. I knew Dai from 1983 until 1990 when I left Sydney. We met each other on a weekly basis from 1983 to 1987 when Dai left the group. When I first met him, I was aware that Dai was a man. He told the group that he suspected he was gay and that he was there to help anyone else with their sexuality. He never spoke about any of his sexual experiences. This was not a subject of the group discussed in general.

9. There was also a person in the group that I met when I

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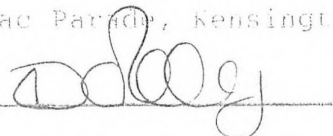
arrived named Stuart. I can't remember his last name. Stuart was openly gay. About 6 or 7 months after I joined the group the members of the group were sitting at the Beresford Hotel after the meeting. Dai and Stuart were present and they announced to the whole group that they were a couple. A short time later I saw Dai take hold of Stuart's hand. The relationship was off again, on again. I don't how long it lasted. I think they may have still been going out together when Dai left the group. Stuart left the group the same time as Dai. I knew that Dai was older than myself and for some reason he had been allowed to stay past the age cut off limit. I don't know how old Stuart was or whether he worked or not.

10. Stuart told us that he lived in Surry Hills. I don't know where Dai lived. Sometimes I would see Dai at the Flinders Hotel and he would tell me that he was going to spend the night at Stuart's. I don't if Stuart and Dai were sexually active. They were not openly affectionate in public. Hand holding was the only thing that I saw between them.

11. I never met Dai or Stuart on any occasion apart from when I attended the group. I never spoke with Dai on the phone at home. I would describe Dai and myself as acquaintances rather than as friends. Once Dai left the group, I would run into him occasionally maybe at Mardi Gras and the Sleaze Ball or around the clubs. In 1983 I saw Dai at Mardi Gras dressed as 'PERIOD'. I saw Dai was before Christmas in 1990. I spoke with him at the Taxi Club. I told him I was moving to Melbourne for work and told him that I was going to become a woman. He told me to be careful. I don't know what he meant by this.

12. I have seen Dai at the Taxi Club on many times between and 1994. When he was there he was normally by himself and he loved playing the poker machines. I worked at Kens Karate Club Anzac Parade, Kensington for about 3 or 4 months in 1990. I only

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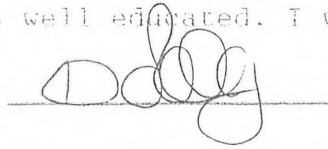
worked there part time during the day. I never saw Dai in the club during the time that I was there. I used to do shows as an entertainer at the Albury Hotel between 1983 -1990 and I never saw Dai at the Albury Hotel.

13. Dai was usually dressed in a t-shirt and jeans occasionally with a shirt over the top. He was normally dressed in male clothing. He asked a lot of questions about wearing female clothing. He knew that I was a female impersonator. The only time I saw him wear makeup was Mardi Gras. Sometimes I would see him wear jewellery such as earrings and a fine gold neckchain.

14. When I first met Dai his hair was very short man style haircut. His hair was bordering between brown and black in colour, he was about 5ft 10in tall, he was slim, I did not know how old he was but I thought he was older than me, he had a complexion that was fair in the winter and slightly tanned in the summer. Dai told me that he worked for Telecom but I don't know what he did. He even asked me if I wanted to work for Telecom as telephonist. I went for an interview at Rushcutters Bay, but I failed. Dai walked like a man, sometimes he spoke like a man and sometimes tried to speak like a female.

15. In 1992 I bumped into Dai at the Taxi Club and he had shoulder length curlyish hair. He had a full head of hair and his hairline did not recede. He was there during the daytime playing the pokies. He was also wearing big framed reading glasses and a beret. I think I just said "Hi Dai" and that was it. Around 1992 I started staying away from places like the Taxi Club because I was in a relationship. In 1994 I moved to the Blue Mountains. I don't think I've seen Dai since I last saw him at the Taxi Club in 1992.

16. Dai was friendly, intelligent, reserved and spoke as if he was well educated. I would describe Dai as a conservative

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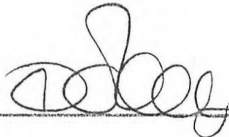
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person. He seemed knowledgeable about a number of topics. I found him a pleasant person but sometimes he could have mood swings. I thought at times he became angry with me because I was so up front and honest and I thought he may been jealous of me wanting to be female and being prepared to have an operation.

17. I don't know anything about Dai's financial situation. I knew he had a licence but I didn't know if he drove a car.

18. The person I knew as Stuart was probably the same age as Dai, he was about 6ft tall, sandy blonde short hair, he was white and had a fair complexion, he had a medium build and I think he was Australian. I don't remember if he worked or not.

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