

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

Q1 It's 3.05 eastern standard time on Friday the 26th of December, 1997. My name is Brian Matthes. I am Detective Sergeant of Police attached to Maroubra. Also present is Sandra Durward. Could you please identify your name please.

A Sandra Anne Durward.

Q2 Also present is Detective Senior Constable Paul Thornton. Could you identify your name please Senior Constable?

DETECTIVE SENIOR CONSTABLE THORNTON

Detective Senior Constable Thornton, spelt T-H-O-R-N-T-O-N.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT

Q3 O.K. Sandra do you agree that prior to the commencement of this interview I told you that I intended asking you further questions in relation to this matter?

A Yes, you did.

Q4 Do you agree that I also told you that at the conclusion of the interview you would be given a complete copy in the form of an audio tape?

A Yes, you did.

Q5 Do you agree that I also told you that a record of interview between yourself and me would be recorded electronically?

A I agree.

Q6 For the purpose of this record of interview what is your full name, date of birth, and address please?

A Sandra Anne Durward. My address at the moment is [REDACTED] Dobell, D-O-B-E-L-L Circuit, St. Clair, and my date of birth is the [REDACTED], '55.

Q7 Are you single or married?

A Single.

Q8 Are you in a relationship?

A No, I'm not.

Q9 Are you employed?

A Yes, I am.

Q10 Employment please?

A It's a company called Soners. S-O-N-E-R-S Financial Services.

Q11 Location?

A In St. Mary's.

Q12 The hours of work?

A It varies, it's a licensed massage palour and I work at anytime from 10am to 12 midnight depending on what shifts are available.

Q13 O.K. How long have you worked at this?

A One month.

Q14 O.K. Who do you live with?

A I live with a friend of mine. I share for purposes of paying her rent. Her name is Diedre. Do I need to give her surname, I can do?

Q15 Yes, thanks.

A Miles, M-I-L-E-S, at the same address.

- Q16            Anyone else live there?
- A              No, oh. her daughter [REDACTED], who is [REDACTED] years old.
- Q17            O.K.    O.K.    As I've already told you Detective Thornton and myself are investigating the murder of David Samuel Rose. I am going to ask you certain questions in relation to this. I want you to understand that you're not obliged to say anything unless you wish to do so, but anything you do say will be recorded and may later be used in evidence. Do you understand that?
- A              I do, thank you.
- Q18            O.K.    Can you tell me anything about, well do you have any knowledge about the murder of David Rose?
- A              I have none at all apart from what I've read in the newspapers.
- Q19            Can you tell me the relationship between you and David?
- A              David and I met in late 1986, early 1987. We were both working as volunteers at Radio Station 2-R-P-H Radio for the .... handicapped. This is when the radio station was located in North Sydney and I became a volunteer reader and decided that I wanted to become an announcer. Dave was the training, technical training co-ordinator and trained me on the .... um, so these days even though I can't set the time on the video recorder I can run a radio station, thanks to Dave. Um, it was I think a three or four week training programme, just going in a

couple of times a week to be trained on how to do the technical stuff and we just got very friendly and we stayed extremely close to each other after that. He used to, Dave used to be the announcer on the Saturday night shift, and I was the Sunday breakfast announcer so that we had a good deal of interaction in a sense that he would have to cue a tape for me for the following morning. He would always leave, he used to record my television guide for me, so I didn't have to read it out myself. I could just play it and meant I had 10 minutes off air which was nice. And he would always leave me a long message for 3 or 4 minutes beforehand. We also saw each other outside. We saw each other socially and we used to go out together on occasion and we did a little bit stuff, not a great deal 'cause he was involved with the 2-C-R as well, and we did a little bit of stuff there. We did a couple of programmes in together. Um, I guess the main reason that we didn't spend a lot more time together is that I'm an alcoholic, an ex-addict of many years abstinence and you know it was just difficult. David was, David used to come and visit me, if he visited me he'd ring every drug detox. and rehab. of thing and I've been in that ..... yeah. and I can give you their names. I don't think he ever came to McKinnon? But he certainly visited me at Jarrah House, which is the Women's Rehab. Unit attached to

Prince Henry Hospital. He visited me in Phoenix which is the Drug Rehab., Drug and Alcohol Rehab. attached to Manly Hospital and we spoke on the telephone numerous times .... other places. And I guess the other, the other things that he used to go overseas every couple of years. He used to go in these extended holidays and a couple of times I think it was three, it might of been two, it might have been three during a course of about 9 ... I actually stayed at his flat, well both flats 'cause he had two flats in Kensington. Um, I stayed at his place while he was away and just kind of you know, kept the lights on and the dust off the furniture, and so on. So, it was what I would term a close friendship.

Q20 Anything else?

A I can't think of anything.

Q21 And you first met him at 2-R-P-H. Is that right?

A That's right when the station was at North Sydney.

Q22 90. Where did it go to after North Sydney?

A Marrickville.

Q23 Marrickville. Did you go to Marrickville?

A Oh, yes. I actually did the first broadcast out of the Marrickville Station.

Q24 When was the last time you worked for that radio station?

A September two years ago, so what two years, three months ago.

- Q25 Two years, three months.
- A Yeah, we go back to September, yeah.
- Q26 And why did you leave?
- A Um, well I've been there for ten years and this is when my drinking had really hit a bad spot, and it was just too difficult for me to get up at 5.00 o'clock every Sunday morning and go and do a radio programme, it was too hard.
- Q27 O.K. And during those years from 1986 through to, when was it 1995 - - -
- A Yeah, it would have been.
- Q27 - - - You stayed friends with?
- A Oh. yes.
- Q28 And you done the Sunday Breakfast show. Is that right?
- A Hmm.
- Q29 And what show did he do?
- A He did Saturday night. He worked from, well it was generally on sort, late afternoon, I guess about 5 or 6 he was generally there. And quite often I would ring him and have a chat with him during the evening at some stage and he'd be there until the station closed down at 11, he'd close it down and then lock it up and go home.
- Q30 Right. And how many days a week did you work?
- A At the radio station? Only the 1, I only did Sunday. Oh. at the end I only did Sundays, at the beginning I used to do a lot more, but once you get

locked into one particular programme, it's difficult to do any more than that.

Q31 What else did you do during that time. Were you?

A I was working for the Fairfax Organisation. I was telly marketeer for them full-time. I also worked for, I forget the name of the company but it was one of Kerry Packer's that worked out of 64 Park Street. And I was I guess an audio engineer, and that's thanks to Dave 'cause if he hadn't shown me what to do, I wouldn't have known ..... I worked there for a while during that period and towards the end of it I worked for Optus Communications, once again as a telly marketeer.

Q32 How long?

A I was with Fairfax for seven and a half years, and I started with Fairfax around about the same time I started with R-P-H which was late 87. Oh. no round about the same time I started the Sunday Breakfast program which was November 80, the 1st of November 1987. Um, I was there for seven and a half years, and then I went to Optus for two and a half and I stopped working around about the 20th of December last year, 1996.

Q33 For Optus?

A Hmm.

Q34 Have you worked ever since?

A Ah, I've just had this job that I have taken on recently.

Q35 Right. And so there's been a few months, what 11 months or?

A Yeah, I've been in various rehabs. detoxing.

Q36 How have you been supporting yourself?

A With Social Security.

Q37 The Pension, or the?

A No, the Newstart Allowance with the Sickness Benefit thing loading on top of.

Q38 Right. Over the last 12 months where have you lived?

A The last 12 months. Um, I've lived at the McKinnon Unit at Rozelle, um, Herbert Street which is the detox. unit associated with Royal North Shore Hospital and Herbert Street, St. Leonards. I've lived at the Phoenix Unit in Manly. I've lived at Jarrah House attached to Royal Prince Henry Hospital. I've lived at Detour House which is a Half Way Unit in Glebe, I think it is [REDACTED] Glebe Point Road. And in between times I've spent a couple of nights at Dave's place, but that was months and months and months ago, and several nights with, I've got three younger sisters who live, what two of them live in Sydney so I've spent perhaps time with them and I was also um. at my previous mailing address which was in Arncliffe. [REDACTED] Forrest Road, Arncliffe where I was living with my cousin and his wife. Unfortunately my rampant alcoholism became too much for them and they asked me to leave.



And I can't remember when that was, but it was earlier this year.

Q39 O.K. When you said, you said before you lived at Dave's place a few months back.

A I didn't actually live there a few months back. During this year I've only stayed there for a night or two. He was, he used to talk with my sisters and some of my friends on the telephone and ..... said look you can't encourage her, she, she has to go into rehab. It's the only thing that is going to work for her so, don't when she rings up and says can I stay, don't let her stay. So the last two occasions I've rung to ask this question, can I come and stay the night 'cause I've got no where to go, and they would have been several, several months ago. On both occasions he said no. No, I'm sorry you can't, I haven't thought of this, he said no, you can't stay it's not convenient for you to stay. And I just assumed that it was because he was in touch, I'm been really ego-eccentric here. I just assumed that he was in touch with my family, and they said, don't, don't, don't give ..... to stay. He never said to me I've got somebody else staying here, but he did say on two occasions it's just not convenient for you to come.

Q40 So when would be the last time you would have stayed there according to you?

A I'd say five months ago.

- Q41 Five months ago. And how long was that for?
- A Um, I'd stayed there for about two weeks. Um, it was before I went into um, it's very, very messy here. Um, it was before I went into one of the rehabs. I can't rem. my mother will know. She would be quite happy to sleep with him I'm sure.
- Q42 What is your mother's phone number.
- A [REDACTED]. Her name is Pat Dooley.
- Q43 Just take your time. Um, your sisters, you mentioned your sisters before. What are their names please?
- A There is four of us. I'm the oldest, the next one is Fiona, her surname, her married name Feary, F-E-A-R-Y. She was at number [REDACTED] I think it is at [REDACTED], and her phone number is [REDACTED]. I have a sister in [REDACTED] called Barbara, um, it's [REDACTED], ... although she's got, she's going be in Sydney later this week. And my other sister Kate lives at [REDACTED] and I don't think I've got her number here. She might be there under that surname, or under her. Oh, here we are [REDACTED].
- Q44 When you communicated with David, how was that you reckon, O.K?
- A Um, yeah usually by phone, but we saw each other quite a lot as well.
- Q45 Did you ever mail him any letters?

A Um, I might have sent him the odd card, but I don't think I ever wrote him any letters.

Q46 Do you remember the last time you sent him a letter?

A No.

Q47 Would it be this year?

A I doubt it, it's more likely to been when he was overseas. I know he, he received, he used to receive quite a lot of really strange mail from, not really strange but kind of exotic mail because he would go on these overseas tours with people and he would get really friendly with them and he'd get letters from people he'd been on tours in Scandanavia with like ten years ago. And they can understand from the funny writings ... But no I don't think I communicated with him by mail for a while.

Q48 Is that, how do you know that because you'd seen the letters have you?

A Oh, yeah, 'cause I'd, I'd stayed in his place and because of.

Q49 When you stayed there how did you get into the place?

A I had a set of keys, he always gave me the same set and I believe that it was his only spare set of keys because he was always really nervous that I'd lose them, and they had a dolphin about a sort of bronze coloured dolphin key ring about I don't know two and a half, three inches long.

- Q50 With how many keys on it?
- A There was the key to the screen door and then I think there were two keys to the front door.
- Q51 Which, why were there two keys?
- A I think he had two locks on it, I'm not sure ...
- Q52 What type of locks are they?
- A No.
- Q53 Dead locks possible?
- A One of them is a dead lock, yeah. I just know that it used to really peeve me when I, when I was staying there because when you're staying at someone's house you conform to their own security precautions and he used to make sure that you enter the loo at the station or down the road or whatever because when you got back to Dave's place you'd spend five minutes standing there opening the doors.
- Q54 Right. So you'd said before he had two set of keys. Do you remember what his set of keys looked like?
- A No.
- Q55 No, so you always had this set?
- A Yeah, with the dolphin.
- Q56 And did you keep these keys?
- A No.
- Q57 What happened to his keys?
- A Last time I stayed there when I moved out, I gave them back to him.
- Q58 All right. Didn't get any cut?
- A No.

- Q59 Do you know if anyone else had a set of keys?
- A I don't know.
- Q60 Did Dave ever mention about anyone?
- A He never did. He had a friend from work I think called Emma and I know that she spent some time there. I think it was Emma.
- Q61 How long ago?
- A Oh, this is a while ago, this was two or three years ago - - -
- Q61 Right.
- A And she may well had a set of keys. That's the only person I.
- Q62 Do you know where he stored his keys in his house when he was there?
- A Yeah, when you go in the front door, there's a kind of a passage way and he had a sort of a bookshelf thing on the left where the phone and the answering machine were, and he used to put his keys down there - - -
- Q62 Right.
- A - - - The dolphin keys I don't know where he kept them - - -
- Q62 All right.
- A - - - But I don't think he left them lying around.
- Q63 And when you stayed there where did you sleep?
- A Um, well there were two bedrooms, one .... used to go through the front door, there's the bedroom on the right and the bedroom on the left. Dave slept

on the bedroom on the right, and the guest bedroom was the one on the left and that's where I always slept.

Q64 Right. Did you leave any property there?

A No.

Q65 Have you got any property left there?

A No, well not that I'm aware of, but I'm sure I don't.

Q66 So when would the last time you'd been into the house, you know as a friend, as a ....

A It would have been um, oh, I know that I visited, visited him since he got back from his last trip. Ah, I went round there one night and I think we went down to the local Mexican Restaurant and had, had a meal and then went back and we might of listened to a tape or something and then I left but I didn't stay there overnight.

Q67 How many C.D.'s did David have?

A He had the weirdest collection of C.D.'s um, he didn't have a lot um, had a lot of records. See the thing was that he used to keep them not only in his, not only in the rack or the bookcase or whatever, but he also used to because he was doing so much radio he used to take them backwards and forwards from the radio station so at any given time he could have 10 C.D's not in the rack but in the bag. I'd say that he'd prob. I ..... I'd say about 30.

Q68 And where were they kept in the house?

A Oh, um, in the living room where all of the electronic equipment was, the television and the C.D. player and so on, they were, they were seen ... in that complex.

Q69 O.K. What, how did he keep the house. Do you recall?

A Well, he didn't keep ..... but he kept it very clean.

Q70 Would he leave things lying around?

A No, no it was always um, his desk, like he had a desk in the middle of the little room and that was always really messy because he had work in progress you know, stuff he was doing, notes and tools and bits of electronic equipment and so on lying around, but the rest of it was basically pretty clean and tidy. His bedroom was a bit of a disaster. But most bedrooms are. But yeah, you wouldn't have found stuff lying all over the floor or anything like that.

Q71 All right. Now you mentioned earlier that you'd been living at a place last month. Can you recall when you moved into this house?

A It was around about the 7th of December.

Q72 7th of December. Where were you before then?

A Um, in Detour House which is recovery, a women's recovery unit in Glebe in Sydney.

Q73 Detour House?

A Hmm.

- Q74 And who, you moved out of there on the 6th or 7th of.
- A Although I moved out of there about a week beforehand and went into a total spin and I stayed for several days in a, in one of those little private hotels in the city to .... C.B. It's in Stanley Central, booked into my correct name.
- Q75 What's your correct name?
- A The name I've given you.
- Q76 Do you go by another name?
- A Oh, no, ..... name.
- Q77 And what's that name please?
- A Veronica.
- Q78 Veronica.
- A No surname.
- Q79 No surname. She had another name at all?
- A No.
- Q80 What about Anne Couchman?
- A Hmm?
- Q81 Couchman?
- A No.
- Q82 Sandra Couchman?
- A No.
- Q83 You don't use that name?
- A No.
- Q84 Do you know anybody by the name of Couchman?
- A No.
- Q84 O.K. So.



A I've never heard that name.

Q85 O.K. Over the last month have you, where you've been staying lived elsewhere?

A No.

Q86 Have, had any visitors there?

A Not for myself personally, no.

Q87 Right. Do you have your own room there. Do you?

A (NO AUDIBLE REPLY)

Q88 Do you come and go as you please. Do you or what?

A Um, I have a set of keys.

Q89 How do you know these people?

A I was in the .... in Jarrah was .... She and I were patients together.

Q90 O.K. Right. Does she know David?

A She met him once. He came to visit me as I said before he use to visit, he came to visit me when I was at Jarrah um. I think it was a Sunday afternoon. I honestly couldn't tell you the date, but the Manager there would be able to, to tell you although they're closed at the moment because of government funding cutbacks. Um, he came to visit me one day and I just remembered Deebee really protected because if you know about Dave, you'll know that he excited a lot of myrrh in people.

Q91 What do you mean by that?

A Well he wore what I used to call, he used to call his too, his bubble bee tights 'cause he was a cross dresser and he wasn't a very convincing cross

dresser, and it was just so amazingly brave of him I thought to come into that environment with all of these. Ah. you do in a rehab. you do find some quite hard women and hard men as well, this is the women's rehab. Jarrah. And some of them laughed at him and I remembered Dee saying she, he's her friend, just cool it. So that's the only time they've met. I don't think they've even spoken face to face, but she, she recognised the photograph in the newspaper.

Q92 When did you learn of David's death?

A I was at work on, it must have been Tues, Tuesday night and there was a telephone call for Dee. Um, Steve Becker who is a mutual friend of ours from the radio station had tracked me down through my parents who had Dee's number, and Dee said that she'd ring me and gave me Steve's number and then I rang Steve.

Q93 Who was that mutual friend of Dee? Dee Becker did you say?

A Well Steve Becker was a mutual friend of mine and Dave's.

Q94 O.K. And he tracked you down ....

A He tracked me down, he went through my parents. My parents knew I was staying at Dee's, and .... they said they rang her. And she then rang me and got me ringing Steve.

Q95 And what did he tell you?

A He said sit down, I've got some really bad news. He said Dave's been murdered. And he said that he had, and, ... got all of this from him, but he said he'd, he'd been there a couple of times over the weekend, either rung or knocked on the door and there had been no answer, and that's really all he said. I was kind of in shock at that stage.

Q96 All right. Did you contact anyone about this?

A Yeah, I rang another friend of ours called Gordon Sharpe.

Q97 Right. How is he?

A Gordon is, Gordon's a guy who also worked for R-P-H and I can give you his phone number if you want it?

Q98 Yes, please.

A [REDACTED].

Q99 Just read that again.

A [REDACTED].

Q100 Gordon Sharpe. Where does he live at?

A He lives at Stanmore.

Q101 How old is he?

A Oh. Gordon would be, oh, gosh he'd be in his early 50's by now. He was at the funeral too and he and Dave and I have worked together on the radio - - -

Q101 O.K.

A - - - So I rang him, last I rang somebody in Melbourne who has contact with an ex-colleague, .... if you can have a colleague in a non-professional atmosphere but, um, somebody we, we both worked with

whose now living in Africa, so I asked his business partner in Melbourne to E-mail him with the news, and I also rang um, a mutual friend of ours called Donald Devitt, D-E-V-I-T-T on [REDACTED]. And she was a friend of Daves as well, but I don't know when they last had contact. They met through me.

Q102 O.K. Can you tell me your movements last Saturday the 20th of?

A I didn't even ask this otherwise I would have checked it out. Um, I honestly can't remember, I know I was in St. Mary's or .... around this area St. Clair, St. Mary's and I know I worked. I can't remember if I did a double shift or a single shift.

Q103 When would that be?

A Oh. well if it was a morning shift it would have been from 10am to 5pm, evening shifts is 5pm till midnight, and because the days have been so over Christmas and public holidays and so on, it's been so, I honestly can't remember if reverted to single or double that day, but David would be able to corroborate, that receptionist there.

Q104 And who's that?

A She's going to hate me for this, her name is Tricia and I think you're going to have to look the number up because I didn't think I know it.

Q105 What's the address again?

A It's [REDACTED] Queen Street, St. Mary's.

Q105 ....

A Yes, St. Mary's. And it's called The Final Touch, relaxation studio.

Q106 What about Saturday night?

A Well, I think I was working, oh. actually, yes I was, yeah, yes, Saturday night, yeah, I remember now. I had a memorable client. I worked up until midnight there and then they have another studio down the road at number ■ Queen Street, and I went down there and worked until 3 o'clock in the morning and then got a cab home, no, got a cab back to ... place.

Q107 What about Sunday the 21st? - - -

A I know - - -

Q107 - - - The 21st we're talking about?

A - - - The 21st, I know I worked, but once again I can't remember what hours. I think I .. a single shift, and I think it was the day shift from 10 to 5.

Q108 O.K. Can we just go back for the two days, I'm sorry to the 19th which is a Friday. And can you tell me what you were doing on that day?

A Once again I worked, and once again I can't remember what, what hours. I know I should be .... but I just haven't got .... I haven't been into the city for what definitely during that time.

Q109 O.K. Have, what is your normal mode of transport?

A Um, public transport.

Q110 And what's that, train?

A Um, well I must admit that I'm leaning more towards taxis these days, but yeah, there's a local bus service out here and I also get the train out to the city and back again.

Q111 Do you have a Driver's licence?

A No, I don't. I surrendered it a couple of years ago.

Q112 O.K. Now do you agree that earlier this afternoon that you contacted me at Maroubra Police Station?

A Yes, I do.

Q113 Why did you do that?

A Because I was concerned about a possible contact between Dave and somebody else, a couple of years ago.

Q114 Can you tell me the fuller detail circumstances of that more slowly and we will have to write this down so?

A O.K. It was during the period of Dave's last overseas trip which I think was, will actually probably three and a half years ago, two and a half, three and half years ago. I was living in a house in St. Peters, it was a shared house and Dave, Dave knows I prefer living on my own and he, as he had done before on several occasions said while I'm overseas would you like me to stay, would you like to stay in my flat and I said yes, I would like to. As it turned out it was difficult for me to, I had a cat at the time, she wasn't transportable and I

didn't have a car and it was just too tricky. So what I did was just go over there every couple of days and spend the night there and leave the lights on and turn the lights off and make sure everything was O.K. At some stage during the period that Dave was away I was contacted by an ex-lover of mine who's name is Paul Hilton. Paul was in Sydney with his girlfriend and her name is Suzy, I don't know her other name. And Paul and Suzy said can we come and stay with you? And this was not possible in the house I was in, in St. Peters so I told them that it would be all right if they stayed at Dave's house, or Dave's flat in Kensington, this is the Addison Road flat. I met Paul at the flat and gave him the keys and this would have been Dave's keys not the Dolphin keys.

Q115 Why is that?

A Um, because I would have wanted to keep a spare set for myself. Um, and Paul and Suzy stayed there, and I'm not sure how long they were there for but I'm quite sure that they managed to piss off the neighbours and probably to insult most of the local shopkeepers and I know from what Dave said when he got back that they'd bent all the spoons in his cutlery draw. They're both intravenous users.

Q116 Who, who are they?

A Paul Hilton.

Q117 Is that your, your?

A My ex, yeah.

Q118 And his son?

A And his name is girlfriend. The son hadn't come on to the scene at this stage.

Q119 .....

A Paul rang me up one day and said his son, whose name is Joel, J-O-E-L, Hilton, otherwise known as Joey who would now be about 22, and who is also a heroin addict living in Sydney. I don't know if you want to check him out with his police .... but I think you'll find he is pretty well known up there. He said Dave was around here last night and a he a he's, he'd came for dinner and he stayed the night and when we got up this morning he was gone and so were a whole bunch of C.D.'s, some tools, like a ... and a spanner and some electrical appliances. I think there was an iron gone, or something. The stuff like the television and the video were too old to be of any use to, but he'd taken stuff that he could carry. When Dave got back, oh. I kind of got rid of, of Paul and Suzy at that point because I was so angry that they would have allowed this to happen. When Dave got back he and I reached an agreement. I'd paid for the stuff, so he could replace it, and I also paid, there was a huge phone bill that had been rung up. So I'd paid that, I just gave him the cash. He paid it and I gave him the cash to cover it. And it was um, like it was a



bad period in our relationship because obviously he got betrayed by the fact that I'd let somebody else into the place, but I done it with the best possible intentions and I didn't know it was going to work out so badly. I didn't know that Joey had gone so bad. So that when I heard about this the other day, I thought, what if that, during that period, if possibly Joey had got a copy of the keys and had gone into the unit with the intention of robbing Dave. All he knew about Dave was that, this was a guy who owned his own flat, and owned his own car and was not at all, not a big strong person and he'd already ripped him off once. He'd stolen all of his C.D.'s, tools and stuff. And the paper doesn't say anything about forced entry, whatever and I was thinking if his mother left a note on the door then presumably there were no signs of splintered wood along the logs. So it's quite possible either that Dave hadn't .... .. set of keys and I thought. It is unlikely that someone who is a street kid and heroin addict would keep a set of keys for that period of time, let alone remember what set of locks they referred to. But it's been nagging at me for a day to a month now. And that's why I rang. The only contact details I can give you for that family, are the mother's name, the, the Joey's grandmother, Paul's mother, oh, and his brother as well. His mother's name is Debbie Hilton, she's in a nursing

home somewhere along the north shore. She used to live in Greenwich, and she's still in that area. Her father died a few years ago. I did have a phone number for her and I looked in my book earlier and couldn't find it. And the only person you might want to, I wish you the very best of luck. The other person you might want to try to contact him through is through his brother, Howard Hilton, who is currently out of jail.

Q120 Is there any more you can tell us about this?

A Only that Joey had this, only he was cool until he was about 16 or 17. He was doing really well at school and so on, and the next thing I heard he was 20 years old, 19 years old, and gone totally feral and has been thrown out of Shannon, thrown out of, just thrown over the whole north shore area and was living on the streets in the cross with a full on raging heroin addiction. Paul I don't think has ever fully, Paul is the father. The guy I used to live with, so I don't think he has ever lost his addiction and a for the record he was extremely violent himself. He used to beat me a lot. I left, can I just clear something up about my black eye.

Q121 Yes, I want to ask you about that, but you can?

A Yeah, all right. I had a client the other night and he was changing position and hit me in the knee, hit me in the eye with his knees.

Q122 Was that at? (Tape beeping)

A Sunday night.

Q123 Sunday night, this Sunday night. Sandra I have to stop you here. The tapes are going to finish and I want to go and change the tapes - - -

A Hmm.

Q123 - - - So I'll get a new set. So I want to suspend the interview. It's 4.46, sorry 3.46, 47 I'm sorry, 4.47pm on Friday the 26th of December, 1997. I'll suspend this interview to change the tapes. I'll just let you know the video is still running.

A Ah hmm.

INTERVIEW SUSPENDED

INTERVIEW RESUMED

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

Q124 - - - 52pm on Friday the 26th of December, 1997. Recommenced the interview between Sandra Durward and Detective Sergeant Matthes. Would you agree that we just changed the tapes?

A Yes.

Q125 I just want to continue this interview. I just want you to understand that you are not obliged to say anything unless you wish to do so, but whatever you do so will be electronically recorded and may later be used in evidence. Do you understand that?

A I do, thank you.

Q126 O.K. We were talking, can I just borrow your pen ... Oh. yeah, the other night are you, you started mentioning about the black eye that - - -

A Oh. yeah.

Q126 - - - That you have and just for the purpose of recording, it's on your right, above your right eyesocket. Is that correct?

A That correct, yes.

Q127 And when did that occur?

A Ah, dear, it's just so difficult at this time of year. Wasn't Frid. must have been Sunday night. Must have been Sunday night and it was, it was simply an accident at work.

Q128 Do you know the client?

A Ah, all I know his name was Trevor.

Q129 Trevor?

A Don't ... know the surname.

Q130 Ever seen him before?

A No - - -

Q130 O.K.

A - - - It can be corroborated. Ah, well I'm sure I said to the receptionist when I came out, "Gosh he clouted me one in the eye".

Q131 O.K. And that's the receptionist before?

A Yeah, Tricia.

Q132 And the Monday who would have seen you, the Monday with the eye?

A Oh, well certainly Dee who I, the lady I share and certainly the anyone who is working at the parlour and that would have been um, Tricia, and like I think. It's so difficult this time of year. I

think the only other lady who's is working is an asian lady who works there ..... she would have noticed it, but she might not be able to tell you about it because her english is not that hot.

Q133 O.K. Can you tell me any other friends of David's that may have access to his, to his place, or been there at some stage?

A I can tell you about a million friends of David's but as far as access to his place is concerned, the only one I can think of would be his, the girl Emma who I mentioned before. I think they worked together at the bank. I think that was the story, because he worked at Westpac.

Q134 Right. How long did she stay?

A Oh, it was a while ago. It's a good couple of years.

Q135 O.K. Now can you go through some of his closer friends and their names, please?

A Well there was Emma, um, he was, he was close with a number of people. We tended to talk mainly about people we knew in radio together. Ah, he was close friends for instance to Marsha Van. Marsha is a news reader for one of the commercial stations. She started her work with R-P-H and trained with him. Um, he was also friendly with the ex-station manager at 2-R-P-H, Jan Marshon, who's probably been in touch with you. Um, not so much with the current station management because he had a falling out with

them. He, I was know was close to a guy that he used to do a report with every Saturday night, the short wave report, short wave radio report, and his name is Patrick McDonald. He is the headmaster of some boys school somewhere in Sydney. Um, I know that he used to speak with my friend Donna Devitt who was mentioned before on a pretty regular basis, mainly about me. And some of my sisters as well.

Q136 Is there anyone else?

A Can't think of anyone.

Q137 Do you know that had a grudge or a falling out with Dave?

A No.

Q138 Did you have any falling out or grudges with Dave?

A No.

Q139 Did you's have any arguments?

A Never had an argument all the time we knew each other?

Q140 No problems between you's?

A Even when there was a potential for a problem because when his C.D.'s and stuff went missing. He approached it in such a way that I was able to sort the thing out without any problems, and I, I can't imagine him having any problems with anyone. I mean even with neighbours he wasn't the kind of person to play loud music or anything like that?

Q141 Do you know if he had a relationship with any one?

A Dad and I discussed this because obviously we have, we have very different ..... on the whole thing. As far as I'm aware and he, he had, he had, had one sexual relationship, and one sexual experience in his life and that was a good twenty, twenty three years ago. That was it. There were certainly no emotional relationships. I would ring him up, or he'd ring me and we'd be chatting one night. So I'd met this really nice guy the other night, and his reaction would be, or does he have a brother. But it was never serious. It was always a joke.

Q142 What would you, how would you classify his sexuality?

A Um, a sexual. Totally non-sexual.

Q143 Did he mention anything to you about having sex drugs?

A Yeah, I was going to mention it, 'cause he asked me to keep it quiet, I suppose it doesn't matter any more. When he came to see me in Jarrah, when I was in Jarrah House he said that he had started on the hormone treatments and he said that the only effect it had, had so far that his beard had got a lot softer and that he'd noticed that it got a bit patchy on his cheeks. So he thought that the hormones were starting to work and he was, I kind of asked him you know, are we looking at surgery down the line here somewhere, he said or not, not for ages, ..... years. It was, it was an underlying

topic of conversation I guess with most, most of us and close with Dave. We, we talked with him about that. Um, I also believe and I haven't heard this from him but I have heard it from somebody else and I honestly can't remember who, that he'd had some .... hormone replacement therapy in the 70's and is one of those people in the risk group for ..... disease, which is the, you know the brain, the pylon disease and as a result of that, he'd, he'd kind of given up on therapy which is why I was so surprised when he came to see me in Jarrah and he said look I'm so excited I've just started this hormone therapy.

Q144 How long ago was this?

A Um, it would only have been a couple of months, or so this year.

Q145 Is that the last time you saw him?

A I think I've seen him once since then.

Q146 Have you spoke to him on the phone since then?

A I've spoken to him on the phone.

Q147 How regularly did you speak to him on the phone?

A Well, it was more irregularly of late because I've, I've really been pretty incommunicado, you know I've done the geographical and come out to the west and you know. And I honestly couldn't tell you the last time I spoke with him. Um, I know that I wanted to speak to with him the 22nd which was Saturday or Monday. Sorry, Sunday or Monday because of a mutual



friend of ours from R-P-H suicided on that day a few years ago.

Q148 And who was that?

A Dennis Mercier. And I just wanted to ring up and say .... you know, and.

Q149 Was he a close friend of Dave's?

A Oh, well we were all colleagues, we worked together you know, um.

Q150 How did he die?

A He suicided, he hanged himself.

Q151 David's clothing where did he ..... what did he wear?

A Usually um, certainly when he was going out, when he was at home. Like if you went to see him at home, he'd have a little frock on and his skirt, little K-mart thing and maybe a blouse. He usually wore a bra, and I don't think he had socks or hankies or something stuffed into it. Um, he'd shave, shaved his arms, shaved his chest, certainly shaved his legs. He never wore, or actually he did wear a wig. Sometimes we used to go out together in ..... When I saw him out, like when he came to visit me in rehab. he would wear those bubble bee tights which were. He had very muscular legs and they were black and yellow horizontal striped tights and he would wear an embroidered peasant blouse over the top. And he always had all the time I've known him for years, and years, and years he's worn the same ..... a ....

plastic bag was on his wrist. He would always have at least one set of ear phones around his neck or on his head and he'd always have at least one portable radio clipped to his belt. Um, and he was always tuning into one thing or another whether he had a tape going or he was just listening to the radio and he usually wore a pair of fairly low heeled black pumps.

Q152 Do you know about his female name he used?

A No. Oh, Samantha, sorry, yeah, I do know. Samantha was originally conceived as far as I am aware as the radio character. He was doing the children's radio programme on Saturday afternoon at R.P.H. and he came up with the idea that he'd be Samantha and Samantha I must tell you is never terribly convincing.

Q153 In terms of that he didn't appear, he couldn't appear female. Is that what you're trying to?

A He couldn't have appeared female, you know in a sandstorm, behind a sand dune with a ..... looking at him. He was, it was tragic and he was born into the wrong body. It was just really, really obvious that he was. Um, but he'd obviously accepted this a long time before I met him. And decided well, what the hell I'm just going, you know do the stuff, where a bra, wear the make-up, 'cause he used to wear a bit of make-up not a lot. He always used to wear lipstick and the earrings. He

had, he usually had sort of peasant sort of cheap earrings, you know the kind of thing you'd buy at the market. He'd usually have the make-up, the earrings, the bra, the pumps, and it all looked so fake, you know. It was obvious that he was so fake, and he knew it looked fake, but it didn't bother him. He decided that, that was the way he wanted to go.

Q154 O.K. Do you mind giving us a hand, handwriting sample. You don't have to give us a handwriting sample - - -

A No, that's fine.

Q154 - - - Because any handwriting sample you give us may later be used in evidence. Do you understand that?

A I understand that. I've got nothing to worry about, so.

Q155 O.K. If you can just write a - - -

A A quick brown fox.

Q155 - - - Yeah, that will, that will be fine.

A Yeah, just bear in mind that I've got this ..... so. Is that enough or do you need to.

Q156 That's fine. Take.

A I'll take that off.

Q157 We also need to, to if you, if you mind giving us a finger print - - -

A Ah hmm.

Q157 - - - A number of finger prints that have been taken from his premises and we wish to.

A I'd doubt that you would find mine there, 'cause it's been a while since I've been there, but yeah, sure, for purposes of elimination, your welcome.

Q158 Yes, that's ..... O.K. now. Just further. Is there any further you can tell me about the murder of?

A No, only that I've spoken to a number of people, both at the funeral and outside. I was at an A-A meeting this morning and somebody came up to me and said "Did you know Dave Rose", and he said, he's actually rung, he's spoken with, ... I don't know his surname at A-A and his first name is Russell. He said he rang [REDACTED] yesterday and spoke with someone, and he said he was the kindest, gentlest, sweetest person that he ever met and he would never hurt anyone. And I think that's the general thing. I honestly can't, I would like to think that it's just a random thing, but I know that Dave never picked up people in the street. He just didn't do casual sex. He just didn't, he didn't do sex. He would not have done it. He would not have met someone on the street and picked them up and taken them back. Either somebody fired him, or somebody broke in. And it was at that point in my thinking, the day of the funeral that I thought well I've, I've got in touch with the police and because they may think this, the man was of this particular

family had ... had, had, had access to the flat at some stage.

Q159 All right. Were you responsible in any way for Michael's death, no David, David's death?

A No. Oh, if it turns out that it was somebody in that, in that group of people that I've mentioned.

Q160 Until he met you.

A Oh. no my ..... no, no, no.

Q161 Detective Senior Constable Thornton is there any further question you wish to ask in relation to this?

DETECTIVE SENIOR CONSTABLE THORNTON

Q162 I just want to ask you do you know about his social behaviour, places that he went to?

A The only places that I ever went to with him were there's a Mexican Restaurant down the road from where he lives, that he used to go to. I forget what it's called but it is easier to check out. Um, I know that when I went, I've been in there with him a couple of times and they have said hello. Like you do when you know a customer. Um, apart from that we've, I only real ever been out to the odd nightclub and we, when we've worked, where we both been working in the city at the same time we've had lunch together, but it's just been at cafe's and stuff. As far as I'm aware his social life was really quite constrictive. And when you spend every Saturday night for whatever it was 12 years, 15

years running a radio programme on a community service radio station it doesn't really give you a lot of.

Q163 Do you know if ..... um, there is transvestite - - -

A The Beats.

Q163 - - - There is?

A Yeah. Um, I'm pretty sure, Dave and I are pretty close in that way and I'm quite sure that if he had he would have told me because he would have known that out of all the people that he knew I wouldn't have disapproved, or wouldn't have disapproved or wouldn't have said anything in the slightest, so I'm, I can say with almost 100% certainty that no, he didn't patronize any of those areas. He had never had an episode of homosexual sex.

Q164 Sorry you mentioned before, do you recall how long ago his last overseas trip was?

A I think it was about two and a half years, but it may have been a bit longer.

Q165 Would it have been last year?

A Ah, I'm actually, sorry I was, I was concentrating on the one where I stayed in his flat. Last year he did, sorry to sound so vague but it's really difficult when you're in the kind of tense space that I'm in. Um, I know that he went over to London to see his cousin who subsequently died. Um, but I

don't, it may have been last year 96, it don't think it was 97.

Q166 Do you know if his family still go up to the unit when he was away?

A I know his father used to call in. His father had, I assume he had a key but I know his father used to call in because his father was, I don't know if he is still working, but at that stage he was working and he was quite close by. I was actually surprised to see this business in the paper about the mother, Mrs Rose leaving a note on the door. Because I didn't think she ever went there.

Q167 .....

A Oh, just because it was way out of their way then. ....beachs up at Balmoral or something, or Neutral Bay. I've never .... around anything, and I don't think you ever had reason to be on that side of the city.

Q168 Has David ever been assaulted previously. Do you know?

A Not that I'm aware of. He certainly never told me, verbally yes. Physically I'm not. I mean he, I've been in, we had, we had a night one night when we went to, I think it's called the Metropolitan. I'm not sure, it's a nightclub in North Sydney anyway and he dressed in a frock and the wig and the make-up and the earrings and so on. And all night the waiters and the bouncers kept coming out and

pointing over at our table like ..... he was used to that. He dealt with it really well. He just ignored it completely. And he did honestly you've no doubt seen photographs. He did look funny frocked up, but it was just a pleasure to be with him, in spite of the fact that he looked like ... 'cause he just looked like such a misfit but it was supposed to be because of who he was. And I think, well I hope that you find that everybody said that.

Q169 So, when was the actually last time you saw him?

A I honestly can't remember. The only time that I can really date it to was when I was Jarrah and you would have to check with them for my admission dates. He came to see me, it was a Sunday afternoon.

Q170 How long did Paul and Suzy stay at the unit?

A Um, I remember, no, they could have kept that away from me but judging by the sign, the size of the telephone bill it was only a couple of days, could have been a couple of weeks and I think you could probably check that out with the neighbours. Paul is an extremely aggressive peasant person and I'm sure would have antagonised the neighbours there. They would probably have a much better idea than I did. But I do know that Paul rang me up one day and said Joey was here last night and he's taken the C.D.'s and tools, and the iron and that's all I can remember off hand. I remember thinking that was



enough. But I paid Dave for all of that when he got back. It took me a couple of months, but I gave him the money for it all. And he was, he was really good about it, but I just don't know what the situation was with keys. And that was the main reason for contacting.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

Q171 The brother, can you tell me ..... Dave's?

A Yeah, I never met him.

Q172 Do you know if he had a set of keys?

A Don't know. I don't it very much because I believe he lives in Brisbane.

Q173 Or spoke of him, his brother?

A Oh, he spoke of him quite frequently, yeah, but I, I, thought that he lived in Brisbane. He used in the hotels of the, well he felt really sorry for his parents because they wanted a lot more for Ian and he hadn't you know sort of worked in a video store and he done this and he done that. And he was living away from Sydney. I mean Dave was literally religious by giving over there every Friday night and seeing his parents and I think he felt really hurt for his parents that Ian didn't do that. But he, there was no ..... link between them.

Q174 Right. Is that all you ... say ...

A I think so, yes, yeah.

Q175 Have the answers that you have given that are recorded in this record of interview been made of your own free will?

A Yes, they have.

Q176 Has any threat, promise or offer of advantage been held out to you to give the answers which have been recorded in this interview?

A None at all.

Q177 O.K. I'll now leave the room to - - -

DETECTIVE SENIOR CONSTABLE THORNTON

Q178 Can I just ask one more question?

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

Yeah, sure.

DETECTIVE SENIOR CONSTABLE THORNTON

Q179 Have you ever moved to Queensland yourself?

A No. I've been in Queensland once. It would have been in about ..... for a two week holiday and that was it.

Q180 Are you familiar with a person called Cynthia?

A Ah, Cynthia was a reader who worked with Dave on the Saturday night shift. Cynthia, oh, you would have to check with R-P-H. I can't remember her surname. She's a, at my age it's hard to say she's an older lady, but she sort of a middle aged lady. Cynthia, anyway she was into R-P-H reader and she worked with Dave, and that's the only Cynthia I know.

Q181 Do you know where she is at the moment?

A No. I thought she was still in Sydney.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

Q182 I'll now leave the room and obtain a senior officer to ask you a number of questions.

A Ah hmm.

Q183 O.K. The time is 4.17. Sergeant Matthes leaving the room. (Tape beeping)

INTERVIEW SUSPENDED

INTERVIEW RESUMED

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

Q184 It's 4.20pm, 26/12/1997. Sandra this is Graham O'Donnell. He is currently the Sergeant in charge of the Police Station. He is going to ask you a number of questions in relation to the interview we have just concluded. .... leave the room.

A Thank you .....

SERGEANT O'DONNELL

Q185 Are you Sandra Durward?

A Yes, I am.

Q186 Have you made this recorded interview of your own free will?

A Yes, I have.

Q187 Has any threat, promise or offer of advantage been held out to you to give the answers recorded in this interview?

A No, it hasn't.

Q188 Have you any complaints to make about the manner in which you were interviewed here today?

A None at all.

INTERVIEW CONCLUDED.