

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

Q1 The time is now 11 past 1.00, eastern standard time on the 6th of February, 1997, at Redfern Police Station. My name is Detective Sergeant Brian Matthes, M-A-T-T-H-E-S. Also present is Sandra Durward. Just for the purpose of the machine, the tape recorder, could you identify your name for me now please?

A Sandra Durward.

Q2 O.K. Also present is Detective Senior Constable Deborah O'Reilly. Could you please identify your name for the tape please.

DETECTIVE SENIOR CONSTABLE O'REILLY

Detective Senior Constable O'Reilly. O-R-E-I-L-L-Y.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

Q3 This is a record of interview between Detective Sergeant Brian Matthes and Sandra Durward. Do you agree that there is no other person present in the room, Sandra?

A I agree.

Q4 Detective O'Reilly and myself are investigating the murder of David Rose, and we are going to ask you further questions about this matter. You are not obliged to say anything unless you wish but whatever you say and do will be electronically recorded and may later be used in evidence at court. Do you understand that?

A I do.

Q5 Do you agree that prior to this record of interview

commencing, I told you that I intended asking you further questions which together with your answers would be electronically recorded?

A Yes.

Q6 Do you agree that prior to this record of interview commencing, I told you that at the conclusion of the interview you would be given a complete copy of the interview in the form of an audio cassette?

A Yes.

Q7 For the purpose of this interview, what is your full name, date of birth and current address?

A Sandra Ann Durward, date of birth, [REDACTED], 1955, my current address is, care of New Beginnings, [REDACTED] Pitt Street, Redfern, 2016.

Q8 Thank you. How long have you been residing at this address for?

A I've been residing at that address since yesterday.

Q9 Prior to this address where were you living?

A That's address is a Drug and Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program facility, prior to that I was at Basement 82, which is a drug and alcohol detoxification unit based at the hospital in Missenden Road in Camperdown.

Q10 How long were you there for?

A I went in there on Sunday afternoon. That would have been 4, 4 days.

Q11 O.K. Do you agree that this afternoon Detective O'Reilly and myself attended [REDACTED] Pitt Street, Redfern, where you were spoken to by us and shortly after that

brought back to Redfern Police Station?

A Yes, I didn't realise it was ■. I think maybe the address they use is ■, which is the main house.

Q12 O.K. But it's in Pitt Street, just down the road.

A Yes.

Q12 Is that correct?

A Yes.

Q13 All right. You've, I see you've been provided with a glass of water. Are you comfortable to be, are you comfortable enough sitting here?

A Yes.

Q14 Is there anything that would prevent you from speaking today? Is there any medication that you are on that would affect your judgement or speech today?

A I'm not on any medication, no, no substance at all.

Q15 All right.

A I've been completely substance free since entering the detoxification here on Sunday.

Q16 All right. So, is it fair to say that your comfortable enough here? Other than the obvious.

A Yes.

Q17 O.K. Do you agree that on the 26th of December last year that you first spoke to me at ■ Dobell Circuit, St Clair?

A Yes.

Q18 Do you agree that I introduced myself on that day and, with another detective, Detective Thornton who asked if you'd come back to Mt Druitt Police Station and

participate in a record of interview?

A That is correct.

Q19 Do you agree that you then attended Mt Druitt Police Station on that day?

A I did.

Q20 Do you agree that we conducted an electronic interview the same as we are doing now, on that day?

A Yes.

Q21 Do you agree that we asked you a number of questions and you have a number of answers to those questions?

A Mmm.

Q22 Do you agree that you were provided with a copy of that record of interview?

A I was provided with an audio tape copy, yes.

Q23 O.K. Have you had a chance to listen to that tape since that time?

A No I haven't.

Q24 All right. And do you also recall that the following day, around about 1, 1.10pm that afternoon, you contacted me at Maroubra Police Station and told me that certain things within that record of, within that, sorry, within your recollection which were recorded in that interview were somewhat different?

A I don't recall. At that time I was intoxicated, I don't recall.

Q25 At which time were you intoxicated?

A Throughout that entire period on and off.

Q26 O.K. All right. Do you recall during that interview

that I asked you about your movements on the 20th of December?

A Yes.

Q27 Do you recall that I was, I also asked you questions in relation to your friendship with David. Do you recall that?

A That's right.

Q28 And do you recall that you told me that on the 20th, which was a Saturday of December that you had, to the best of your recollection at the time, gone to work at the Final Touch around about 10.00 or 11.00?

A This was several days after - - -

Q29 Yes.

A - - - that particular day.

Q30 6 days, I think yes.

A Yeah. My recollection was not, was not complete. Yes, I agree that that is what I said to you at that time.

Q31 Do you recall that - - -

A Yes.

Q31 - - - that conversation?

A Yes.

Q32 O.K. And I didn't mention it before, but then, the following day you rang me up and said, Brian, what I told you, I've had a chance to think about it and in fact I was at an A.A. meeting with, at Neutral Bay and you gave me a couple of names.

A That's correct, I did - - -

- Q33 Do you recall that now?
- A - - - subsequently, telephone you, yes.
- Q34 All right. I think you provided the names of David
Twaites - - -
- A Yes.
- Q34 - - - and there was Peter and Clive from memory, I
think. Was that right?
- A That's correct, yes.
- Q35 O.K. And then you said to me that they would be able
to verify?
- A Yes.
- Q36 And you also told me that you were, you'd been to
Maizie's cafe?
- A That's correct.
- Q37 All right. Is there anything different than what
you've told me on those 2 occasions, being the 20th,
now, in recollection that, sorry, that one day, the
20th, that in the record of interview and in the
conversation we had the following day that you need to
tell me about now?
- A No.
- Q38 So, what you told me on the day of the record of
interview and what you told me on the day after, when
you phoned me, is there anything further that you
think I should know about, about your movements on the
20th?
- A Not as far as I'm aware, no.
- Q39 All right. Do you recall your movements on that

Sunday, the day after the 20th?

- A I believe I worked on that day. I can't be sure.
- Q40 O.K. I have some work, some work rosters which may assist you, or assist us in trying to recollect your movements. Now, for the record is Veronica your, the name that you use?
- A Yes.
- Q41 Could you explain the reason that you go by that name?
- A It's a name I picked out of the air.
- Q42 O.K. At that's the name that you use when you work at, or when you worked at Final Touch?
- A For the brief period that I worked at Final Touch, yes.
- Q43 Final Touch. Now, for the record, could you explain what Final Touch is?
- A It's a massage parlour.
- Q44 O.K. And your duties there?
- A Providing massage for the clients.
- Q45 O.K. Now on the, at Final Touch, the last, the last customer that I have you recorded at being paid on this sheet is 11.15 on the 20th of the 12th. Do you recall that at all?
- A What day was the 20th?
- Q46 That was the day that we were talking about. The day that you.
- A The Saturday.
- Q47 Yes.
- A 11.15pm?

Q48 Yes. That's on the evening, that's not on the 21.

A Yes, I - - -

Q49 Would that be about right?

A Well, yes.

Q50 Yes. O.K. now, the, is it right that you then went to Bare Bunnies?

A I believe so.

Q51 Now I, I do have your name recorded here at Bare Bunnies at 2.00am, which is the Sunday morning.

A Mmm.

Q52 Which would verify that, that you were there in fact on - - -

A Yes.

Q52 - - - Sunday morning.

A Mmm.

Q53 Now would that be, would you say that that'd be correct from your memory?

A Yes that is correct, yes.

Q54 At 2.00am. It may have been the case that you stayed longer but in fact the last recorded customer was 2.00am.

A Was 2.00am.

Q55 Right. O.K. Now does that, is that, is that in your memory around about that time?

A Yes.

Q56 O.K. Do you recall now what time you left Bare Bunnies on the Sunday morning, bearing in mind that this was your last customer?

A I, during the time that I worked in that area, and I must point out that I no longer do so, there were only a couple of occasions on which I worked at Bare Bunnies which stays open later than Final Touch. On one occasion, because I had already worked a long day, I requested that I be allowed to leave at 3.00am. To the best of my recollection on that occasion I was able to get a taxi and go back to ■ Dobell Circuit. There was another occasion, and I've got a strong feeling that that was probably New Year's Eve when much the same thing happened, because of the volume of traffic around about that time of the morning I was unable to get a taxi and I ended up returning to Bare Bunnies although I wasn't working. I occupied one of the empty rooms and slept there until approximately 6.00 in the morning.

Q57 And you think that was the 31st do you?

A I honestly don't know.

Q58 It's some time ago. That's why I'm trying to these to assist you however, if your memory - - -

A I very rarely, I, I recognise them but I've never looked at them in detail.

Q59 So, you would agree that this is a copy of what you've seen before as the.

A That's is a copy of what I have seen and the type of form I have seen the receptionist fill out.

Q60 Fill out. All right. O.K. O.K now, the Sunday which is the 21st, now, we're on to the Sunday, your first,

bearing in mind that you finished at 2.00am well your last customer was 2.00am on the morning of the, the Sunday morning when you've worked from Saturday afternoon through to Sunday morning. The records show that on the 21st, your first client would have been around about 12.10pm, mid, just after midday, on the -

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- A That was on the Sunday?
- Q61 The Sunday.
- A That would be correct.
- Q62 Now, from your recollection is that correct, or?
- A From my recollection that is correct.
- Q63 Yes. And again this is a copy of the, a sheet which you've seen before?
- A It is. Yes. I cannot tell you if it's exactly the, as I say.
- Q64 Yes, but you've seen something similar, have you?
- A Yes.
- Q65 O.K. Fine. These are only copies by the way. They've been faxed through, so. So, if I take you back to that Sunday morning, do you recall what time you would have got to the work on the Sunday morning?
- A Well, officially we were supposed to be there at 10.00.
- Q66 Hmm mm.
- A But it was not unusual if you had worked late the night before to arrive as late as 10.30 or 11.00.
- Q67 All right. But in any case, we would assume that you

were at least there by 12.10? Is that right?

A Yes.

Q68 O.K. All right. How did you get to. Do you recall how you got to work on the 21st, the Sunday?

A I always travel by taxi and I always the followed the same procedure of ringing Premier Cabs from ■ Dobell Circuit.

Q69 Always Premier Cabs?

A 13 10 17 is their telephone number.

Q70 O.K. Do you always give your own name?

A They don't ask for a name. They key the number, they ask for the phone number, they key it in and they come up with the address.

Q71 O.K. Do you recall what time you finished on that Sunday?

A No.

Q72 Did you know where you, did you went out after work on that Sunday?

A I, I. During the time that I lived in that area and worked in that area, apart from going to work, shopping and being at home I never went out to a club or hotel, anything of that nature.

Q73 O.K. So you don't recall what time. I mean, I think the records say here that it closes at midnight at the Final Touch on Sundays, is that right?

A That's correct, yes.

Q74 So you certainly were home before midnight on the Sunday?

A I wouldn't have been home before midnight. If I've worked until midnight we would've closed up at midnight.

Q75 I think, you've got it recorded here on the Sunday as 1.40 appointment as well and I don't see you again after that.

A I have on one occasion worked a 16, not a 16, a double shift, which is about 14 hours and not seen one client.

Q76 O.K. So you could be there for some time - - -

A Yes.

Q76 - - - and it's not recorded, however. All right. But that Sunday you don't recall what time you came home?

A No.

Q77 All right. Excuse me, if I can, I'll just take you back to the Saturday, because the Saturday when I first spoke to you, you, I think you said, you worked at, you started work around about 10.00 or 11.00 and any case, we've spoken about you, you rang me up and told me the following day that, a different version. Can you now tell me the version that you recall, starting from the beginning of the day, on Saturday the 21st, sorry, Saturday the 20th?

A Saturday, the 20th. I had, this is to the best of my recollection.

Q78 Yes.

A I had worked the night before and had, had not worked

late. I had gone home, had gone to bed, woken up in the morning. At some stage later in the morning, I called over a taxi or the local bus to either St. Mary's or Mt Druitt station, travelled by train into Wynyard and because we have all, have wanted to go to the Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at Neutral Bay which started at 12.00 o'clock, because I was running late. I bought just a pair of shoes on the Wynyard concourse.

Q79 That day did you?

A Yes. From, there's a shoe shop in the middle of the concourse. I thought I was wearing them but I'm not. I then went up the escalator and either caught a bus or a taxi, I think it was probably a taxi to Neutral Bay because I was late from the meeting, late for the beginning of the meeting. I went into the meeting, greeted a couple of people with nods and hand shakes, sat down, waited til the end of the meeting, left, had coffee at Maizie's, having spoken with a number of people. Then because I had a little to time to kill and so did David, we walked for, I don't know how long, we walked around the area. At approximately 4.00 o'clock we were back on Military Road, and because I realised it was going to be impossible for me to reach St Mary's in an hour, I caught a taxi, got the taxi to take me into town and got on a train, went out to St Mary's and started work. I also recall that while I was in Maizie's cafe on that day, we were

discussing plans for the following day, for the Sunday, and at one stage I rang Final Touch and spoke with the receptionist on duty to see if I was rostered for the following day. She said she'd had an hysterical call from the woman whose house I was living in at that time, saying that her daughter was missing, her 4 year old daughter was missing. When I had left the house that morning, this is so long ago.

Q80 Yes, I know. Take your time.

A When I left the house that morning, Dee, Deidre was intoxicated and the child was in the house. I didn't think she was in any danger. When I got this message from the receptionist I immediately rang Dee and she assured me that everything was O.K. She had woken up and found her daughter playing with, she said, playing with so and so, I don't know if it was a neighbour's child or a child across the road or what. So, just to backtrack to what I was saying before, I caught the train out to St Mary's and commenced work.

Q81 Do you know what time you got to work?

A Well, it, it certainly wouldn't have been on time at 5.00 o'clock. I don't know, you'd have to check the train timetables.

Q82 Which way did you catch the train from?

A I'm pretty sure from Town Hall.

Q83 Town Hall.

A I can't remember what kind of taxi it was. I just hailed a cab off the street.

- Q84 Sure. So, would 6.20pm perhaps that evening be.
- A That would be perfectly reasonable. If it was 4.00 o'clock at Military Road, I suppose I was lucky enough to pick up a train at 4.30, a quarter to 5.00. Those trains on the weekends quite often, stop start, stop start, they're certainly not express trains and the walk from the station to where Final Touch is located in St Mary's is not just a hop, skip and a jump, it's located right down near the highway so it's, it's 7 minutes walk, so 6.20 would not be unreasonable, no.
- Q85 All right. Now, when you said that you rang the brothel, Final Touch is that right?
- A When I rang Final Touch, yes.
- Q86 You rang them first, is that right, is that, you rang them before you rang Deidre?
- A Yes, I rang them. I had no reason to suspect anything with, with the horror situation. I rang them to check whether I was rostered to work the following day because the people I was drinking coffee with, we were discussing meeting again the following day to go to another meeting.
- Q87 Do you know what time you would have rung from Maizie's that day?
- A The meeting finishes at 1.30. Probably about 2.15, 2.30.
- Q88 All right.
- A So that's just a guess.
- Q89 O.K.

A But that that.

Q90 How long were you in the cafe?

A Well I, I think I had 2 cappuccinos.

Q91 2, O.K. Who else was with you?

A At the beginning I was by myself. Then I was joined by Clive and then either Peter or David came in and then the other one came in.

Q92 How long would've they spent there?

A We, Peter left fairly shortly afterwards. Clive and David and I all left together.

Q93 And then you went walking. Is that right?

A Yes, we crossed the road and left Clive at a, I think he was buying some food and David and I just kept walking.

Q94 David and you not, David, so it's David and you went for a walk, did you?

A Hmm mm.

Q95 What time do you think that would've been?

A I don't know, I'd only be guessing.

Q96 O.K.

A I don't know, 'cause I don't wear a watch.

Q97 Yes sure. O.K. Now, did you return to Maizie's cafe again?

A No.

Q98 So, you only made 2 phone calls, is that right, or you made more from Maizie's cafe?

A I think I only made 2.

Q99 One to the Final Touch?

A Hmm mm.

Q100 One to Deidre, is that right?

A Hmm mm.

Q101 Where did you walk around?

A I could probably show you on a street map but I don't know the names of the streets. We crossed Military Road, walked downhill and we turned left, we walked along a street that ends, there's a little shopping centre type place. We sat on a stone wall outside a block units which is opposite a service station. At one point the song, Roxanne was playing on the radio inside the units, which I thought was quite funny because David and I were discussing what I was doing for a living. The only other distinguishing thing I remember about that period of time is that there was one of those newspaper headline things, you know, those wire things they put posters in?

Q102 Yes.

A It was across the road, leaning against the petrol station and it had something to do, there was some sort of headline about alcohol. I can't remember what it was but some comment was passed as alcoholics generally do when they see something like that.

Q103 O.K. Now, did Clive and Peter, you said Clive and Peter didn't come for a walk with you is that right?

A No.

Q104 They went their own way?

A Yes. Peter left the cafe before us. Clive left the

cafe with us and then went his own way.

Q105 Do you know their last names and addresses?

A No, I don't.

Q106 Can you describe what they look like?

A Yes. Peter is very tall, and quite thin. I find it very hard to estimate ages so I wouldn't even try.

Q107 Is he in his thirties, forties?

A Forties, I'd say. It's hard to tell, especially with alcoholics. Dark haired. Clive is a, a small man with a small build.

Q108 How can we get in contact with these people?

A The only way, if I were to contact with them, the only way would be to meet them at meetings.

Q109 Have you seen them since this time?

A No. I think I might have run into Clive at one meeting. I certainly will not be seeing them for the next 3 or 4 months unless they attend any of the meetings which are part of the program in which I am involved.

Q110 Right. Now when you. Just go back to the phone calls you had with, with.

A The receptionist at Final Touch was Linda on that day.

Q111 Did you say, did you mention to her that you were going to be late that date or what?

A No.

Q112 'Cause you were late, weren't you?

A Yes I was. It's, it's not the sort of job where you have to clock in right on time. If they're going to

ask to do an extra 3 hours at the end of the shift, you don't worry too much about being an hour late at the beginning.

Q113 Mm.

A I may have rung from the station to say, you know, I'm here, wherever, I'm leaving now, but I don't know if I did, I know I have on other occasions, but excuse me, I don't know if I did on that occasion.

Q114 And where was this, which station, the platform, or.

A Whichever platform the train to St Mary's leaves from?

Q115 O.K. All right. When you spoke to Deidre, I think you said before that she'd found the kid by that stage, [REDACTED]?

A Yes.

Q116 How old's [REDACTED]?

A [REDACTED] or, [REDACTED]. She was [REDACTED] at the time.

Q117 Was she distressed, this?

A Deidre? Well by the time I spoke with her she had found Paris so had recovered, by apparently she was extremely distressed when she, when she telephoned Linda.

Q118 When you spoke to Deidre on the phone, what was the conversation about?

A Just, I have an urgent message to ring you, what's happened? She'd said, I thought Paris was missing. She's turned up, it's all right.

Q119 Did you, did you have an argument with Dee on that day?

A Not that I recall. It, no, no, I'm sure I didn't. She had been angry, I believe she'd been angry with me because she thought I may have taken [REDACTED] with me without letting her know, without leaving a note or anything, and if she had mentioned that to me then, or she may have mentioned it to me later, I would've told her, I would've have left notes plastered all over the house and I hoped that you'd at least see one of them. So, you don't think you had an argument with her on that day?

A I don't recall. I don't think so.

Q120 Had you ever had an argument with her before about [REDACTED]?

A Very early in the piece, within a couple of days after I had moved in there. [REDACTED] was being extremely irritating on one occasion and I think I smacked her and Dee made it perfectly clear to me that that was not, just not on and it certainly never happened again.

Q121 Did you ever kick her?

A When I say smack. If I can demonstrate.

Q122 Yes, sure.

A She was sitting on the floor in front of me planning with a long cardboard tube, that was actually a whiskey tube, you know the bottle it comes in with a metal top and bottom, and I had my leg crossed, no shoes on, and I just went like that to centre of her back.

- Q123 So, just for the record - - -
- A It was a kick.
- Q123 - - - it was palm of your foot?
- A Yeah, palm, yeah.
- Q124 O.K. And Dee did see that, did she?
- A Dee was sitting in approximately the same position that you are to me now.
- Q125 And when was that, do you recall?
- A I, it was, within a few days after I moved in there, I can't recall when it was.
- Q126 O.K. Why did she think this was inappropriate action?
- A Well, [REDACTED] was her child and she, if there is any disciplining to be done, she'll do it, that's her point of view and I perfectly agree. It was just a reflex action on my part, she was then an extremely irritating child and she seemed to be irritating both of us equally. It certainly wasn't something that caused her to keel over onto the floor or anything like that. There's not much leverage you can get up with your leg crossed.
- Q127 Now Deidre is a friend of yours from the detox. centre?
- A Deidre is a person that I met in the Jarrah, Womens' Detoxing Rehabilitation Centre attached to Prince Henry Hospital.
- Q128 And how long did you stay with Deidre?
- A 3 or 4 weeks I suppose.
- Q129 O.K. Did you have a set of keys for Miles' house,

Deidre's house?

A Yes, and I still do. I intend to post them back to her. I need to write her a letter explaining the circumstances under which I left the house.

Q130 All right. Why haven't you returned the keys?

A Because I haven't got round to writing the letter yet, I haven't been very well.

Q131 O.K. Has she, did she ask for the keys back?

A Yes, yes, she did.

Q132 And why didn't you hand them back when she asked for them?

A I didn't have them on me. I ran into her on the station.

Q133 Is it the case that you refused to return the keys?

A No. In fact, I, I think they're down at Pitt Street, you can have them, you're welcome to them.

Q134 O.K. In Deidre's statement to police, she stated that around the 23rd of December, which is about 3 days before we spoke to you, you claim that you'd called police about some information.

A No.

Q135 Is that correct?

A That's not correct. The funeral was held on the 24th of December.

Q136 Did you ever tell Deidre Miles that you called the police?

A No.

Q137 So you don't recall that?

- A No.
- Q138 Or that didn't happen. Is that what you're saying?
- A I'm saying I don't recall that. I'm also saying that I'm sure it didn't happen.
- Q139 Sure. O.K.
- A It was, I wasn't aware that Dave was dead until I received a telephone call from Steve Becker and it had taken Steve a couple of days to track me down, bearing in mind, that, that this is from Steve that the body was discovered on the Monday, which would've been the 22nd. It was at least a day before he tracked me down, so that would've been the 23rd. There is no way I could've called the police on the 23rd.
- Q140 O.K. Now in the interview you had with me on the me on the 26th, you indicated that you last stayed at David's place, David Rose's place, about 5 months prior to that>
- A Yes.
- Q141 Do you still that's correct?
- A I may have stayed there for, in fact I think I probably did stay there for a few days at some stage after that, I couldn't tell you when. I, I, I know this sounds awfully and unreliable and so on, but, when someone's in an alcoholic spin out, time just, is very very difficult to manage or recollect.
- Q142 O.K. So, if you can, try to recall when you last stayed at David's place?
- A I couldn't tell you.

Q143 Did you know, why did you have to leave David's place on the last occasion? What was the reason?

A I, I think because he, I'd rung him up in the first place and said, Can I come and stay for a day or two and he said, Yes, just pick up your clothes and that's it. And.

Q144 Did he ask you to leave on the last time you stayed there?

A No. No, it - - -

Q145 You did that of your own accord, did you?

A Yes, it was mutually agreed that I would only stay for a couple of days.

Q146 Did he ever catch you drinking methylated spirits and ask you to leave because of that?

A No. He knew I had been drinking methylated spirits but he didn't ask me to leave.

Q147 Had you drunk any methylated spirits at his place?

A Yes, I have.

Q148 During the last time you stayed there, or?

A It, that was the only time, yes.

Q149 O.K.

A Actually what had happened was, he's come home one day and he'd smelt it and it wasn't actually stated, you know, have you been drinking it? But it was tacitly acknowledged between us that, that I, that that was why he could smell it. It wasn't as if I'd been cleaning venetian blinds or anything.

Q150 All right. And where did you get the methylated

spirits from?

A Well, he, he had some (Tape beeping). I don't know whether he used it to clean his tape recorder heads or what but he had some.

Q151 He had some and you found it, did you?

A It had it, you know that big wall unit that he had?

Q152 Yes.

A It was up just on one of the shelves.

Q153 Right. Now did you, how did you get in and out of the unit?

A I would've used, I would've used the usual spare set of keys.

Q154 Can you describe them again for me?

A I can't remember how many keys were on the ring but the distinguishing feature was the gremlins and at the bottom was a dolphin. That was the spare set of keys that everybody who stayed with him used.

Q155 All right. Who else stayed there that you're aware of?

A Only a friend of his whose name was, is Emma.

Q156 That's some time ago, is that right?

A Yeah.

Q157 Mm.

A I mean I've known David for years and years and years but the, the, there was another girl, several, several years ago and I can't remember her name under the circumstances.

Q158 And what did you do with the keys?

A I would've given them back to him when I left.

Q159 When you left?

A Look, as far as I'm aware, yes, but you know I, I was drunk through that time. If, if I hadn't I would've -

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Q160 The time is 2.00pm on the 6th of February, 1997, sorry 1998. We've just experienced the tapes ending during the end of a question. Sandra would you agree the tapes ended and stopped during, during our conversation?

A Yes.

Q161 Do you agree that we've put some new tapes in and the system's been restarted?

A Yes, the audio tapes.

Q162 Do you agree that during the, the break you and I spoke about alcohol and it's effect on the memory?

A That's correct.

Q163 And do you agree that I acknowledged that in fact alcohol, that I am aware that alcohol can?

A Yes.

Q164 O.K. Are you satisfied with, with that explanation?

A Yes.

Q165 Do you agree that we've just had a problem with the video and plugged it back in?

A Yes that's fine, I said audio tapes before.

Q166 O.K. I'll just put it with all this. I'm just trying. O.K. We were talking about the keys to Dave's?

A Yeah this thing of the keys seems to be a problem. All I can, I have, I have no recollection of what actually happened, I, I've got no visual recollection of the event, either I would have left the premises when David was on the premises in which case I just would have given the keys back to him or if I had gone away with them, I would have got them back to him somehow, whether meeting him in town for lunch, which we did occasionally, I'm pretty sure I've, I've never mailed any keys, so I don't think I would have mailed them to him.

Q167 I spoke to your sister Fiona and she told me that David had been in fact chasing after a set of keys from you, from, for, from you, through your family?

A Through who?

Q168 Through someone within your family, yes?

A And did she say he got them back, I've got no recollection of that.

Q169 No I, I spoke to your mother as well and she said that she recalls you perhaps going to town and meeting with David?

A Yeah.

Q170 Could that be possible?

A Yes, we met several times for lunch.

Q171 Right. But you can't recall whether you, how these

keys got back to, to David - - -

A Yes.

Q171 - - - or if in fact they did get back to David?

A Well all I know is that I don't have them in my possession. And, and the other things that, we, we brought up the issue of Dee's keys earlier, now she has seven sets. Dave, as far as I am aware, only had the two sets, so it would have been, well it would have been important to get them back to him.

Q172 So do you think you got them back?

A I'm sure I did, he, he, he - - -

Q173 But you don't recall giving them back?

A No, well you see, it's not something that I would have been terribly responsible for because he, he was the security conscious one, he would have made sure he got them back.

Q174 Did you ever argue with David over keys or drinking the metho, methylated spirits?

A No he was a very tolerant person.

Q175 Are you aware if he told anyone about - - -

A I have no idea.

Q175 - - - about this?

A I don't know.

Q176 David ever accused you of anything?

A No.

Q177 Ever thought you may have been stealing or something like that?

A No.

- Q178 You don't think he would have thought that?
- A No.
- Q179 Can you explain your drinking habits to us prior to obviously the last couple of days?
- A I'm an alcoholic. I drank regularly on a daily basis for approximately 15 years.
- Q180 On a daily basis. What would you consume within a day?
- A It would vary, it, you wouldn't believe how many times I've been through this. Varies from doctors and detoxes. It varied, anything up to, anything up to 700 mls of spirits a day.
- Q181 O.K. And what was that normally, what sort of spirit?
- A Vodka was my drink of choice.
- Q182 On it's own?
- A No, no preferably with, preferably with orange juice and tonic but yes vodka is one of the spirits that it is possible to drink on it's own.
- Q183 O.K. What about your drug, can you explain your drug taking?
- A Yeah, that was, yeah that was many, many years ago.
- Q184 Do you still take?
- A No.
- Q185 So when would you say the last time you would've taken drugs?
- A The last time I took drugs and I assume we're talking about say, injectable narcotics, was, would have been about, the last time I took them on a regular basis

was, was around about the time I started drinking because I stopped taking drugs which would have been 15, 17 years ago.

Q186 Have you on occasion had heroin again since?

A I have I think on two occasions, you'd have to check the records but it was, once with somebody, no I've had two admissions to Jarrah House. Well the first one was some, I don't know, I don't remember, you'll have to check the records, see I'm sick of trying to remember all this.

Q187 Look Sandra just, just one thing.

A Yes.

Q188 Just, only try to remember what you can O.K. As I said - - -

A Yeah well, all right I'll tell you O.K., if you check the records with Jarrah House, there was a woman that I met in there, she lived in the same area, we, we met, I think we met by accident on Rockdale Station or something and she was a heroin addict and she, she said do, as one addict says to another addict, and I said, Yeah might as well, even though I haven't for many years, it was such an unpleasant experience, I think I did it twice and didn't do it again. So that was it and that was - - -

Q189 How recently was that that you are talking?

A What?

Q190 How recently was that?

A That was, I think about a year ago.

Q191 O.K. That was the last time you think, about a year ago?

A Yeah and nothing since then.

Q192 What about any other prescription drugs at all?

A By doctor's name is Dr David Baker, it's the [REDACTED] practice, it's [REDACTED] Bourke Street, Darlinghurst. You would have to check with him what prescriptions he's written for me on what dates and you'd be able to check with the medical register, or whatever they call it, when they were filled. He has on several occasions prescribed anti-depressants for me. I have not been taking anti-depressants for some months now.

Q193 Prior to December last year?

A I had definitely stopped by December.

Q194 So since December have you been, have you taken any, any prescription or non prescribed drugs, such as marijuana, heroin, cocaine.

A Nuh.

Q195 What about Steven?

A Nuh.

Q196 Nothing like that. O.K. But you have, you say have consumed between anything upward of, up, up to 750 mls of spirits?

A Yes.

Q197 Or similar, similar, or similar alcohol?

A Yes.

Q198 What's, what's other alcohols you drink if anything?

A Scotch.

- Q199 Scotch O.K. So that type of alcohol, that spirits?
- A Yes.
- Q200 Do you think this, this alcohol affected, I know we spoke about it already, do you, do you think this alcohol affects your memory to a degree?
- A Yes.
- Q201 What about your mood swings, does it affect that as well or?
- A Well it's hard to tell when you're in the middle of it but when you say mood swings, I suffer from acute depression, it certainly affects that. But that's, that's an inwardly directed thing.
- Q202 O.K. So you've, you, have you ever become violent at all?
- A No.
- Q203 So you wouldn't say that alcohol affects you?
- A No, no I'm not a, I'm not a violent drunk if that's what you're asking?
- Q204 Yes, that's what I'm asking, I mean - - -
- A No.
- Q204 - - - you know there are people that are violent on, on alcohol?
- A Yes I know.
- Q205 But you're not, is that what you're saying?
- A Hmm. I'm a falling asleep drunk.
- Q206 Is it possible that you were staying at David's around about the 1st of December?
- A It's possible.

- Q207 It's quite possible is it?
- A It's, it's possible. It, this is very difficult for me, I know very, very little about, I don't know when he died, don't, all I know is what I've read in the newspapers. I've been completely honest with you and I'm not trying to evade, avoid or lie about anything.
- Q208 All right. Well on, on the 27th of December when Detective here O'Reilly, you know Detective O'Reilly here - - -
- A Yes.
- Q208 - - - was at the Final Touch, he was speaking to Patricia Burrows, the receptionist, do you recall this?
- A Yes.
- Q209 Do you agree that Detective O'Reilly did not speak to you about the murder of David Rose on that day?
- A I don't know, I don't believe she did.
- Q210 O.K. One of, one of the other ladies that works at Final Touch known as, as Mandy stated, states, While O'Reilly was in, was in the second room you said to Mandy, Least now I know what day it happened and they're not telling me anything about it, not telling me anything about how it happened. What did you mean by this comment?
- A Well, all I've been able to do is assume that the depth of interest you've taken in my activities on the Saturday that it occurred on the Saturday because that certainly wasn't in the paper. All it said was over

the weekend sometime.

Q211 Well yes, we, we do believe it occurred either on the Saturday or the Sunday?

A Well whenever, I don't know when it happened, if that's what you're asking - - -

Q212 Well I'm, I'm telling you - - -

A - - - and that's just my point to Mandy would have been that if they're expressing this much interest in what a friend of Dave's was doing at a particular time, then presumably that was the time when it took place because why else would you be interested in that particular time.

Q213 Now what were you doing whilst Detective O'Reilly was speaking to Burrows on that day?

A I can't recall.

Q214 Did you take any notes and write them on an envelope?

A Yeah, yeah that's right I did sit, yeah, and I think that, that was probably when I remembered, when I like connected the dots and realised that, that was day, the Saturday that I had been to the AA meeting.

Q215 So were you trying to recollect what you were doing on the Saturday?

A But when I went to see you, I mean when, you know during the original interview, I went to give you some information and then you started to interview me, I've, I, I didn't know the direction the questions were taking. I didn't know any of this was going to happen, I didn't know that I was going to be treated

as a suspect and I believe I am being treated as a suspect. I didn't really think it was of any major importance that I sit down and work out minute by minute what I'd done at any particular time. It was only after and it's getting worse now, that this repeated going over and over and over, if, if, if I'd been told in the first place that you were going to investigate me this thoroughly I would have sat down with you at that point, I wouldn't have asked to go away, I wouldn't have made any telephone calls, I thought I would have asked to sit down and work out with you at that point exactly what I'd been doing. I would have thought about it a lot more deeply and I would have, but I just, I didn't know.

Q216 O.K. Well why didn't you tell Detective O'Reilly on that day about what you were writing down on the envelope?

A Because, I think actually I might have been in the shower when she came around and left but it's, it's not called Alcoholics Anonymous for nothing. I didn't want to get other people involved.

Q217 Is it possible that you didn't tell Detective O'Reilly about these movements because they weren't true?

A No. I was just making notes to try to jog my own memory.

Q218 Did you make any phone calls that day after Detective O'Reilly left?

A I don't know, I don't recall.

Q219 Did you speak to David, David on that day - -

-

A I don't know.

Q219 - - - Detective O'Reilly was there?

A I don't know.

Q220 David Twaites can you describe to me the relationship you have with David?

A We're friends, we met in a detox unit at Herbert Street at North Sydney Hospital. Went through the 28 day rehabilitation program at Phoenix and we've kept in touch since then.

Q221 Is he the only other David other than the deceased, David Rose that you were friends with?

A No my life is infested with Davids, my doctor is named David. I have an ex-lover, I had a very long relationship with, named David. I know a number of Davids.

Q222 Did you call David on this day and ask him to call you urgently back?

A I don't, I don't remember.

Q223 O.K. Were you concerned that perhaps you were a suspect after Detective O'Reilly turned up on that day?

A As soon as we saw interest expressed in my movements, I went in and saw you at Mt Druitt and we, you know we had that interview, as soon as things started getting checked up after that, that was when I started to worry. Now people keep telling me, everybody tells

me, don't worry, you're not a suspect, you're not going to be charged with anything, we know you didn't do it, I know I didn't do it, but you know this constant, constant, you know the pressure, I mean I know I'm presenting really badly but I'm in early alcoholic recovery and it, this.

Q224 O.K. O.K. I, I, I think you're getting a little upset, is, is that right?

A I'm very upset about this whole thing, I haven't even had a chance.

Q225 We'll just have a break for a moment. Do you want another glass of water or are you?

A No, I'd like to go on.

Q226 Do you want to go on, want to continue?

A Hmm.

Q227 There is a number more questions I wish to ask but - -

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A Look, I'm beginning to think I might be better off with, should I have a lawyer present or what, you know, what's going on with everything?

Q228 O.K. Well I'll explain, we want to ask you about what's, a number of things that have, that have been said. I can tell me I'm, I'm more than half way through it, O.K?

A All right, well make it quick, I'll give you very short answers. Depends who they've been said by.

Q229 O.K. Did you arrange with David to support your being at the Neutral Bay area longer than 4.00pm?

A No.

Q230 Did you ask him to lie for you?

A No.

Q231 O.K.

A And he wouldn't have said that.

Q232 He wouldn't have said sorry?

A He wouldn't have said I'd asked him to lie.

Q233 He didn't, he didn't, he didn't say that at all, I'm asking you, did you?

A Of course not. I haven't lied about anything in this whole thing, I came forward voluntarily. I have let you know every step, where I am. I've co-operated as fully as I can, I have tried on several occasions to explain that you are dealing with someone who is not.

Q234 All right. As I say, he didn't say that you did lie, he, he in fact supported your, your story.

A It's not a story, it didn't need support, it's the truth, it's what happened.

Q235 Well he supported what you say is the truth, O.K. So I'll let you, O.K. so, and, and you do know that you did make a phone call from Maizie's so, I can assume you we, we don't disbelieve you with respect to that, O.K.

A See this is what I, one of the things I don't understand. If you're so very, very interested in that particular time, well, I dunno, is that the time is happened? I just don't know.

Q236 We believe that the time that it happened was sometime

either on Saturday or Sunday, that's why I'm, I'm interested in your movements and a lot of other people's movements on those two days. You've, when I last spoke to you at, at Mt Druitt, you, you were, or you did have a, a black eye. Now I have been told by a number of other people that this is an often, this is an occurrence, a regular occurrence for you to have bruises and, on your arms?

A I've got a bruise there, I bruise very easily, I have advanced liver disease. That black eye was occasioned in the course of the work that I was doing by a client's clumsiness, it didn't hurt at the time. I wasn't aware of it until I think it must have been the next morning when I happened to look in the mirror when I was on the phone and saw that I had a black eye. They don't come up straight away.

Q237 Are you being assaulted by anyone?

A No.

Q238 So how do you explain all these, these, these deep and dark bruises that people are saying you have?

A I just bruise very easily and I'm also an alcoholic and I fall over a lot. And if you want another instance of that, during the course of your investigation, at one stage I was so stressed that I fainted at an AA meeting, fell onto a concrete floor, spent three hours up at Sydney Hospital, and I'm sure they have the records if you'd like to check them, and carried a, not only a black eye but a black cheekbone

for about a week and I think it happened to be the same eye which is unfortunate.

Q239 Now you recently stayed at Irene Burrows' place, is that right?

A Irene Burrows?

Q240 Irene - - -

DETECTIVE SENIOR CONSTABLE O'REILLY

Also known as Patricia.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

Q240 - - - Patricia?

A Yes, yes, yes.

Q241 Patricia Burrows. It was around about the 19th of January, is that right?

A That's right.

Q242 From up until, say a week or two ago, is that right?

A Hmm.

Q243 A week is it, a week or so?

A No just over a week I think.

DETECTIVE SENIOR CONSTABLE O'REILLY

From the 15th of January.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

Q244 O.K. Around about the 19th of January you returned home to, what address was it that Patricia was staying, can you recall?

A It's York Street or York Road, Emu Plains.

Q245 It's a flat is it?

A Not, not a flat, it's sort of a little hamlet in that development thing. I think it's number, she's either

unit ■, number ■ or unit ■, number ■.

Q246 Right. When you returned home about 12.00am, 12.30am on the 19th, do you recall that, around about the 19th of January?

A No.

Q247 O.K. Patricia Burrows says that she said to you, How, how do you, how do you do tonight, how did you do tonight? You said, All right. Do you recall that conversation?

A It could have been any one of a number of conversations that we had.

Q248 O.K. She claims that you put your, your elbows on the table and placed the front of your face into both your hands, in the kitchen this is, in the table, kitchen table, and you said, Maybe I did kill him, and she then said, Well you either know whether you did or you didn't. Do you recall that conversation?

A Well this would have been about the time when I was feeling under so much pressure that I didn't know what I was saying, what I was doing. I certainly wouldn't have meant it. I don't know, I may have said it, but it, it, I mean that's along the lines of, I, I don't know, I don't, if I said it, it was, it was, it would have been in, out of fatigue and desperation and grief and I doubt whether I would have used those words because I'd become aware by that stage in the investigation that every single thing I say to every single person is being reported and, and, and

analysed.

Q249 So you don't know why you were saying, why you said that? If you did say it, you don't know why?

A No. I, I don't recall saying it, I don't know why I would have said it and I didn't do it.

Q250 Had you been drinking prior to this conversation?

A Quite possibly yes.

Q251 And you left I believe on the 28th of the 1st, 90, 98 from Patricia Burrows'?

A I, I think so if you say that, I don't write these dates down. And just to pre-empt your next question, in case you're going to ask if I have her keys, yes I had a set of her keys cut, I have them there on an aquarius key ring, they're in my bag. Once again I have to write to Tricia. I spoke to her when I was deeply depressed about the whole thing and was thinking of going into a detox. I left the place when she wasn't there, rather than just leave the keys in the letter box or whatever, I do have the keys that I had cut. Once again I know that they're a spare, spare pair because she has another set, so I have them and I'll send them back with a letter explaining where I am and what's happening.

Q252 When you left the premises did you leave in a depressed state?

A I've, yes I've been depressed for some long it's hard to tell when I haven't been depressed, yes, I would have been depressed.

Q253 Do you recall leaving, swearing, swearing when you left the premises?

A No I don't recall.

Q254 Do you recall leaving, catching a cab when you left on the last occasion?

A No I don't recall whether I caught a cab or walked down to the station.

Q255 Do you recall saying that Burrows asked you for the keys back and you said, I've paid, I paid to have them cut?

A I didn't say that to her. What use, there's no possible use I would have had for them, I would have.

Q256 Now you know a person called Maria Cracker?

A Not by that name.

Q257 She works at Bare Bunny's, what do you know - - -

A I don't know what - - -

Q257 - - - Marissa Cracker?

A Marissa, yeah I remember Marissa.

Q258 Do you know another girl called Jasmine who works there?

A I don't know her, I've worked with her yeah.

Q259 And Marissa is the receptionist is that right?

A That's right.

Q260 Do you recall your movements around about the, the 1st of the 1st, '98?

A No. I know I worked on New Years Eve and I think that was probably the night that I mentioned before and I couldn't get a taxi in the morning so I stayed 'till

6.00 which meant Marissa was closing the establishment and woke me up and I got a cab home at that stage.

Q261 Marissa said that on that particular night you laid on the lounge for some time - - -

A Hmm.

Q261 - - - does that often happen or do you sometimes?

A Yes, if it's, if it's very quiet most of the girls can lie down and.

Q262 And that this particular night I'm talking about that is the 2nd of the 1st, '98 when you lied, lied around on that lounge?

A That's right yeah.

Q262 - - - do you recall that?

A Yeah.

Q263 Do you recall having a conversation in front of, of Marissa and Jasmine?

A I don't know if I would have done that.

Q264 And Marissa made a comment about you sitting on the lounge and said, Can you get, you make the place look untidy?

A Yeah Marissa was always saying things like that.

Q265 O.K. And you've said, I'm, I'm real sorry and - - -

A Yeah well that would be my normal reaction, that would've been my reaction yes.

Q266 She further states that you said, I don't know what's wrong with me, maybe It's not a nightmare, maybe I did kill him?

A Jesus here we go again, I, if I've ever said anything

like that it was in sheer total desperation. I don't recall saying any of these things.

Q267 She claims that she's then said, You're fucking kidding, you better get your shit together because if you did kill him, kill someone, this'll put you away for a long time. Can you recall her saying that?

A I don't recall, 'cause Marissa talks like that.

Q268 You've said, I've got to make a phone call, this is my alibi?

A Yeah by that stage, because I thought, as if, god, one thing this investigation's done is, I, I've always had a sense of humour, it's not, it's gone, it's dead. I think you, you probably find I said to somebody at some stage some women have handbags referring to the sense that they might have a man with them on social occasions, a man with them with whom they have no relationship but who is referred to as a handbag and I said, Some women have handbags, I have an alibi, David. I would have referred to David.

Q269 David Twaites is that right?

A Yes Twaites.

Q270 So, how's is it pronounced?

A Twaites.

Q271 Twaites. Is it true that that night you attempted to call someone?

A I don't recall. What, would you like me for now on to just keep a detailed log of everything I do, of every moment of every day. I mean I'm pretty well

constrained in what I do now in, being in the rehab.

Q272 You don't have to do anything you don't want to do Sandra, I'm asking you questions about people's recollection of conversations they've had with you, that is all?

A I know, I'm sorry, I'm, I'm still detoxifying from a very long alcohol addiction and I'm not feeling well I cannot recall specific times and dates. I recall specific actions and statements. I don't have a photographic memory. All I can tell you is that I didn't kill him, I didn't know he was dead until I received the phone call from Steve Becker. I believe Tricia is the receptionist, all at that stage, there must have been at least one of the girls present and I don't know if anyone has - - -

Q273 Is it, sorry - - -

A - - - I don't know, that is of that whole period, that and the funeral that is the only time I recall with perfect clarity, having the phone handed to me and somebody, you'd better sit down, I have bad news.

Q274 O.K. I just want to, to, I made a mistake earlier in when I said that you called me the day after, in fact regarding who you were with on the 20th, it in fact it was 4 days later which was the 31st that you called me and told me about the movements.

A Was this the call from the public phone box at Circular Quay?

Q275 I don't know where you were calling from but you rang

me and told me about David and about Peter and about Clive?

A Yeah it was in the morning.

Q276 It was in the afternoon, around about, yeah, sorry about 10.30am on the 31st - - -

A Yeah.

Q276 - - - I said, I think I said the day after at 1.10am, 1.10pm but that's, that was my mistake, it was in fact the 31st that you called, which is four days after the interview. Can you tell me why it took you four days to, to recall?

A Because once I'd recalled what had happened, you see I and I thought that if you'd uncovered some discrepancy, then you would have contacted me and it wasn't until I hadn't been contacted for some days and I just began to, to, I thought well I'd better let them know. And that's why I went to you in the first place because I had information and I thought you should know. 'Cause we're not talking about a murdering club or something here. We're talking about an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. These are people who are in recovery, whose emotional and physical and mental well being can be severely threatened by anything and these people in the main don't, don't go to work. Well like, a lot of them do but, these particular people, I mean to say David and as far as I don't think Clive works, I'm not sure. But David, isn't a halfway house, they have really, really strict

rules in these places. I mean, I've broken the rules of the program I'm in now by being absent from my schedule which, which I'm supposed to uphold and they'll probably discharge me as a result of this.

Q277 No, no, that's not the case, in fact they're going to let you back in they're just, this is a temporary, you're going to readmitted after this straight away. There's no problems with this, I can confirm that, I spoke to your co-ordinator and she said this is no problem, you can return and carry on with the program. All right, Sandra? So this isn't going to affect your treatment at all.

A But you understand that we're not dealing with ordinary people here, we're dealing with people who are really sick and I ,], I, you know, once I realised that I'd made a mistake with what I'd said to you. I tried - - -

Q278 I understand from you said to people, why, why I have perhaps suspected you?

A Yes of course I do, when, when I hear it stated like that but as I said before, I, somebody says inappropriate things out of, of a fairly bizarre sense of humour which hasn't you know been laid to rest.

Q279 See, I'm, I'm concerned that perhaps you had a fight with Deidre on the 20th, you then thought, well because of the fight you've had with Deidre, you've gone across to David's to look for, to look for other accommodation. You've had a fight with David, got

into a fight with him, that explains the bruises and that explains (tape beeping) perhaps why you've, you said these things to people.

A I understand now you've explained it why you think that, but that didn't happen.

Q280 You see?

A Yes.

Q281 Why perhaps that you had the fight with Deidre about Paris and I know that Deidre is an alcoholic as well and that she in her own admissions, has admitted to being fiery at times, is that correct, she's fiery?

A That's, that's, we're fiery yeah.

Q282 And I know that you've had problems with accommodation, that's right, is that right?

A That's right but I think you'd find if I, if on the 20th I had done any travelling there would be taxi records because.

Q283 You pick up a taxi from any corner in Sydney?

A No not from ■ Dobell Circuit, you'd always ring one, yeah.

Q284 I'm not, I'm not disbelieving that you were at Neutral Bay, I don't disbelieve you were at Maizie's Cafe but what I am perhaps concerned about is that you've, having stayed at David's before, and we know from what people have told us, that David was concerned about letting you stay there any more, is that right, he didn't want you to stay there any more did he?

A That's right.

Q285 Is it right that he's told people that he didn't want you to stay there?

A I don't know what he's told other people.

Q286 But he didn't want you to stay there any - - -

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DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

Q287 The time is 2.47pm on the 6th of February, 1998, eastern standard time. Do you agree that the tape ran out and we had to change it?

A Yes.

Q288 Now I was, before the tape ended putting to you the possibility that you've attended David's place on the 20th or the 21st looking for accommodation and that you've had an argument with David resulting in a physical fight 'cause you were looking for accommodation because you'd had a fight with Deidre. What can you tell me about that?

A Well it's not true, definitely not true and the, the, the thing that sort of stands out to me with that is that the argument with, well not the argument with D it was more an argument with [REDACTED]. I'm sure it occurred earlier in, in the piece than that. I, I can't be positive that.

Q289 What I'm saying is that on the 20th you left the premises and [REDACTED] was, Dee was perhaps asleep or intoxicated in another room and when she's woken up she couldn't [REDACTED] and she's madly ringing around

friends and that's what, that's what I'm saying.

A That's what happened, yeah.

Q290 That's what happened, is it?

A Yeah.

Q291 Then you have got hold of her from Maizie's after ringing - - -

A Yeah.

Q291 - - - that you had a blue with her - - -

A But I'd seen, I'd seen Dee that morning. She and I had been down to the local centre that morning.

Q292 Yes, I know that.

A Yeah.

Q293 Yes. But the conversation that you've had with Dee about [REDACTED] going missing was that a, was that a argument?

A No.

Q294 And you sought other accommodation?

A No. It was a thank goodness she's there. Thank goodness we've found her. I mean I'm not, I'm, she's an alcoholic, I'm an alcoholic, I can't moralise for her. What I would have liked if I'd, if there was a sober person, I would have said to her, well you shouldn't have got pissed and passed out on the sofa and then freaked out when you woke up and found that she wasn't there. Dee thought that she'd lost her bag, she thought it was Sunday, she, you know, she was totally disoriented. But I, I, I'm not in a position, I'm not in a moral position to be able to say that to

her, so I rang her, said, I've got this urgent message to call you, what's the problem. She said, Oh, it's O.K. That, you know, [REDACTED] was missing but, but she's, she's here and I thought she might be with you. And I said, Well I would have left notes everywhere and I, well I mean, I would have, I would have woken her. It was, but you know, in case, I would've, even if I'd woken her and told her I would've been glad that she passed out in the end and forget that I woke her and told her and I would have left her, left her a note. Well, I find it very hard to believe that I, I don't know all the technical terms here, but the inquest or the coroner or what, what, or the autopsy or whatever it was couldn't actually determine the time of death a little bit more precisely than sometime between, you know, sometime over a 48 hour period. It's the middle of summer.

Q295 Yes. We know he was alive after, around 2.30pm - - -

A On.

Q295 - - - shortly after on the Saturday.

A On the Saturday.

Q296 See and your, your account was inconsistent initially.

A Yes I understand that and I apologise for that.

Q297 O.K. And as, as I said before, some, some of the, I do consider that obviously being as you've made an admission to about your alcohol affects, that it is possible that your memory does, you know, does have blanks in it?

A Hmm mm.

Q298 But the unusualness of you saying to people, maybe I did it.

A Yeah, I know, that's, I know it's unusual but, but believe me I don't make any more jokes about anything.

Q299 The black eye?

A The black eye I can understand, you know.

Q300 Your sore leg?

A A sore leg?

Q301 A sore leg. You had a sore leg on around about the 20th when you returned and when you went to work on that evening.

A Yeah. My left leg. Yeah, that's a, that's a slight hip problem.

Q302 Is that the

A Yeah. In fact it - - -

Q303 Have you seen the doctor about that or.

A No, no. If you want the story. When I originally left school I trained as a potter and I worked a lot of the kick wheel where you power the wheel by kicking with your left. You kick the fly wheel with your left leg and you apply the torque of your upper body against the clag which is on the wheel head, the other way so that you're continually forcing your body to kick, your leg is kicking that way and your whole, the rest of your strength is going against it and I have for the last, maybe 18 months, 2 years I've had a, a vague soreness, it's, it's, it's almost a groin pain.

I'm absolutely, I mean, if, if we really want some detail here about that particular, after 2.30 on Saturday afternoon, check the radio station playing, there's somebody was playing Roxanne at, at, at the time that David and I were, were sitting outside their unit.

Q304

A I don't know which radio station it was but I think it was probably one of the FM's.

Q305 The, are you being truthful in this about your relationship with David to us?

A Yes.

Q306 It's not sexual?

A No. To be absolutely truthful, and I don't want this on, on record at all.

Q307 It is on the record and that's why I'm asking.

A All right. O.K.

Q308 But I can assure you that the record stay that the record stays within.

A The record stays within the boundaries.

Q309 The record stays within the boundaries of this investigation.

A Up until recently, I've, I've undergone a most unfortunate few weeks and I'm now on a long term rehab. program, it was a desire on my part to have a sexual relationship with David but David was not interested. We had just been friends and nothing else.

Q310 So you'd never had sex with him?

A No.

Q311 You've told people about your sexual relationship with David then, have you?

A Can you be more specific?

Q312 Have to said anything to Patricia Burrows?

A I've told her I'd like to. At one stage I thought it might develop but it's not, it's not going to.

Q313 You didn't have him in the room at the unit at any time. At her unit, in your bedroom?

A Patricia's place?

Q314 Yes. Emu Plains.

A He's never been to that, he never, never went to St Mary's, never went to Emu Plains.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT O'REILLY

Q315 I believe an event actually occurred at, at a remote location to York Street, somewhere else. I didn't occur at Irene Burrow's house.

A I don't know, but I, I really don't want to answer that. I'd like to know why you're asking. What was said and who said it.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

Q316 Well I'm concerned that perhaps you're not telling us the truth about some things and you initially told us you didn't have a sexual relationship with David, now you're saying well you wanted to. Did you ever have a sexual relationship with David.

A Well how do you define a sexual relationship? We

never had, we never had sex.

Q317 And you're saying never.

A Well, I don't see that this has got anything to do with.

Q318 What it's got to do with is whether we believe in what you're telling us and whether we believe in David's telling us in relation to the movements on the 20th.

A On the 20th there was no sexual contact definitely not. Sorry, hang on, hang on, yeah, the 20th, yeah that's Saturday.

Q319 Has there been any other time?

A O.K. There have been a couple of occasions where there has been oral sex, O.K. That's it. David is, is, is, in a long term relationship with another woman. There are children involved in that relationship, I not his children. I don't want to cause - - -

Q320 No, so you don't, so the reason you haven't told me the truth - - -

A I've

Q320 - - - is because you don't want to, you don't to involve the family. Is that right?

A Well, it's not that I haven't told you the truth. I don't know if, I would not consider it a sexual relationship just to, to, to put it in it's crudest possible terms, just to give someone a blow job.

Q321 O.K. Fine.

A Now I don't know what he's told you and I would be

surprised if he's said anything like that.

Q322 How's he been treating you, how does David treat you?

A As, as a, a fellow recovering addict.

Q323 There's no violence at all in the relationship?

A No.

Q324 That's fine. I'm only asking.

A No.

Q325 So I'm just, I'm concerned about these bruises on you.

A Oh.

Q326 How did you get them, and. Some people have asked us and suggested that someone's knocking you round.

A No. I just.

Q327 Friends have, friends have said it.

A I, I'm clear at the moment. I bruise very, very easily.

Q328 Bruises on eyes, I mean, how many doors do you run into, how many, you know.

A I've had 2 black eyes. One of them was after the incident with the client who hit me with his knee, the other was at the incident at the A.A. meeting down at The Rocks one morning, the Sydney Hospital has the records of my admission. I think it was, it was the 7th of January, 'cause it was my sister's birthday. It was the 7th of January when that happened. That's 2 black eyes. Now, I, I, I agree it's a coincidence and it's extraordinary bad luck that somebody would get 2 black eyes in the same short period of time, but you know, the other bruises are just, I walk into, I'm

a drunk, I walk into think, I have severe liver disease. If you speak with any, I would suggest you speak with David Baker, my, my, my doctor. I can't give you his number, you'd have to look it up, but he will confirm that I have severe liver disease and he's seen me with bruises. Look, I couldn't tell you how I got that bruise. That would've just been banging onto a table leg or something. Some people bruise. No. I have been beaten in the past. I was subject to domestic violence with somebody I had a relationship when I was in my early 20's. That's it.

Q329 O.K. See, we have you not returning the keys to - -

A To Dee.

Q330 To Dee, and to Patricia Burrows and we have evidence that you, the keys were being requested from David's place. So, it concerns us that you didn't return the keys to David, and you had keys.

A I had keys but.

Q331 And you were able to get into David's place because you were security conscious as we know, and as you've mentioned.

A Were those keys found there? No, sorry, I can't answer those questions. The only keys of his that I ever saw were the ones with the dolphin. When I left his place it would've been in the state of intoxication. I, if he was there I would've left them with him, if not, I would've got them back to him and he would've, he was the kind of person who would've

nagged me mercilessly until he got them back. Whether I met him for lunch, whether I met him in the city and handed him, handed them over I don't know.

Q332 Detective O'Reilly is there anything you wish to ask?

DETECTIVE SENIOR CONSTABLE O'REILLY

No there's not.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

Q333 Sandra, did you kill David?

A No.

Q334 Did you go there, have an argument with him. He tried to put you into, put some sort of perspective about your drunken habits and you've got enraged by it and had a blue with him?

A No.

Q335 Have you ever touched anything of David's.

A Touched?

Q336 Touched anything.

A What as in?

Q337 Anything at his premises if you can remember other than just your basic grocery things and perhaps the bed you stayed in?

A Yes, the television, the bathroom taps, books, probably C.D.'s, although his taste in music wasn't really mine. I know at one stage, and I can't remember when this was, I, there was, one of his vase fell down and I put that back up, the back door opened and closed. I've been on his back balcony when I was drunk, so presumably I've hung onto that, certainly

things like the fridge door.

Q338 Any personal things, his effects?

A When I've stayed at his place, he's go around and he just, sort of go, sort of leave everything as it was, so, yes, I would've moved things aside, bottles of nail varnish and so on.

Q339 Any of his personal clothing?

A Clothing? No.

Q340 What about his plastic breasts that he got?

A No.

Q341 Have you touched them?

A I, I don't know if I've, I may have prodded one but I'm a little bit squeamish about those things. I know he showed them to me, somebody had given them to him as a gift. I know that he showed them to me.

Q342 Have you ever touched them?

A I, I, I know.

Q343 When you say prodded them, what prodded them on him when he was on?

A No, no, no, no, no, no. I remember him showing them to me, whether they were in his hands, in a packet or, or what, I don't know, but I'd only ever seen them once.

Q344 Did you touch them?

A I may have done, I can't remember.

Q345 How would've you touched them?

A Just, just see what the texture was.

Q346 You're indicating with your finger, is that right?

- A Yes, yes.
- Q347 With that finger, were you?
- A Yeah, to see what the texture was like.
- Q348 When would've that occurred?
- A I don't know. I can't remember when he was given them, or even who gave them to them.
- Q349 You, the other day we took some prints off you. Do you recall that?
- A Yeah.
- Q350 Are you prepared to give us another sample of your prints here today before you leave?
- A Yep.
- Q351 It will only take a half a minute or so.
- A Yep. What, can I, can I ask what relevance the plastic breasts have?
- Q352 I can't, I can't answer that, I'm sorry. Is there anything you can tell us about the matter that we haven't already spoken about?
- A Nothing I can think of. Nothing. Only that, only my theory is that he had, I don't know, somebody followed him or he felt sorry for, he was a very lonely person. He, he might've befriended somebody in a bus shelter or something, I don't know.
- Q353 O.K. Is there anything further you wish to say about the matter?
- A No. I just wish it was, I wish. I just hope you find someone soon and that the whole thing can be over.
- Q354 Do you wish to make a written statement about this

matter. You don't have to.

A No.

Q355 Have the answers as recorded in this interview been made of your own free will?

A Yes.

Q356 Has any inducement, threat, or promise been held out to you to give the answers as recorded in this interview?

A No, and, no.

Q357 And, sorry, what we were going to say then?

A Well, what I was going to say, there's no, in fact, I've been advised by various people not to answer any further questions but I don't see the use of that because, because I know I didn't do it and if anything I can tell you can be of use to you, then - - -

Q358 Sure.

A - - - that's in my interests as Dave's friend.

Q359 O.K. I'll now leave the room to get a senior officer. Do you understand that?

A Yes.

Q360 To adopt the interview. O.K. I'll be back shortly. The time is 7 past 3.00. Matthes leaving the room.

INTERVIEW SUSPENDED

INTERVIEW RESUMED

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

Q361 Sandra, this is Sergeant Baker. He's currently the senior officer at the police station. He's going to ask you a number of questions about the interview that

we've just concluded. Have you got the questions Sergeant?

SERGEANT BAKER

I have.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

You have, we'll I leave you to it. You can turn the machine off Sergeant.

SERGEANT BAKER

O.K.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATTHES

Our part of the interview is concluded Sandra. O.K?

A (NO AUDIBLE REPLY)

SERGEANT BAKER

Q362 O.K. then. As you've been told I'm Sergeant Baker. I'm an officer not connected with this matter about which you have been interviewed. Do you understand that?

A Yes.

Q363 My function is ensure fairness in the conduct of the interview. Do you understand that?

A Yes.

Q364 Are you Sandra Durward?

A Yes.

Q365 Have you made this interview of your own free will?

A Yes.

Q366 Has any threat, promise or inducement been held out to you to give the answers recorded in this interview?

A No.

Q367 Have you any complaints to make about the manner in which you have been interviewed?

A O.K. That's all the questions I have for you. I'll conclude the interview at 3, 3.12 by my watch.

INTERVIEW CONCLUDED