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STATEMENT in the matter of:
Murder of David Rose.

Place: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Date : 9 June 1999

Name: Fiona Kathryn FEARY

Address: [REDACTED].

Tel. No.: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Typist

STATES:-

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

2. I am 40 ([REDACTED]/1958) years of age.

3. On Friday the 9th January, 1998 I provided a signed statement to Detective Stirton of Maroubra Police Station in relation to the death of a person I knew as David Rose. That statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

4. On Wednesday the 16th September, 1998 I spoke with Detectives Thornton and O'Reilly at my home address in relation to this matter.

5. I last recall speaking with David Rose about a week or two prior to his death. He didn't call me for any specific reason. We discussed our concerns for my sister, Sandra Durward, in relation to her alcohol and drug addiction. This call was not uncommon as he would regularly call me, perhaps every two to four weeks, not only to talk as a friend but due to our mutual interest in Sandra's welfare.

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6. During our last conversation I recall we talked about the Jewish holiday 'Hannuka'. This was just general talk but I don't recall whether he mentioned what he was doing or what specific plans he had for 'Hannuka'. I'm not sure whether he mentioned he was going to his parents house or whether someone else had told me that after his death. I don't recall him mentioning anything about going away over the Christmas holidays.

7. I know that during this last telephone call, David did not mention anything about the return of his house keys from Sandra. As far as I was aware Sandra had returned the keys shortly after she left David's unit. After making my initial statement on the 9th January, 1998 I spoke with my mother about Sandra and the keys. My mother, Patricia, records everything in her diary and she told me that Sandra had gone into town to meet David to return his keys. I'm sure this happened some months prior to his death.

8. I believe that Sandra left David's unit because she had worn out her welcome. This was to do with her alcohol problem and she had been there for a couple of weeks. I think he liked to live alone. I know that my sister, Kate, had rung a couple of Sandra's friends after this and said that for Sandra's own sake she shouldn't be offered a accommodation because various counsellors theories are that an alcoholic won't help himself or herself until they have to, because they haven't got anywhere else to go.

9. I would describe her as a pussycat who is not violent or aggressive. Any rejection of accommodation for Sandra, although disappointed, would be met by her with passive acceptance. She would be more likely to fall asleep on his front door step. Sandra has never made any comment or statement to me about her involvement in the death of David Rose. I have no reason to

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believe that Sandra was involved in David's death. He was her closest friend and I know she was devastated when he died.

10. I recall having a conversation with Sandra after David's death. During that conversation she mentioned that she believed that the television in his unit may have fallen over onto his head causing his death. According to Sandra, the television stand was unstable. She didn't tell me where she heard this or how she came to this conclusion. I don't remember what led her to mention about the television except that we were speculating about how he may have died.

11. I last spoke with Sandra about three months ago and I think she is staying in a hotel. She did mention she was working in telemarketing. I don't know who with or what company if any.

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