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STATEMENT in the matter of:

Murder of David Rose

Place: Chatswood

Police Station

Date : 29 January 1998**Name:** David John THWAITES**Address:** ■ Walter Street, Willoughby.**Tel. No.:** ■■■■■■■■**Occupation:** Unemployed**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 years of age.

3. I am currently residing at ■ Walter Street, Willoughby which is a half way house for people on drug and alcohol rehabilitation. I have been here for a period of about four months. I live here with three other people.

4. I attend a minimum of ten Alcohol Anonymous and Narcotics meetings per week in accordance with my half way house program. Between 11.00pm and twelve midnight on a Friday night late last year, I don't remember the exact date, I spoke with a guy I know as Peter at a bus stop at Willoughby Road and another street at Crows Nest. I met this person at the Herbert Street Clinic a couple of months prior to this meeting.

5. Peter mentioned about an AA meeting that he goes to at Neutral Bay. He told me it was a good meeting and that he might see me there. I think I told him that I might go.

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6. The next morning, being Saturday, a friend of mine, Sandra DURWARD, called me at the half way house. I have known Sandra for about five months. I think she said she was calling from home. She asked me what I was doing and I told her about the AA meeting at Neutral Bay. She said that she would meet me there.

7. I arrived at the meeting at Neutral Bay between twelve midday and twelve thirty that afternoon. The meeting was from twelve midday to one thirty. At the end of the meeting I turned around and saw Sandra at the back talking to a couple of people. I originally thought she must have only just got there but when I spoke with her she said she had been there a while.

8. We left the meeting and went to Maisy's Coffee Shop which is around the corner from the meeting. I was at the coffee shop with Sandra and two other people being Peter and Clive. We just had coffee and talked but I don't remember what the conversation was about. Between 2.30pm and 3.00pm Peter left the coffee shop and we all left about ten minutes later. Before we left I remember Sandra making a telephone call to Deidre the girl she was living with at the time. The reason for the call was to see if Deidre's daughter had been found as she had gone missing that morning.

9. Clive then went to a shop to buy something and Sandra and I walked a short distance before talking for about another hour. This conversation was mainly about her new job. Sandra mentioned that she was running late for work. She was going to catch a bus but because she was late she caught a taxi. When she left I assume she went to work which was at St Marys. I caught a bus and went to a NA meeting at Manly Hospital.

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10. I have spoken with Sandra quite a number of times since that day. Most of these times was by phone and I have seen her about four times since then. She has mentioned to me about a friend of hers that was murdered and how distressed she has been about the investigation and being interviewed about it.

11. Shortly after the meeting at Neutral Bay Sandra rang me to tell me about the death of this person. She said that I could be an alibi for her as we were at the same meeting on the weekend of his death. Although I do not know the date of the meeting I do know that it was the Saturday of the same weekend of the death of her friend.

12. I do not know David Rose personally and have never met him. I do not have any information in relation to his death and I am only aware of it from what Sandra has told me.

13. On the day I saw Sandra at the Neutral Bay meeting I do not believe she had been drinking. She did not appear to be distressed about anything and from memory she was quite happy. She did not complain about any illness or injury.

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