

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:  
Death of David ROSE

Place: ■ Dobell Circuit, St Clair  
Date: 26 December, 1997

Name: MILES, Deidre Gloria

Tel No.: ■■■■■■

Address: ■ Dobell Circuit, St Clair

Occupation: Pensioner

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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. My age is 40 years old (■/57)

3. I live at ■ Dobell Street, St Clair with my daughter ■■■■■■ (b. ■■■/93). I rent the house at ■ Dobell Street St Clair and pay \$190 a week rent. I have been in the house since April, 1997. Prior to that I lived with my husband, Ted CULLEN at ■ Warrenton Street, St Clair and he still lives there. I have 2 other children Alicia GRAY (b. ■■■/75) and she lives in Blacktown. My other child is Christopher GRAY (b. ■■■/78) and he lives with his father Peter GRAY at Rydalmere.

4. I share this house with Carl, I don't remember his surname. There are three bedrooms in the house. I advertised about three weeks ago and Carl answered the ad. He has been living here ever since. He pays about \$90.00 a week rent. He is not working at the moment. I did not know Carl prior to him moving in.

5. At the moment a lady named Sandra DURWARD is staying at my house and she pays \$60 a week rental. I first met Sandra about 7

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weeks ago at Jarrah House, Anzac Pde, Little Bay. It is an alcohol and drug rehabilitation centre. I went there voluntarily for an alcohol abuse problem and I spent three weeks full time there.

6. I think Sandra DURWARD came to Jarrah house about 4 days to a week after I arrived. When I first met her I didn't really like her. I thought she had an attitude problem. I thought she was a smart arse. I didn't really have a lot to do with her at the centre. She pretty much kept to herself. We went to the same group therapy together and it was in the group that I became aware that she was at Jarrah House for alcohol abuse. She openly admitted that she had a heroin addiction but I am not aware if she has a current addiction. She has told me that she hasn't.

7. I probably knew her at Jarrah house for about 2 weeks. I left on Wednesday the 22nd of October, 1997 and I returned to my house. About 2 or 3 weeks after I'd been home, I got a phone call from Sandra DURWARD at home. Sandra was depressed and I could tell she'd been drinking. She asked if she could come out and speak to me. I was suprised that she called me because I did not give her my phone number and we didn't have any type of friendship at Jarrah House. I did give my number to two other ladies there and I suppose one of them gave her my number. I told her she could come out.

8. She came out that day and I spoke to her and I found out she'd started drinking again. She told me after she left Jarrah she went to some other rehab place and it didn't work out for her. She said that after she'd left the halfway house she stayed with her sister, Fiona. I don't know where she lives.

9. She stayed here for about 3 days after she came to see me. I felt sorry for her and that's why I asked her to stay. I knew

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a fellow down in Warrenton Street, that was looking for a person to shere. She told me she was looking for a place to live because the people she had been staying with asked her to leave because of her drinking. I'm not entirely sure she said she had been staying at her sister's. She may have said it was relatives she was staying with. I asked her where her things were and she told me they were at her relatives where she had been staying.

10. I rang the man in Warrenton Street, Eric BEARD. His phone number is [REDACTED] and he lives at [REDACTED] Warrenton Street. He came up and Sandra ended up staying at his house for a few days. Then she rang me up after she'd been there about 3 days and asked if she could come and see me. She came and saw me and said she wasn't happy where she was because people were coming and going at all hours of the morning and the phone rang at all hours.

11. I said she could stay here because being right on Christmans time I was pretty desperate for money. We agreed that she would pay \$60 a week. Since then she's been here about 2 weeks and has paid me \$120 in rent. She stays in one of the bedrooms. Carl sleeps in my daughters room and me and my daughter sleep in my room.

12. I know that Sandra is a prostitute and she works at Final Touch in Queen Street, St Marys. She has worked virtually every day since she has been here. She has been working there only since she's been her because I'm the one that gave her the number. She's been working double shifts and she normally works from 10.00am and she gets hom about 12.30am or 1.00am. She normally leaves the house about 10 minutes to 10am in the morning and catches a taxi to work. She rings up every day for the taxi. She has told me that she catches a taxi home.

13. I wouldn't have a clue how much money she makes. She hasn't

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asked for a loan or anything so I suppose she has money. Up until the other day she only had one dress. When she first came here she brought 3 plastic bags full of stuff. She took them to Warrenton Street and when she left there, she left most of her stuff there. We went back to Warrenton Street and Eric said that because she hadn't been back for a couple of days, he put the bags out the front and someone took them.

14. Since she's been here she hasn't drunk in front of me very often. If I have some wine in the fridge she'll have a glass of wine. I think she might sneak a drink. Sometimes before she starts work, she'll go out to get the papers and she'll take 2 hours and come back half pissed. The shop is only around the corner.

15. I was concerned she might be using drugs because I told her I wouldn't have anyone in the house that used. She told me she didn't. I rang Jarrah House to find out what the signs were of a person that uses. I told them that she has been nodding off and they told me that could be a sign of drug use.

16. I haven't seen a lot of her since she's been here because I'm normally in bed by the time she gets home. We don't talk a lot. She gets a bit shitty when she gets tired. Not long after she first came to stay I was sitting in the lounge with [REDACTED] and Sandra. [REDACTED] was jumping up and down and yelling and Sandra yelled at her "Shut up". [REDACTED] didn't stop and she was sitting on the ground near Sandra. Sandra kicked her in the back quite hard. I've seen her get a bit cranky but nothing out of the ordinary.

17. She has never had anyone over here. She gets calls from a few people. Last week she got about 6 calls, one of which was about 2.00am. The others were in the evening. Her family, her

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mother and her sisters Fiona and Barbara call her. I don't know their surnames. Barbara lives in [REDACTED].

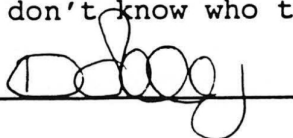
18. Sandra does her own washing and she washes every night or every morning. She only has 3 dresses and none of them have gone missing in the time she has been her. I'm not aware if she has soaked any clothing. I have never seen blood on any of her clothes.

19. On Friday 18/12/97 Sandra was at work during the day. She got home about 6.00pm. She had told me she would babysit [REDACTED] that night while I went out with a man named Ron LEE who is a friend of mine who lives at Blacktown. His work number is [REDACTED]. He works at Emerton Auto Barn. We went to St Marys RSL and got home about 2.00am. I signed in at the RSL. We came back with a person Ron knew. I can't remember his name. We listened to some C.D's. When I arrived home, I assumed Sandra was in bed.

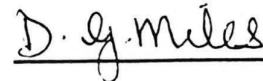
20. I went to bed about 6.00am Saturday 20/12/97. Between 2.00am and 6.00am I don't recall seeing Sandra in the house. I slept for a couple of hours and got up about 9.00am. I saw Sandra about 9.30 - 10.00am. We both left the house with [REDACTED] and went to the shops at St Clair and came back about 10.30 - 11.00am. When we came back I fell asleep and when I woke up it was about 12.30 - 1.00pm.

21. I got into a panic because Sandra wasn't here and neither was [REDACTED]. I rang Sandra's work to see if she was there and they told me she wasn't there. About that time [REDACTED] came back. She had been over the road playing with another child. I know Sandra wasn't here because I checked her room. On Saturday morning I think she spoke on the phone a couple of times before she left but I don't know who to. Sandra phoned me in the afternoon from

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work because I had left a message at her work when I called there looking for [REDACTED]. I asked for her to ring me as soon as she got in.

22. The only thing I remember of the conversation was me telling her that I thought she had [REDACTED] with her. I don't remember anything else. I think the call was about 5.30pm - 6.00pm. I had an early night so I didn't see her that night. I don't recall seeing her Sunday 21/12/97 at all but I could've but I don't remember it.

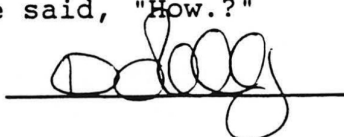
23. The next time I know she was here was Monday 22/12/97 about 9.00am. I got up and I saw her in the house. She left for work up and I saw her in the house. She left for work about 10.00am. She didn't seem any different than normal that morning. The next time that I saw her was Tuesday 23/12/97 in the morning. I got up about 9.00am and she was in the house. She left about 10.00am. She seemed normal that morning.

24. In the afternoon after lunch I got a call from Sandra's sister, Fiona. She said a friend of Sandra's, Dave had died. She asked for Sandra and I told her that she was at work. She said that this person and Sandra were close and she was worried how Sandra would react to the news. She thought Sandra might start drinking again when she found out. I offered to call Sandra because her sister doesn't know what she does for work. When I called Sandra the phone was engaged for about half an hour.


25. When I spoke to her,  
I said, "I'm sorry I've got some bad news for you. Apparently a friend of yours has just died. His name is Dave Rose".

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I said, "Apparently he was murdered."

She cried for a little while. I offered to go and pick her up from work and she said she'd ring me back. When I spoke to her on the phone she seemed genuinely upset. About 1 hour later she called me back and she said she'd stay at work. When I spoke to her then she sounded alright.

26. The next time I saw her was about 1.00am Wednesday 23/12/97 when she got home from work. She spoke about David ROSE when she got home. She said she couldn't understand how anyone would hurt him and she spoke about how security conscious he was and how he wouldn't let in anyone he didn't know. She said he had a heart of gold. She said he hadn't been sexually active in about 21 years. I know who she was talking about because I had seen him come to visit her at Jarrah House a couple of times. I saw him visit her twice.

27. While she was speaking about David ROSE,

She said, "I've got something on my mind but I'm not sure how to approach it."

I said, "What is it?"

She said, "My stepson has keys to Dave's flat that were given to him 2 years ago."

I said, "Why would he have the keys?"

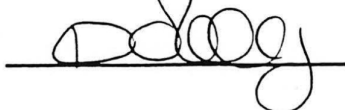
She said, "Me and my husband stayed at Dave's flat. He's a drug addict"

I said, "Well surely he wouldn't have keys 2 years down the track. What are you trying to say. Do you think your stepson's done it?"

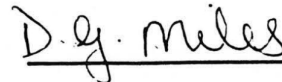
She said, "Yes."

I said, "I think you should call the Police and let them know."

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28. We really didn't talk about it any more that night. She asked to use the phone and she went into my room. I assumed she called the Police. She was in room for about 20 minutes. By this time it was well after 1.00am. When she came out of the room, She said, "I phoned the Police."

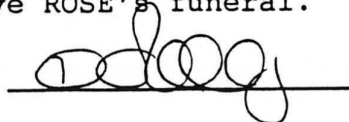
I can't recall the conversation other than that. I don't think we discussed it. I got the impression that she wasn't really upset about his death. I thought she was faking being upset. I actually said that to my cousin, Micheal MILES who lives at Werrington, and I think that Carl was there too.

29. I was a bit sus about things because when she got home on Wednesday morning 23/12/97 she had been drinking and was half cut. I wondered hwo she'd gotten drunk because she is is not allowed to drink where she works. I asked her how she had gotten drunk and she said that they'd tone to a restaurant after work and had some drinks. As far as I know this is not her normal practise. Carl and Micheal were home when I spoke to Sandra but not in the room when I spoke to her about the keys. Sandra had gone to bed when I spoke to Micheal and Carl.

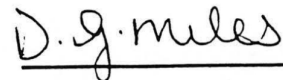
30. I went to bed and got up about 6.00am Wednesday 23/12/97. I saw Sandra that morning about 8.30am. She seemed okay. I heard her call a girl named Donna and a guy who apparently called her sister, Steve BECKER. I heard parts of her conversation and knew she was making arrangements about David's funeral. She said, "Dave's body as there for 3 or 4 days before he was found."

She seemed genuinely upset about that. We both spoke about how sad itwas. She said she was going to the funeral that day. She got ready and called a cab and we both left the house about 11.00am and we both caught the taxi. I got off at Market Town Mt Druitt and she stayed in the cab. I assumed she was going to Dave ROSE's funeral.

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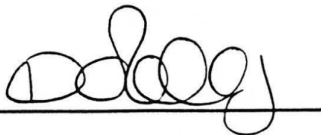
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31. I saw her late christmas eve and she seemed alright. She said there were 3-400 people there at the funeral. We unwrapped our presents about 4.00am 25/12/97. I know Sandra had to go to an AA meeting that morning. I know she got a cab that morning but I don't know what time. I saw her last night about 12.30am 26/12/97. I'd left the house about 6.00pm on 25/12/97 and I hadn't seen her since she left that morning. I next saw here this morning about 11.00am and she told me she'd been to an AA meeting in the mroning and had left the house about 6.00am. She said it was at the Rocks. About lunchtime she said she'd called the Police and they'd be here today.

32. On Monday 22/12/97 or Tuesday 23/12/97 I was sitting reading in the lounge room. It was in the night time. She said, "Look at this." She pointed to one of her eyes. I could see slightly when she closed her eye that it was a bit bruised. I said, "How did you get that?" She said, "A client". I said, "What happened?" She said, "A client kneed me in the eye accidentally." She said it had happened that night. The bruise has become darker over the last few days. This morning she showed me one of her elbows. It was bruised. She said, "Am I all bruised?" I said, "Yes." I didn't discuss it any further. About a week and a half ago she had dark bruises on one of her upper arms. I said, "How did you get those?" She said, " My bag." I said, "Come off it." She said "That's how I got them".

33. Prior to hearing about David ROSE's death Sandra had not discussed him with me. I don't know if she has any keys to his unit. She could've mentioned that she had. I have never heard Sandra be critical of any person. I don't know if David ROSE has ever caled this house. I have no further knowledge about the death of David ROSE.

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