

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
Death of David ROSE

Place: [REDACTED] Dobell Circuit, St
Claire

Date: 26 December, 1997

Name: ELLWOOD, Carl John

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Dobell Circuit, St Claire

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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
2. My age is 27. ([REDACTED]/70)
3. I moved into [REDACTED] Dobell Circuit, St Claire about 4 weeks ago after answering an advert in a newspaper. It was either the Telegraph or the Penrith Press. When I moved in Deidre and her daughter Paris were already living here. I don't know their last name.
4. I pay \$90.00 per week in rent and help out with the bills.
5. About 2 days after i moved in a woman named Sandra moved into the third bedroom. When she moved in she had no clothes or things and always wears the same dress.
6. I don't know if she pays rent but i think Sandra and Deidre knew each other before Sandra moved in. When she first came Deidre said, "She's just coming to stay for a few weeks."
7. I've seen Sandra drinking almost every day I've been here. She drinks wine or scotch or beer. In fact she seems to drink

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just about whatever is around. I've seen Sandra get up and have a drink to start off the day.

8. Sandra has money enough to buy food and grog. I don't know if she has a lot but we never talk about it.

9. Whenever Sandra goes out she catches a cab. She never talks about where she is going with me.

10. Sandra goes out most days. She leaves in the morning by cab and usually doesn't come back until late, after 10.00pm some time.

11. On Friday the 19/12/97 I was at home all day but I think Sandra went out.

12. On Saturday the 20/12/97 I went out about 6.00am to go to Newtown for a job interview. Sandra was home when I left, she was asleep on the lounge. I got home about 6.30 - 7.00pm. I don't think Sandra was home when I got home.

13. On Sunday the 21/12/97 I stayed home all day. I usually don't take much notice of Sandra but I think she was out that day as well.

14. On Monday the 22/12/97 Sandra was out again. I don't remember her leaving but I was home all day and she was not around.

15. I would describe Sandra as about 40 years old with brown, shoulder length hair. She has white skin but has red sores on her arms and shoulders and face. I'd say she's about 5 ft 10 tall and of large build. She's a big woman. I would say that she has a drinking problem and drinks every day.

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16. I intend to keep living here for at least the next few months. The phone number here is [REDACTED].

17. My health care card number is [REDACTED].

18. I remember that Sandra showed me the paper a couple of days ago and said, "look at this, this is a friend of mine." I looked at the paper and saw a picture of a bloke in some weird clothes. I didn't read the paper at the time.

19. The day before she showed me the paper I knew that someone had died because Diedre got a phone call and told me what it was.

20. Diedre said, "I've got some bad news. I've got to tell Sandra that one of her friends has died."

21. When Sandra came home that afternoon, which was earlier than normal. I saw the 2 of them talking in the lounge room. I couldn't hear what they were saying but Sandra was crying and I figured that Diedre had told her what had happened.

22. After Sandra had found out about the guy dying she mentioned it to me a couple of times. I can't remember exactly what she said.

23. On Christmas Eve I saw Sandra leave to go to his funeral in North Sydney. As she left she said, "I'm going to a funeral in North Sydney." She didn't seem to be too upset when she left for the funeral. She got back late afternoon and seemed really upset when she got back.

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24. I haven't really talked to her much since she got back other than to say "Happy Christmas" yesterday.

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