

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:  
Death of David ROSE

Place: Eglevale Police Station  
Date: 6 January, 1998

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Name: CLIFFORD, Louise Margaret

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED].

Occupation: Shop Assistant

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 36 ([REDACTED]/61)

3. I am employed as an assistant at LINDUS DRYCLEANERS. I have worked in this position since July, 1997. I was previously employed at the Final Touch Relaxation Centre as an masseuse. I worked at the Final Touch, mainly on weekends. I normally worked from 5pm - 12.00am on a Friday and from 10am-12.00am Saturdays and Sundays. The name that I was known as at the Final Touch was 'Mandy' and I worked there from June to December, 1997.

4. In late November, early December, 1997 a girl started work at The Final Touch who used the name of Veronica. I believe this person's real name is Sandra but I don't know what her surname is. I think Veronica worked a lot of double shifts which was 10am to 12am. I know she works weekends and I think she also worked on weekdays. I think Veronica gets a taxi to and from work because I have driven her to a taxi rank a couple of times after work and I have heard her talk about catching taxi's.

5. When I'm at work I speak to Veronica but I do not speak to

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her out of work and I don't socialise with her. I think that she lives at St Clair and that she shares with somebody. I get the impression that she may have lived in the Penrith area before she moved to St Clair. As far as I know Veronica is single. She says she is a reformed alcoholic but I don't believe that. Sometimes I can smell alcohol on her and the way she acts make me think she is a closet drinker.

6. On Friday the 19th of December, 1997 I was at the Final Touch for a couple of hours between 2.00pm and about 7.00pm. I saw Sandra while I was at work but didn't notice anything unusual about her. The next time I went to the Final Touch was on Tuesday the 23rd of December, 1997. I started work about 5pm and when I got to work, Veronica was at work. I think it may have been about 7pm or 8pm. I walked into the reception area and I saw Veronica sitting behind the front desk and she was crying. She was talking on the phone. The receptionist, Trisha was standing next to her.

7. I spoke to Trisha and she told me that a friend of Sandra's had been murdered. While Sandra was on the phone I didn't really hear what was being said. When she got off the phone she said things like, "I don't believe this. How could anyone do that to another person." She said, "Of all my friends he was the second best." Sandra made a lot of phone calls to a lot of different people about his funeral and who she was going to meet there. Sandra seemed to calm down very quickly and she basically continued working until the end of her shift. Throughout the night she made a few odd comments about the death of her friend but I ended up asking her not to discuss it.

8. The next time that I worked at the Final Touch was on the 27th December, 1997. I started work about 10.00am and Veronica got into work not long after me. Within the first 10 or 20

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minutes that she was there we were in the front of the reception desk. I'm not sure of her exact words but she said something like,

She said, "There may be phone call from the Police."

I said, "What have you done."

She said something about the Police were going to speak to Trish to verify that she worked there.

She said, "I rang the Police and I told them that I know who committed the murder."

I said, "How long since you've seen him?"

She said, "About a month ago."

She also said something about Police investigating everyone who had contact with the man who had been murdered.

I can't remember if she said when he was overseas or when he was away but she said she had stayed in his unit on numerous occasions so "her fingerprints would be all over the place."

I'm sure that she said something about there being no sign of forced entry and that she had had keys to the unit where he got murdered. She also said something about her stepson stealing C.D's from this person a couple of years ago and that they were in her possession now. She said something about C.D's that were stolen at the time of the murder.

9. On the 27th of December, 1997 some Police came to The Final Touch and spoke to the receptionist Trish. While the Police were speaking to Trish, Veronica spoke to me,

She said, "At least I now I know what day it happened on and they're not telling me anything about how it happened."

I wondered how she knew this because the Police were still talking to the receptionist when she said this and I know that the Police did not speak to Veronica while they were there.

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10. After she spoke to me, I was sitting behind the reception desk. She got an envelope off the desk and she wrote a list of things on the envelope. She wrote something about an A.A meeting and a time which I think was about 1.30 and then she wrote something about a train to St Mary's. I think there were 2 other things written down then about 5 or 6 mens names. Then she rang someone and asked to speak to 'David' She said, "Can you ask David to call me. It's extremely urgent that David return my call." When she finished the call she said, "I just want to let David know that the Police will want to speak with him to verify what I have said. I'm not going to tell him what it's about." She said something about 20 people being able to verify where she was at. Just in conversation she said she had been to a meeting and then she had got a train into work.

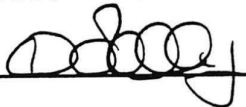
11. While she made out the list and the phone call the Police were still talking to Trish. I don't believe that 'David' returned her call because she commented about it later that night.

12. Prior to me finding out about the death of her friend, Veronica has mentioned the name David. From various conversations that I have had with her I think that she knows a number of David's. I think one of them goes to AA meetings with her. I have taken a couple of phone calls for Veronica from men but I don't normally ask their name.

13. On the 30th of December, 1997 I spoke with some Police from Maroubra Police Station. I told Veronica later on that the Police had spoken to me. She got very cranky and said that the Police were harrassing her. I suggested that if she felt like that she should call a solicitor.

13. About lunchtime on the 31st of December, 1997 I spoke with.

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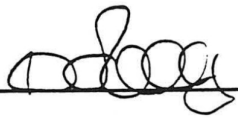


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Veronica at the Final Touch,

She said, "I have rung the Police and they will not be coming up to St Mary's again and they will not be using any information they had received from St. Mary's.

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