

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:  
Death of David ROSE

Place: [REDACTED]  
Date: 10 January, 1998

Name: CRAKER, Marisa

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Receptionist

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.

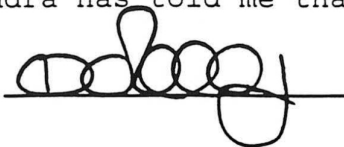
2. My age is 52 years old. ([REDACTED]/46)

3. I am employed as a receptionist at 'The Final Touch Relaxation Centre' which is a brothel at suite 1/249 Queen Street, St Marys. I have worked in this position for about 10 months I normally work Saturdays from 5pm - 12am and Sundays from 10am - 12am. I am also employed as a receptionist at the 'Bare Bunnies' brothel, 43 Queen Street, St Marys. I usually work 7 nights a week at Bare Bunnies from 5pm - different finishing times which may be 2am, 3am, 5am, 6am or 7am depending on the day. I have worked at Bare Bunnies since April 1997.

4. About 4 -6 weeks ago a girl who uses the working name 'Veronica' started work at the Final Touch. I think her real name is Sandra. She has worked at Bare Bunnies on a couple of occasions but mostly works at Final Touch. I believe she lives with an ex-worker named Dee at St Clair and I think Dee has a [REDACTED] year old child named [REDACTED]. I think she may be single but I don't really know anything about her personal life.

Sandra has told me that she catches a cab to and from work and I

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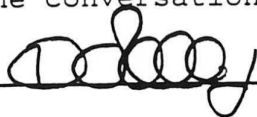
have called taxi's for her a couple of times when she ends her shift. Sandra is not really close to any of the girls that I know of. She doesn't usually get personal calls but I have been present when she has made a few. I try not to speak to Sandra when I am at work and I do not have anything to do with her outside of work.

5. On Saturday the 20th of December, 1997 I started work at The Final Touch between 4.30pm -5pm. When I got into work Veronica wasn't there. I remember being annoyed because she was late for work that night. I think it was about 5.00pm when I got a phone call from person named 'Dee'. She said she was Sandra's flatmate and said something about Sandra was going to be late for work because she was having coffee with a friend. This person was in a state because she said her kid was missing and she wanted Sandra to call her as soon as she got in.

6. Sandra got to work somewhere between 6.30pm and 8pm. I can't remember the exact words that she said but she told me that she had been into the city and had coffee with a friend who was screwed up and that she had tried to sort out his problems. She mentioned Neutral Bay but I can't remember why she spoke about it.

7. I can't be sure what she was wearing when she came in but I've only ever seen her one dress in the whole time that she has worked at the Final Touch. That is a blue straight long dress with short sleeves. She wasn't wearing any shoes. I told her to put some on and she told me she couldn't because she had a sore foot or leg or something. I didn't notice any injuries to her feet or legs. I gave her the message to ring Dee, but I can't remember if she got a job straight away and rang when she finished, or whether she called straight away. I didn't hear any of the conversation she had but I saw her make a call.

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Sandra seemed to be exhausted when she came in and she slept most of the shift on the couches in the lounge area. I have never seen her do this before apart from on the 1st of January, 1998.

8. In the morning of Sunday the 21st of December, 1997 I was in at the Final Touch in the morning sometime after 10am, and I noticed that one of her eyes was bruised. She was late for work and she told me that she had slept in because she was tired.

I said, "What happened to your face?"

She said, "Don't worry about it. A client kicked me moving position."

I didn't discuss it further with her.

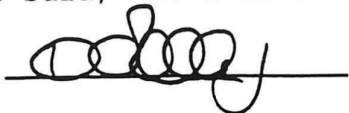
9. Sandra has never reported to me that she has been injured by a client at any time. There is no where that we record injuries to the girls but I would remember if she had told me about it because we rarely have any trouble here.

10. About 3.30pm on Saturday the 27th of December, 1997 I spoke with Detective O'REILLY at my house, [REDACTED]. Prior to speaking to Detective O'REILLY I had no knowledge of the death of David ROSE except for what I had read in the paper. At that stage I had not heard Sandra mention this person.

11. I'm pretty sure it was on Wednesday the 31st of December, 1997 but it could've been Thursday the 1st of January, 1998 I was working at Bare Bunnies. I got into work about 10am. About 5.00pm that afternoon Sandra came into work at Bare Bunnies. She went and got dressed and put her makeup on and then she layed down on the lounges in the reception area around 7pm or 8pm. She was falling asleep and I said to her, "If you're that damned tired go to one of the rooms and have a sleep."

She said, "No I'll be right." I said, "Why are you so damned

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tired for godsake."

She said, "My life has been a real nightmare for the last few weeks. The next thing I looked around and she appeared to be asleep.

12. She may have slept for three quarters of an hour to an hour. It could have been between 8.30pm - 11.00pm. I'm not sure of the time when she woke up. I was sitting behind the reception desk which is about 3 feet away from the lounge where Sandra was laying. Jasmine was standing near the reception desk talking to me and I think Jo had just finished a job and she may have been in the reception desk. The only other girl working that night was Lisa but I don't think she was in the room with us. Lisa is of Thai nationality and does not speak english. I don't think she works at the brothel anymore.

13. The bell went and I went to the door. There was a guy standing at the door.

He said, "It's alright, I'm not coming in. I just want to know the prices."

I gave him the prices and then I started to walk back to the desk. I saw Sandra wake up.

I said, "Can you get up, you make the place look untidy."

She said, "I'm real sorry."

She rolled off the lounge onto her knees and she stood up.

She had her hair all in mess and she put both her hands on the sides of her head.

She said, "I don't know what's wrong with me. Maybe it's not a nightmare. Maybe I did kill him."

I said, "You're fucking kidding. You better get your shit together because if you did kill someone, this'll put you away for a long time."

I said to Jasmine, "I think she's fucking loopy. Maybe she did

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do it."

Jasmine said, "I think so."

Sandra said, "I've got to make a phone call, this is my alibi."

14. Sandra went to the payphone and tried to call someone but she hung up and didn't speak to anyone. I remember looking at the clock and thinking that it was late and I wouldn't like anyone to call my house at that time. It could have been around 11.00pm. After she tried to make the call she sat down on the steps in front of the reception desk, She said, "Maybe it's not a nightmare, maybe I did kill him in my sleep."

I said, "What's all this about."

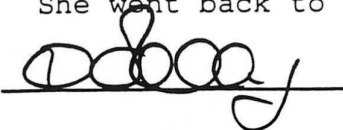
She said, "Me thinking I'm doing the right thing called Maroubra Police because I had stayed at his place when he was overseas. My stepson also stayed with me and I think my stepson may have had a set of keys cut or he may have taken my keys."

I can't remember the exact conversation but she said something about her fingerprints being all over the unit because she had stayed there 2 years ago. I asked her how her fingerprints would be there if it was 2 years ago.

15. She went back to the phone and she tried to call again but she didn't seem to get hold of anyone. I actually gave her change of 4 x 50 cent pieces from a \$2.00 coin, so she could use the pay phone. Throughout the night she kept making a telephone call to get hold of someone but didn't seem to be able to.

16. She went back to the lounge in the reception area and she

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kept nodding off in a lying position.

I said, "If you're so damn tired go and have a sleep in room one and let someone else sit down."

She said, "No I'll be alright."

17. She kept getting up and kept trying to make a phone call but she didn't seem to be getting through. More than once she said about the call, "This is my alibi."

Sometime after midnight, I saw Sandra make a call on the payphone behind the reception desk. I was sitting behind the desk when she made the call. I can't remember the conversation exactly but it was similar to,

She said, "Is the lady of the house there."

She said something about being stressed out because she'd been up since 5 in the morning. She'd been to legal aid about the drama. Police had spoken to her sister who now know she's a prostitute. The Police have been to the house three times, they've been through all my stuff, they've pulled the house apart looking for the keys.

18. Sometime in the night Sandra spoke to me but I can't remember exactly when it was.

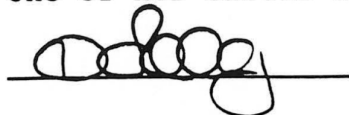
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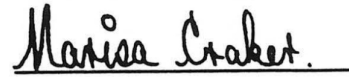
"I've been up since 5.30am, I've been to Mt Druitt Police Station. She something about having made a statement to Police, I've been to legal aid and I don't think I'm a suspect anymore. She may have said a similar thing to the person she spoke to on the phone.

19. Sometime during the night Sandra and I had a conversation but I can't remember the time. Sandra still had the black eye that I had seen about two weeks earlier. She also had a bruise on one of her elbows which covered the whole end of the elbow.

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The bruise may have been on her left elbow. She also had bruising on the side of her thigh and down the front of one of her shins. I think it was her left leg. I could see these bruises when she was lying on the lounge.

I said, "How did you get a black eye like that.

She said, "From a client changing positions.

I said, "Who were you working with?"

She said, "Trish."

I said, "Did you tell her about it?"

She said, "No it didn't come up for a couple of days."

I said, "How do you account for the big bruise on your elbow and the bruising on your legs.

She said, "I got that on Christmas day from my 4 year old nephew on his scooter."

20. Both brothels, The Final Touch and Bare Bunnies have a worksheet that the receptionist completes while she is working. The worksheets indicate the name of the girl who does a job, the time the job is done, how long the job is, how much money is collected for the job, how much money the girl gets and how much money the house gets. The only person who fills this worksheet out is the receptionist. The girls also sign the worksheet every time they do a job. The worksheets are handed to the owner Mario, when he comes in at night. The worksheets are put into an envelope along with the takings for the night and the envelope is handed to him.

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