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Person Interviewed : Joel Hilton
Date of Birth : [REDACTED]/1972
Place of Interview : Newtown Police Station
Date of Interview : 01/01/1998
Interviewing Officer : Constable T.M. Kitching
Eastern Beaches Command


Master Tape Reference : 98/006
Time Interview Commenced : 4.15pm
Time Interview Concluded : 4.53am

Present : Constable T.M. Kitching (Interviewing Officer)
Constable S. Forsyth (Corroborating Officer)

This is an interview between Constable Timothy Malcolm Kitching and Joel Hilton at Newtown Police Station on the 1st of January 1998. The time is currently 4.15 according to my watch and 15:08 or 3.08 according to the ERISP machine. Do you agree that those times are correct, Mr Hilton? (HILTON) Yes I do. (KITCHING) Also present is Constable Forsyth. Could you identify yourself by spelling your name please.

(FORSYTH) Constable Forsyth, F O R S Y T H.

- Q.1 Mr Hilton, do you agree there are no other persons present in this room apart from the people that I've just introduced?
- A. Yes I do.
- Q.2 As I've already explained to you, Constable Forsyth and I are making inquiries into the murder of David Samuel Rose on Saturday the 22nd of December 1997. I'm going to ask you some questions in relation to this investigation. Do you understand that?
- A. Yes I do.
- Q.3 Do you agree that prior to the commencement of this interview I told you that I was going to ask you some questions in relation to this matter?
- A. Yes I do.

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- Q.4 Do you agree that I also told you that the interview would be recorded simultaneously on three audio cassette tapes and a video cassette tape?
- A. Yes.
- Q.5 Do you agree that I told you that at the conclusion of the interview, one of the audio cassette tapes would be sealed in your presence?
- A. Yes.
- Q.6 Do you agree that I told you that if required, a viewing of the video cassette tape can be arranged at a later time?
- A. Yes.
- Q.7 Do you agree that I told you that at the conclusion of the interview an audio master tape of the interview will be supplied to you?
- A. Yes.
- Q.8 Has any threat, promise or inducement been held out to you to participate in this interview?
- A. No.
- Q.9 Are you participating in this interview of your own free will?
- A. Yes.
- Q.10 Do you agree to be electronically interviewed?
- A. Yes.
- Q.11 For the purpose of this interview, what is your full name?
- A. Joel Hilton.
- Q.12 Can you spell your surname for me please?
- A. H I L T O N.
- Q.13 And your date of birth Mr Hilton?
- A. [REDACTED] seventy two.
- Q.14 And what is your current address?
- A. [REDACTED].
- Q.15 And how long have you lived there?
- A. Approximately seven months.
- Q.16 And prior to living at that address, where were you living?
- A. Camperdown.

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- Q.17 Do you remember the address in Camperdown?
- A. I know it's [REDACTED]. I'm not sure, I would have to find out the exact address.
- Q.18 And how long did you live there for?
- A. I lived there for approximately seven months.
- Q.19 How many premises would you say you've lived in the last three to four years?
- A. Anything up to ten to twelve, not more.
- Q.20 Okay. What's your current occupation?
- A. I work in a dairy. I make icecream.
- Q.21 And how much money do you earn a week doing that?
- A. Approximately three hundred and twenty dollars.
- Q.22 Is that after tax?
- A. Yes, after tax.
- Q.23 And how much rent do you pay?
- A. Eighty five dollars a week.
- Q.24 And do you live alone?
- A. Officially yes. No I don't, there's somebody staying with me at the moment.
- Q.25 Okay. Are you married or single?
- A. I'm single.
- Q.26 Do you have a girlfriend?
- A. Yes I do.
- Q.27 And what's her name?
- A. Natalie Anderson.
- Q.28 Do you know her date of birth?
- A. I know she's twenty five. I know she's born on the [REDACTED]. So theoretically she's (..ind..) seventy two.
- Q.29 Do you know where Natalie's from?
- A. From Perth.
- Q.30 How long have you known Natalie?
- A. Three months.

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- Q.31 And how long has Natalie been living with you?
A. Two months.
- Q.32 How long is it since she came over from Perth?
A. Probably about six months, I'm not positive when she came over. She stayed at other places before.
- Q.33 Okay. Does she work?
A. No, she's unemployed.
- Q.35 Do either yourself or Natalie Anderson have a drug habit?
A. Yes I do.
- Q.36 Okay. Are you currently on any drugs?
A. Yes I am.
- Q.36 What are you on?
A. On Methadone.
- Q.37 And what's your current Methadone dosage?
A. Sixty five mills (65ml) a day.
- Q.38 And whereabouts do you get that from?
A. Enmore Road, Enmore.
- Q.39 A chemist?
A. Its a official Methadone clinic.
- Q.40 How long have you been on a Methadone program?
A. About eight months.
- Q.41 Is this the first time that you've been on a program?
A. No it's the second.
- Q.42 I gather that means in the past that you've had some sort of a problem with Heroin?
A. Yes, it's become (..ind..) problem.
- Q.43 How long were you taking Heroin for?
A. For, since I was seventeen. Approximately eight years.
- Q.44 Has that been on a permanent basis?

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- A. It's been on and off pretty well the whole time. It's never (..ind..) more than a month at a time, or two months at a time.
- Q.45 And why is that?
- A. Just, I initially run out of money, I can't afford to, it's basically fall apart, it's very hard to keep it going. I don't really earn that much money, I can never really have a huge habit and I usually have to stop for a week or two every month if I do that, or month or two.
- Q.46 Have you ever committed any criminal offences in relation to continuing your habit or has it always been money that you've earned?
- A. Ninety nine percent of the time it's been money that I've earned. I've never, only on one occasion that, which I got arrested in Lismore. That occasion I also had no where to live and no food and the people I was with were in the same situation, so the money didn't really go on drugs, so.
- Q.47 Okay. I would like to take you back a couple of years. Do you know a woman by the name of Sandra Durward?
- A. Yes I do.
- Q.48 And how do you know her?
- A. She was my father's girlfriend and kind of my stepmother for a period when I was younger.
- Q.49 How old were you at that time?
- A. I would have been anything from about six, seven, between five and eight.
- Q.50 And how long was Sandra with your father?
- A. On and off, it could be about five or six years. It's hard for me to say because I was very young at the time, and he knew her in periods when I didn't know he knew her, and so (..ind..). But I lived with her and him for a year in West Ryde, basically for a year or two in West Ryde. That's one time I remember.
- Q.51 Were Sandra and your father ever married?
- A. No they weren't, that I know of.
- Q.52 Does your father, or did your father, ever have a problem with Heroin?
- A. Well in respects to my father I can't say, but in respects to myself, well if I'm on Methadone yes I have had a problem with Heroin.
- Q.53 I understand that, I was interested whether or not you knew your father had. Okay, do you recall anything in relation to Sandra Durward, perhaps can you describe what she looks like to me?

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- A. Well she's, she's a big woman, she's not some small petite, she's quite big, she's blonde, she's got very freckly skin, sandy brown blonde hair, she's a potter. I don't know, it's been a long time since I've seen her so I don't know exactly what she looks like, I don't know whether she's got short or long hair. She's got big round face, lots of freckles, generally a very jolly person.
- Q.54 Okay. Were there ever any domestic problems of a violent nature between your father and Sandra?
- A. Not, no, my father has never ever particularly hit women. He's had the odd argument with women in which there might have been a tussle or a physical confrontation, but it's not something that he does regularly, no.
- Q.55 Do you remember if Sandra had an alcohol problem at the time?
- A. When I was living with her?
- Q.56 Hmm.
- A. Not that I know of, I was very young. I don't think so. She might of but (..ind..).
- Q.57 Do you know, how long since you've seen her?
- A. About five or six years I think.
- Q.58 Did she have an alcohol problem when you last saw her?
- A. Well I was told that she did, yes.
- Q.59 And who told you?
- A. Basically my father cause he'd seen her.
- Q.60 And when was that?
- A. That was during that period about five or six years ago. We got back in touch with her and yeah, that's the impression I was given.
- Q.61 Did you ever stay at a unit in Kensington with your father?
- A. I stayed there overnight.
- Q.62 Do you know which unit I'm talking about?
- A. Yes I know the unit.
- Q.63 Can you describe the circumstances for me of how you came to spend the night at that unit?
- A. Well my father invited me over for dinner and I went over there and basically I had dinner and stayed the night and left the next day.
- Q.64 Do you know whose unit it was?

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- A. I wasn't aware of particularly of who it was, I knew who it was in relation to how my father came to get it, but I didn't know the individual person.
- Q.65 Can you describe for me how you knew the relationship or what the relationship was?
- A. Basically, Sandra had, it was a friend of Sandra's and my father needed a place to stay. He was allowed to stay there because the individual who owned the place or rented it was away and he was staying there and I went over to see him while he was there.
- Q.66 Was there anything peculiar or strange about the owner of the unit that you'd heard?
- A. Yes I'd been told that he was either a cross-dresser or a transvestite and that was the only strange thing that I'd heard about.
- Q.67 Whereabouts did you sleep when you spent the night?
- A. On the couch.
- Q.68 Do you know where your father was sleeping in the unit?
- A. I assumed he was sleeping in the main bedroom.
- Q.69 Did you ever go into the main bedroom?
- A. No, no I don't think I did, no I didn't.
- Q.70 Did you ever see any female clothing or anything else around the unit that would suggest that the owner was a transvestite or a cross-dresser?
- A. No I didn't. There was nothing there particularly obvious.
- Q.71 Were there any compact discs or tapes in the unit?
- A. Not that I can particularly remember. I assume there was, I think there was a sound system there. I assume there was music there, there was music playing.
- Q.72 Did you take any property from the unit where you spent the night?
- A. No I didn't.
- Q.73 Have you ever returned to that unit since?
- A. No I haven't.
- Q.74 Did you ever see a set of keys that would open that unit?
- A. No.
- Q.75 Do you know who had the keys?
- A. I assume my father had. He got me in and out of the apartment when I turned up. Yes, my father did.
- Q.76 Do you remember him opening the door with a set of keys?

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A. Not particularly no. I can't particularly remember, no I don't think so. I think I was buzzed into the building and I think he opened it from the inside. I can't remember whether it had a deadlock which was opened with a key or not.

Q.77 Can you describe the unit for me?

A. It was smallish, basically I think it had a lounge room, a kitchen, and a bedroom. Yeah, it was basically quite small I think.

Q.78 Do you remember what floor it was on?

A. I think it was on the second floor, I'm not positive.

Q.79 Do you remember if this unit was in Kensington or Maroubra/Kingsford area?

A. I'm not probably but I remember being out there before. I know I had to get there by a bus which went along kind of a main highway, the main road which went out to Maroubra I think, and I was told to get off at a certain point, I actually got lost going there.

Q.80 Would that be Anzac Parade?

A. I think it was, yeah.

Q.81 Is that road two lanes each way with a large median strip separating the different traffic going in different directions?

A. I think so, yeah.

Q.82 Did you have to walk away from Anzac Parade to get to the unit?

A. Away from Anzac Parade, I think it was literally on Anzac Parade or it was on a street coming off Anzac Parade, if that's the street I was on, I'm positive or the main highway.


Q.83 Can you describe anything in the area that you remember when you got off the bus?

A. Well, I was told to get off the bus at a certain bus stop which, I think it was near something, a particular landmark of some sort, a service station. My father told me that when I come to a certain point on Anzac Parade I should get off. So when there I got lost going in the opposite, I got off, I got very lost trying to get there. I had to ring him up and find directions again, and then I walked most of the way. As I said I only went there once and I didn't make a point of really remembering any particulars about it.

Q.84 I understand that. Do you remember whereabouts the entrance to the building was when you went to the units.

A. Well, it's hard for me to actually remember about the units itself. Not particularly I can't. I think I remember going upstairs. I remember it basically a brick block of flats and yeah.

Q.85 Did the unit have a balcony?

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- A. No I don't think it did, no. No, it may have, yeah. It may have had a balcony, I can't remember. I can't remember going onto a balcony.
- Q.86 Do you remember if the unit was at the front or the rear of the building?
- A. I think it was at the front. It was dark, it was at night when I turned up.
- Q.87 About what time did you turn up?
- A. I think I got there late. I think I got there about eight thirty, nine. Maybe nine thirty.
- Q.88 And do you remember what time you left the next morning?
- A. I don't think it was too late. I think my father was going to work so I think it was about ten o'clock on.
- Q.89 Were you working at the time?
- A. I don't think so, no.
- Q.90 Did you have a Heroin habit at the time?
- A. No.
- Q.91 Were you on a Methadone program at the time?
- A. No I wasn't.
- Q.92 Did you have a girlfriend at the time?
- A. Not all time one, no, not then.
- Q.93 Do you know someone by the name of Susan North?
- A. Yes I do.
- Q.94 And who's Susan North?
- A. She at present is my father's on and off girlfriend.
- Q.95 Do you know where she lives?
- A. I think she lives out in the suburbs somewhere at her mother's place, I'm not sure exactly where it is.
- Q.96 How long have her and your father been seeing each other?
- A. On and off for probably anything between five to seven years.
- Q.97 Was she at the unit when you went to spend the night with your father?
- A. I think so. I think she was staying there with him. I can't remember whether she was actually there at the time but I got the impression I think that she was staying there. I don't know, yeah. I think it may have been just my father and me, we were having dinner together there.

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Q.98 Is your grandmother still alive?

A. Yes she is.

Q.99 Whereabouts does she live?

A. She lives in [REDACTED]

Q.100 In a house?

A. In a block of flats.

Q.101 Does she live on her own?

A. Yes she does.

Q.102 Do you see her very often?

A. I used to see her often but of recent I've only been seeing her every five months to be honest.

Q.103 Does your father see her regularly?

A. He does yes. He's been going to see her nearly every weekend.

Q.104 Does you father spend much time at Newtown?

A. At Newtown, no I don't think so by the time he'd come.

Q.105 Does he come to visit you very often?

A. No he doesn't.

Q.106 If he came to Newtown, do you think he'd get in contact you?

A. Probably not, no. Unless he had a specific reason to.

Q.107 Are you and your father close?

A. We're close but we don't socialise a lot or yeah, we're not that close, no, probably not.

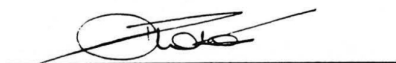
Q.108 Do you have any information in relation to the murder of David Rose that you think could be of assistance to us?

A. Not really, no. I'm afraid I didn't really become aware of it till my father saw me and other than the fact that he was I think fairly quiet, I think he was a cross-dresser, and that's about it. The fact he's Jewish is the only other information I gathered about him.

Q.109 Did it strike you as strange that he'd be Jewish and a cross-dresser?

A. Not really as a matter of fact, no. Any people (..ind..) and if he was orthodox they often do things on the side like this due to the strict nature of whatever their lifestyle they lead, they often, you know.

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Q.110 Are you from an orthodox (..ind..)?

A. No I'm not.

Q.111 Would you care to elaborate on what you just said, just for our information?

A. Only that I've always sort of believed in orthodox religions whether they be Jewish or Christians that people lead such strict lives that often they do things on the side that are we might think are perverted, that's different.

Q.112 Do you say this cause you've seen it happen before?

A. I've heard of it happen before. I've never really seen it happen, it's never been my family, that way inclined. I remember hearing about it, reading about it, that's really only, you know.

Q.113 Did you have anything to do with the death of David Rose?

A. No I didn't.

Q.114 Anything else you wish to tell me in relation to this interview?

A. Not really, there's not much more information I can really give in relation to it.

Q.115 Okay, that's fine. Thank you very much. Do you wish to make a handwritten statement about the things we've been talking about today?

A. Not really, no.

Q.116 Have the answers that you've given as recorded in this interview been made of your own free will?

A. Yes they have.

Q.117 Has any threat, promise or inducement been held out to you to give the answers that have been recorded in this interview?

A. No.

Q.118 I'm going to suspend this interview very shortly whilst I find an officer who's not connected with our investigation to speak to you in relation to this interview. The purpose of that officer is just to ensure that we've conducted this interview fairly. Do you understand that?

A. Yes I do.

Q.119 Do you agree that the time according to the interview machine is 15:29 just about to become 15:30 or 3.30. The time according to my watch is about 4.36.

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A. Yes they are.

(Interview suspended)
(Interview recommenced)

Sergeant, this is Joel Hilton. Joel, this is Sergeant downstairs just going to speak to you for a minute. (Kitching and Forsyth leave room).

Q.120 Joel, my name is Sergeant (..ind..). I'm just going to ask you a few questions. Alright?

A. Okay.

Q.121 Okay, the time is now 4.50pm on the 1st of the 1st '98. Have you made this recorded interview of your own free will?

A. Yes I have.

Q.122 Has any threat, promise or inducement been held out to you to give the answers recorded in this interview?

A. No.

Q.123 Have you any complaints to make about the manner in which you were interviewed here today?

A. No.

Q.124 Okay, I have nothing further to ask. I'll return you to the charge of the detectives. Do you understand that?

A. Yes.

(Sergeant leaves room. Kitching and Forsyth return to room.)

(KITCHING) This interview is now terminated.

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