

## New South Wales Police

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**STATEMENT** In the matter of:  
Inquest touching on the death  
of - ROSE

**Place:** Maroubra  
Police Station  
**Date :** 20 August 1998

**Name:** Kerralyn Patricia Waites  
**Address:** Maroubra  
**Occupation:** Constable of Police

**Tel. No.:** [REDACTED]

**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 anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
2. I am 24 years of age.
3. About 11.00am on Monday the 22nd of December, 1997, in company with Constable MCCAULEY, I attended Unit [REDACTED] Addison Street Kensington in relation to a concern for a males welfare.
4. Upon arrival I spoke with Senior Constable SIMS who informed me that he had spoken with the deceaseds' family who had stated to him that the deceased, David ROSE, had been sick since Tuesday the previous week with the flu. The deceaseds' mother had stated that she had last spoken to the deceased at 10.00am on Saturday the 20th of December, 1997. She had attempted to phone since Saturday the 21st, however the phone tone sounded as though it was off the hook. She stated that she was concerned for her sons welfare as this was out of character.
5. Senior Constable SIMS indicated to me a corner unit on the third floor (top floor) and stated that this was the deceaseds unit. This unit was on the south western corner of the block, and

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the units balcony door was open. A window to the west of the balcony was open. I was informed that this was unit number nine.

6. A short time later, Constables ABRAHAMS and GARGAN arrived and I spoke with them.

7. At 11.10am Senior Constables THOMPSON and SLADDEN from Police Rescue Squad arrived, and Senior Constable SIMS spoke with them. As a result an extension ladder was placed against the southern wall to the open window. Senior Constable THOMPSON climbed the ladder, through to the kitchen area. A short time later he said, "Could I have some General Duties guy's up here?" Constables MCCAULEY, ABRAHAMS, GARGAN and myself went upstairs.

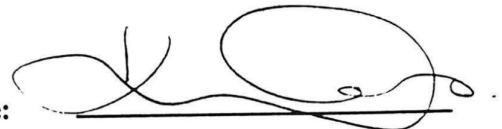
8. Upon reaching the door to unit 9, I saw a yellow "post-it-note" sticker, stuck on the door just above the lock which read, "Please ring me the minute you get home. URGENT. Mum."  
I also saw that sitting between the wooden door and the screen security door, a plastic bag. I opened the security door, which was unlocked, and picked up the bag. Inside it, I saw a small christmas wrapped package the size of a compact disc. I then replaced the bag on the floor.

9. There was a short delay in Senior Constable THOMPSON opening the front wooden door.  
He said, "Hang on a second, the doors deadlocked and I cant find the keys."  
A short time later, Senior Constable THOMPSON opened the door and I entered the unit.

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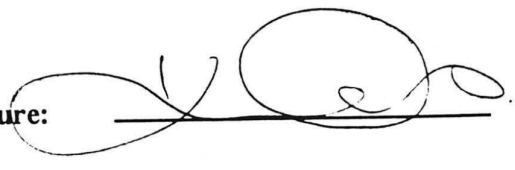
10. As I looked up the hallway immediately in front of the front door facing south, I could see that the unit was in a dishevelled state. On the carpet in the hallway I saw a number of silver coloured bangles scattered about. Near to those, I also saw a prosthetic breast insert and a photo frame turned upside down.

11. At the end of the hallway, there was a loungeroom to the left. I saw there was a television set turned upside down on the floor and an ironing board with a pink shirt still on it was knocked over up against some furniture near an inside wall.

12. I then turned to the right, which was the kitchen and saw a person I know to be the deceased David ROSE, aged 41 years old. I would describe the deceased as male, caucasian appearance, 35-40 old, balding at the front with shoulder length dark wavy hair at the back, medium build, 170cm - 175cm tall, wearing an orange skirt, white t-shirt and bare feet. The deceased had red coloured manicured nails, and what appeared to be dark coloured mascara or black bruises above both eyes.

13. On the upper right hand side cheek, there was a small 2cm long laceration, with dark coloured bruising to the left eye that appeared consistent with having been punched. The left side of his face also appeared bruised, this side being lower it appeared consistent with blood having settled on the left side of the deceased.

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14. I saw the deceased was lying on his back with his head towards a kitchen table which was up against the open window through with Senior Constable THOMPSON had climbed through. His legs were facing north. His arms were spread outwards to either side of him. A kitchen chair was fallen over near his head. Between his open knees there was an unopened tin of "No Frills" brand plums. This tin had one side dented in.

15. Dried blood appeared to be around his nose and face with some maggots around his nose and mouth. A number of blood spots were on his white t-shirt. On his left arm there were four plastic coloured bangles. On his right arm were eight silver coloured metal bangles. In the kitchen there was a plate that was broken into pieces and spread across the floor.

16. Senior Constable SIMS then attended the unit and I left the unit and returned to other duties.

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