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**STATEMENT in the matter of:**  
Murder of David Samuel ROSE

**Place:** Eastern Beaches  
Police Station  
**Date :** 23 July 1998

**Name:** Christopher William Goddard  
**Address:** Eastern Beaches Detectives  
**Occupation:** Detective Senior 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 30 years of age.

3. About 12:30pm on Monday 22 December, 1997, with Detective Sergeant MATTHES I went to the premises number [REDACTED] Addison Street, Kensington. There I spoke with Senior Constable PINCHAM and Constable SIMS. They told us that there was a deceased male in unit number [REDACTED] and that the male was dressed in women's clothing.

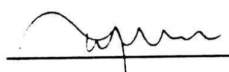
4. I went with MATTHES to unit number [REDACTED] Addison Street and entered the unit. As I entered the unit I saw a telephone answering machine on the floor in the hallway and I saw a television set and ironing board lying on the floor of the lounge room. I also saw a number of ladies wrist bangles lying on the floor. I then spoke with Senior Constable VAN LLEUWEN of the Crime Scene Unit.

5. I walked through the lounge room and into the dining room where I saw the deceased lying on the dining room floor. The deceased was lying with his head at the window and feet towards

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the kitchen. I saw that the deceased was wearing a white coloured T-shirt and orange coloured short skirt. The T-shirt had blood spays on the front of it.

6. The deceased had blood on his face and what appeared to be bruises on his face. I also saw a metal can of Plums standing between the deceased legs. I saw a smashed dinner plate on the kitchen floor and a telephone sitting on the kitchen counter with the handset off of the hook and hanging down to the floor.

7. I left the unit to allow Crime Scene to continue with an examination of the scene. I went outside the unit and organised for a canvass to be conducted of the area. I spoke with Dr LAWRENCE, the Government Medical Officer about the deceased. I basically outlined the circumstances of the deceased.

8. A short time later with Detective Sergeant MATTHES I spoke with Mr Ian ROSE, the brother of the deceased. I also spoke with the deceased parents. We informed them of the circumstances of the death and asked for personal information regarding the deceased.

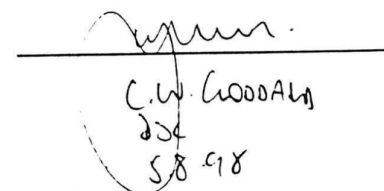
9. I spoke with Inspector GIORDANO and IRVIN and outlined the circumstances of the deceased. I conducted a search of the outside of the unit block including the rear garages and shed and council garbage bins that were also located at the rear of the premises.

10. A short time later with Constable KITCHING, I spoke with Ian ROSE. About 2:40pm Mr ROSE was escorted to [REDACTED] and we entered the premises. There Mr ROSE looked at the deceased and identified the deceased to myself and Constable KITCHING as that of David

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Samuel ROSE, born 26 April, 1956. Mr ROSE was taken from the unit and seated outside. An identification statement was completed in relation to the identification.

11. About 2:45pm the government contractors attended the address of [REDACTED] Addison Street, Kensington and conveyed the deceased to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital where a life pronounced extinct certificate was issued by Dr ROYLE. About 3pm that day with Constable KITCHING I went to the Glebe Morgue. There I attended to paperwork and the completion of relevant documentation. The deceased was entered as reference number 97/6054. I spoke with Dr LAWRENCE regarding the post mortem. The post mortem commenced about 4:30pm with Senior Constable NICOL of the Crime Scene Unit present.

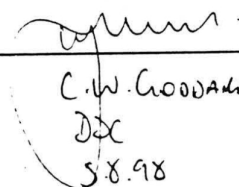
12. The post mortem was conducted by Dr LAWRENCE and photographed by NICOL. During the course of the post mortem, Dr LAWRENCE indicated fractures to the rear of the skull, left temple area, severe bruising to the rear of the head and skull, bruising and small abrasion on the right temple, bruise located on outside or right upper arm and smaller bruise on inner right arm. There was no evidence of sexual trauma. Dr LAWRENCE informed me that he was of the opinion that the matter should be treated as an assault.

13. I took possession of a number of items belonging to the deceased. I conveyed these items to Maroubra Police Station where I handed them to Plain Clothes Senior Constable SHOOBRIDGE about 7pm. I attended a briefing in relation to the matter and organised a canvass of the area to be conducted. About 8pm that evening I went with Detectives DONOHUE and HEWENS to Addison Street where I conducted a canvass of Addison Street, Grosvenor Street and Villiers Street. I returned to the office and attended

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to running sheets and inquiries regarding the matter.

14. About 5pm on 23 December, 1997, I received a phone call from a person giving his name as Mark ROBINSON, who stated he was an associate of the deceased from radio station 2SER. He stated he did not know the deceased very well and that the deceased had a friend he spoke about frequently, that being Marcia VAGG.

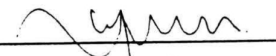
15. On Tuesday 23 December, 1997, I organised and completed the canvass of Addison Street and vicinity. I also completed a number of running sheets regarding the matter. About 6pm on Tuesday 23 December, 1997, I received a phone call from Petra FOSTER. FOSTER stated she had been spoken to by Police during the canvass on 22 December, 1997, but could now recall that she heard loud music playing in the general area of the deceased's unit. She also stated that about 11pm on Saturday 20 December, 1997, she heard a male voice say "The fireworks are starting now, let's get up."

16. About 9am on Wednesday 24 December, 1997, I went to Newtown Police Station where I spoke with Megan BROWNLOW. I obtained a statement from her in relation to the matter. On 26 December, 1997, I conducted a number of computer inquiries regarding motor vehicles that were located in the vicinity of Addison Street, Kensington, on the 22 December, 1997.

  
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