

RECORD OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN DETECTIVE SENIOR CONSTABLE'S DI  
FRANCESCO, QUINN AND [REDACTED] NP178 AT THE GOSFORD POLICE  
STATION ON 10 JANUARY, 1991.

Di Francesco As I have already told you, my name is Detective Di Francesco and this is Detective Quinn. We are from the Homicide Squad in Sydney and we are making inquiries into the murder of a transvestite named Wendy Wayne, also known as Wayne Brennan, which occurred on 29th April 1985 in Kings Cross. I intend asking you a number of questions about this matter but I want you to understand that you are not obliged to answer unless you wish to do so as whatever you say may later be given in evidence. Do you understand that?

[REDACTED] NP178

Yes.

Di Francesco

Would you please tell me your full name?

[REDACTED] NP178

[REDACTED] NP178

Di Francesco

Who else lives with you in the [REDACTED] address?

[REDACTED] NP178

My father and my brother. I moved home about eighteen months ago, since my father was diagnosed as having a brain tumour.

Di Francesco

Do you know a person named Wendy Wayne or Wayne Brennan?

[REDACTED] NP178

No. I don't think so.

Di Francesco

The person I mentioned, was a transsexual who worked as a prostitute in the Kings Cross area up until the time of her death in April 1985. Were you acquainted with such a person during this time?

[REDACTED] NP178

No, I don't think so. I did know a person named Wendy though.

Di Francesco

Would you care to tell me how you knew this person?

[REDACTED] NP178

As a prostitute.

Di Francesco

I show you two photographs.

SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS

Is that the person you mentioned?

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NP178

Yes, that could be her.

Di Francesco

Would you care to tell me how you came to meet this person?

NP178

I met her through a Kiwi girl, who lived in a flat in Liverpool Street between Darlington Road and Victoria Street.

Di Francesco

What was this persons name?

NP178

I don't know her name. I was at her place once when Wendy knocked on the door. She introduced Wendy as a friend of hers and I noticed her around after that.

Di Francesco

Would you care to tell me about this kiwi girl and your relationship with her?

NP178

She was a prostitute.

Di Francesco

You said previously that you knew Wendy as a prostitute. Do I take it from that you used her services as a prostitute?

NP178

Yes.

Di Francesco

Are you in a position to say where those acts took place?

NP178

There was only the three occasions I think. Two were in my car in the Darlington area and on one occasion I took Wendy back to my flat in Lane Cove.

Di Francesco

Are you able to say when those acts took place?

NP178

1984 I think.

Di Francesco

Are you able to tell me your address in April 1985.

NP178

Let me think, I moved home in about April 1989. Prior to that I was living at flat [REDACTED] Darlington and I lived there for three years. Prior to that I lived in Lane Cove. So I would have been living at the Lane Cove address around that time.

Di Francesco

Did you ever go with Wendy Wayne to her home for any purpose - That is at Flat [REDACTED] Darlington Road, Kings Cross?



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**NP178**

No.

Di Francesco

Are you sure of that fact. Could you have possible gone with Wendy to her address for the purposes of prostitution?

**NP178**

No, like I said, I was only with her three times, once at Lane Cove and twice in the car.

Di Francesco

I understand that you were employed as a taxi driver in the city area for some time is that correct?

**NP178**

Yes. I drove taxis until July 1990. Since that time I have been looking after my father. When I first went to Sydney I worked as a courier driver. I was either a courier or a taxi driver while I live in Sydney.

Di Francesco

Are you familiar with premises situated at Flat [REDACTED] Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst, on the corner of Tewkesbury Ave?

**NP178**

No.

Di Francesco

I have been informed that your fingerprint was found at the scene of the murder, that being at [REDACTED] Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst on or about the 29 of May 1985. Are you able to explain to me how that got there if you say that you hadn't been at those premises?

**NP178**

I honestly can't.

Di Francesco

Are you sure that you never accompanied Wendy Wayne to those premises, or ever visited her at those premises?

**NP178**

I'm sure.

Di Francesco

Can you offer an explanation as to how your fingerprint was found at the murder scene?

**NP178**

No.

Di Francesco

Are you able to say whether you recall you ever had call to visit those premises?

**NP178**

Yes, I had a friend who lived there before Wendy moved in there.

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Di Francesco

Can you tell me that persons name?

NP178

I don't know her name. You probably know her, she is well known. She is a Mori lady, about fifty years old now. I think her first name is Carmen.

Di Francesco

Would you care to tell me what your relationship with this person was?

NP178

She is a prostitute.

Di Francesco

How long have you know her?

NP178

Since I was eighteen.

Di Francesco

Would Carmen's full name be Carmen Rupe?

NP178

Yes, that sounds like it.

Di Francesco

Would it be correct to say that Carmen is also a transsexual?

NP178

Yes, that is right.

Di Francesco

Would it be fair to say that you were or are in the habit of associating with prostitutes?

NP178

Yes.

Di Francesco

Did you have a particular prostitute you preferred to use?

NP178

No.

Di Francesco

All the prostitutes mentioned so far have been transsexuals. Was that always the case?

NP178

No, sometimes I would use female prostitutes.

Di Francesco

Was there any particular criteria for using transsexual prostitutes as against female prostitutes, or was it a case of random selection?

NP178

It depended on what I wanted.

Di Francesco

Would it be fair to say that you selected transsexuals when desired oral sex and female prostitutes when you required intercourse?



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**NP178**

Yes, that is right.

Di Francesco

Referring you back to the address at flat [REDACTED] Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst, are you able to say when you were last at those premises?

**NP178**

It would have been in 1984. I was still in Lane Cove.

Di Francesco

Is there anything further to your relationship with Wendy Wayne than that which you have already told me?

**NP178**

No. I saw her around occasionally but I was only with her the three times that I told you about.

Di Francesco

How did you met her again.

**NP178**

I met her through a Kiwi girl I knew. I don't know her name.

Di Francesco

Is there anything further you can tell me about this person?

**NP178**

She was a white girl, she had blonde hair. She moved back to New Zealand in 1984 or 85. She would have been around 30 plus, maybe 33 or 35. I'm not sure. She was also a transsexual. That's all I can remember about her I'm sorry.

Di Francesco

Are you sure of the times in so far as living in Kings Cross and visiting the address mentioned with Carmen?

**NP178**

Yes.

Di Francesco

Can you tell me how you came to move from Lane Cove into [REDACTED]?

**NP178**

I was looking for some where to live as there had been a change of owners at the Lane Cove address. I had been living in a granny flat and the new owners wanted to use it themselves, and a friend of mine offered me temporary accommodation with her at the [REDACTED] address. It was a three room unit, and not long after I moved in, the person who lived downstairs moved out and I moved into his room.

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Di Francesco Can you tell me the name of the person who lived with at that address?

**NP178**

Her name was [REDACTED], but she has since moved to Italy to live.

Di Francesco Would you care to tell me about your relationship with this person?

**NP178**

She was just a friend of mine.

Di Francesco Was this person a transsexual or a prostitute?

**NP178**

No, she was just a friend of mine.

Di Francesco Are you able to recall the murder of Wendy Wayne?

**NP178**

Yes, I remember it was in the news about that time.

Di Francesco Are you in a position to say when and where you were when you first learnt of the death of Wendy Wayne?

**NP178**

I can remember that I was in the Lane Cove address, and I saw it on the television news. I think it was the Sunday night.

Di Francesco Did you report having known Wendy to the Police at that time?

**NP178**

No. I couldn't see how that could help.

Di Francesco Have you had a chance to think how your fingerprint was located at the murder scene?

**NP178**

No I can't. I don't think I had better say anymore until I speak to my solicitor.

Di Francesco That is your choice. Do you have a solicitor?

**NP178**

Yes I do.

PRODUCES BUSINESS CARD FORM WALLET. HANDS TO DI FRANCESCO

Di Francesco I see that this solicitor's address is in Campsie. Do you have a solicitor in the Gosford area?



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**NP178**

No. I used this solicitor before and I trust him.

Di Francesco

I will give you the opportunity of contacting your solicitor before speaking to you further?

**NP178**

Okay.

**NP178** TAKEN TO MAIN GOSFORD DETECTIVES OFFICE AND GIVEN ACCESS TO PHONE. HAS CONVERSATION AND THEN HANDS PHONE TO DI FRANCESCO. FRANCESCO HAS CONVERSATION AND HANDS PHONE BACK TO **NP178** **NP178** HAS FURTHER CONVERSATION AND THEN HANGS UP.

**NP178**

He says that I am to walk out.

Di Francesco

I have spoken you solicitor and he will organise for you to be interviewed at a later date, and for him to be present. I will escort you out of the building.

**NP178** ESCORTED TO LIFT AND TO FOYER OF GOSFORD POLICE STATION AND ALLOWED TO LEAVE.