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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: The Rocks Police Station

Death of Scott MILLER

Date: 14 March, 1997

Name: STRAUBE, John Mitchell

Tel No.:

Address:

Occupation: Security Officer

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 43.
- 3. My date of birth is the 6th April, 1953. I am employed as a security officer at Patrick The Australian Stevedore, Hickson Road, Darling Harbour. I have worked at Patricks at Darling Harbour for about 13 years.
- 4. About 9.30pm on Saturday 1st of March, 1997 I started work at gate number 5 Darling Harbour, Hickson Road with Lance NEILSON. We relieved the twilight shift but I can't remember who that was. The night was quiet and nothing happened. There was one ship berthed at the number 4 wharf and there was work going on around it unloading containers and timber until about 3.00am on Sunday the 2 March, 1997. Whilst there was work going on around the ship all the lights were on in the Wharf 4 area.
- 5. Adjacent to wharf 4 and next to gate number 4 is an area which is called "the grave yard". The grave yard is an area used to store old machinery and spare parts. The area is fenced of on the eastern, western and southern sides with a chainlink

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fence and closed of at the northern end by a cliff which goes up to Munn Reserve. The gate to the graveyard is at the southern end near gate 4 and is always left open. Gate 5, where I was working is about 100 metres away from wharf 4 and the graveyard area. At night and with all the lights on at Wharf 4 the area around the grave yard is quiet dark and hard to see into.

During the night I was on the gate so I did not go out at all. Lance went out about 6 to 8 times to do a routine patrol but did not report anything unusual to me. During the course of the shift I did not notice anything unusual going on around any area of the wharves. The weather during the night was normal and it did not rain. We finished work at about 5.30am 2nd March, 1997 and I then had a week off and returned to work on the 10 March, 1997.

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