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STATEMENT in the matter of:

Death of Scott MILLER

Place: The Rocks

Police Station

Date : 28 October 1997**Name:** Lance NEILSON**Address:** [REDACTED]**Tel. No.:** [REDACTED]**Occupation:** Security Officer**STATES:-**

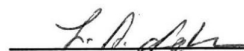
1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. I am 57 years of age.

3. I am employed as a security officer at Patrick The Australian Stevedore, Hickson Rd Darling Harbour. I have worked at Patricks for 18 years.

4. About 9.30pm on Saturday 1st march, 1997 I started work at gate 5 Darling Harbour in Hickson Road with John STRAUBE. We relieved the twilight shift but I can't remember who it was. There was a ship working at number 4 north dock and I think it was one of the 'Rangies' which is a New Zealand ship. The ship was unloading containers and timber until about 3am on Sunday morning.

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5. During the shift I made mobile patrols of the dock area. The area is too large and I used my own vehicle to get around. While one of us is making a patrol the other one stays at the gate. There is always someone on the gate at all times. It would be very difficult for someone to come past the gate without us knowing. Whilst I was making my patrols I didn't see anything suspicious or see any person acting suspicious in the dock area.

6. About 4am on Sunday 2nd March, 1997 I turned off the flood lights to number 4 wharf area where the 'Rangi' ship was docked as the ship had finished unloading. The area where the flood lights are is near an area that we commonly refer to as the 'graveyard'. The graveyard is used for storing old machinery and is not used very often. We usually don't patrol that area I did not go into the area that night. After switching off the flood lights the pilots lights remain on until about 7am. The area is still quite light with the pilot lights on.

7. After about 3am that morning I didn't see anyone around the dock area as the ship had finished unloading and everyone had left. During the night I made about 6 to 8 patrols where I go out for about 15 minutes every hour or so while John remained at the gate house. During the course of the shift I did not see anything suspicious at all. The weather that night was normal but cold due to the winter conditions. We finished our shift about 5.30am.

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