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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Police -vPlace: Surry Hills Police Date: 27 March, 1995

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Name: BEVERIDGE, Alexander Address: Grosvenor St, Woollahra Occupation: Medical Practitioner 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 32 years.

3. I am currently employed as a Medical Practitioner at Grosvenor Clinic, Woollahra. I have been working here for the past 3.5 years. Since I have been working at the clinic I had been treating a patient I know as James MEEK, whom I first attended on the 9 January, 1992.

4. My qualification are M.B., B.S. which I obtained from the University of NSW in 1986. I work as a General Practitioner.

5. Since I first attended to Mr MEEK in January, 1992 I saw him on regularly on a monthly basis. Mr MEEK was diagnosed with HIV infection in 1986 and had been stable since this time. He had been reviewed regularly because he volunteered to participate in a number of drug trails for HIV and he was reliable in his visits for these tests. Mr MEEK had been on multiple medications for HIV but had no current medical problems from either HIV or his medications. Mr MEEK had a background history of Asthma and Chronic obstructive airways disease,

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> secondary to smoking. He had recently had surgery for Umbilical hernia on the 3rd November 1994 performed by Doctor Maxwell COLEMAN at St Vincents hospital. Mr MEEK was also suffering from Anxiety disorder and panic attacks as a result of Psychological trauma from a armed hold-up in January, 1990. In relation to his HIV infection there were often minor symptoms or abnormalities which he attended for mainly requiring reassurance, however generally his condition was stable.

On the 8 July, 1993 Mr MEEK attended the clinic and I 6. treated him in relation to a assault. Mr MEEK had been kicked in the chest and hit about the head and face. He had reported the matter to Police. He had some minor bruising to the head and Trauma to his left ear drum and bruising to his chest. I think that Mr MEEK may have contacted me, by phone, some days prior to coming into the clinic and told me that it was someone he knew who had committed the assault. I cannot exactly recall the conversation and I believe that he may have attended St Vincents Hospital at the time of the incident. On the 2 June, 1994 I saw Mr MEEK in relation to some distress about memory loss which he was worried about in relation to the assault. There was no evidence of memory disturbance. I am unclear whether this was related to a recent or previous assault from 1993.

7. On a personal basis I did not know much about Mr MEEK. I knew he was sexually active, but he did not talk about his relationships. When he attended the clinic he would speak about medical matters and some small talk about his personal life, but nothing more than that. I knew him to be quite honest and the only person who I know was a close friend of Mr MEEKS was a Mr Ron LLOYD of Tusculum St, Potts Point. I know that Mr MEEK lived with Mr LLOYD at this address, however they had a falling out and Mr MEEK left the premises some two years ago. I cannot

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tell you anymore about Mr MEEK.

8. I last saw Mr MEEK on the 2 March, 1995 in relation to giving results to recent blood tests and information on upcoming drug trials. At this time his health was stable and there were no new issues. On this occasion there was no indication that Mr MEEK had been assaulted recently. I believe that Mr MEEK would have informed me of any incidents of this type including any stresses or fears he had relating to assaults. Mr MEEK did not speak to me on this visit about his plans to attend the Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.

9. Around the 9 March, 1995 I was informed that Mr MEEK was found dead in his apartment. I was asked to give a medical certificate in relation to his death but declined as there was no medical reason that he should have died to my knowledge. I later made this statement to Police.

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