

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
MEEK

Place: Surry Hills Police Station
Date: 14 March, 1995

Name: BUBIS, Artur

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: [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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. My age is 22.

3. I was born in the Ukraine in the USSR, and came to Australia with my family on 15 August, 1989. I live at the above address with my father, Gennady BUBIS, my mother Claudia BUBIS, and my brother Russell BUBIS. We moved in approximately four years ago. I knew a man named Jim who lived on the same level as me at the housing commission flats but the last flat east of our flat. I don't know the number of his flat. I have known him from the first time he moved in, about 2 years ago. I spoke to him. He liked to speak to people and seemed to know everyone and know about everyone.

4. I saw Jim on Sunday the 5th of March, the next day after the Mardi Gras, about 6 pm in the evening. He told me that he came home from a party about 10 o'clock. He told me what good fun they had at the party, that Boy George entertained them and that every one was getting crazy and that everyone was rooting. He didn't tell me if he was rooting. I asked him how he got there and he told me that he was a volunteer collecting money

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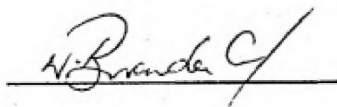
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from the spectators. He told me he got free admission to the party because he was taking part in the Mardi Gras. Some time ago he also told me that he was once a Security Guard and that he was shot and was getting some compensation money. He had also told me before that when he got the money he was going to buy a new car, buy a grave for himself and give the rest to his daughter. He told me that he was HIV. I noticed that he had a new car a couple of months ago. It is a Daiwoo. He told me he bought it on Parramatta Road, at a place specialising in Korean cars. He usually parked it in front of the building in a disabled parking spot. I saw his car there last Sunday when I spoke to him. It is a dark red car.

5. A couple of weeks beforehand I loaned him a video. It was called something like " Private Collections ". It was a normal heterosexual video rated XXX. I got this video from an Adult shop on Pitt Street, near the corner of Goulburn Street, about a month ago. I asked for the video back on Sunday and he said that he wanted to keep it for another day and that he would give me another one. He didn't do this. When I spoke to him he was wearing thongs, navy coloured shorts which were faded and a blue navy jacket, similar to what bus drivers wear. It was an old jacket. He was alone when I spoke to him. That was the last time that I saw him.

6. The next day, on Monday I went to his unit at 4:30 pm to pick up my movie. I knocked on the door and no-one answered. He had dogs but they did not bark. He had 2 small dogs, one was a white one and one was a six months old black dog. I saw a blue coloured piece of paper stuck on the door, not on the security door. I tried the security door and it was open. I can only remember the words " Jim please ... " on the paper. I didn't look to see if his car was there on that day.

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7. The next day, on Tuesday I went to his place as well about 4:30 pm. The note was not there. I knocked and nobody was there. I heard the dogs inside. I looked downstairs and saw that his car was not in its usual place. That is the last time I went there. Last Wednesday I came home late and on Thursday morning my mother told me that he was dead.

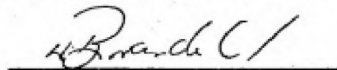
8. When I was first spoken to last night by Police I thought that I saw him last Tuesday and Wednesday, but after thinking about it it was actually last Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday I went to the movies at Hoyts in the City with a friend of mine, Greg IVANISKIY at 4 o'clock. We saw a movie about a guy in prison.

9. I never noticed if Jim had any rings. I think he wore a watch. I can't describe it at the moment.

10. I knew he was gay. He didn't hide this. I knew that he was HIV positive. He told me that he was taking all this medication. I saw him with a big guy sometimes. Jim told me a couple of times that he came from the West. He told me that he was driving from there. This big guy was Australian looking, from 183 to 187 centimetres and fat, over 100 kg easily. He had a goatie beard. He had brown hair. He didn't have much hair. I think he may have been balding at the top. I don't remember his name. I never saw his car but Jim told me once that he had a van. I would recognize him if I saw him again. The last time that I saw him was a couple of months ago.

11. I saw Jim twice with a young guy some months ago. The young guy was skinny, looked gay, he was wearing tight jeans, ugly face. He was about 176, 178 centimetres. He had brown curly hair. He was Australian looking. I saw this young guy the first time on our floor and another time downstairs at the

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12. Jim liked to talk about sex, and a couple of times he offered me a massage, but he never really tried to talk me into having sex with him. He liked to talk to young people in the park. He walked his dogs regularly in the park next to Northcotte flats near Belvoir and Devonshire Street and would talk to everyone. I reckon that he walked his dogs about 3 or more times a day. Most of the time when I was walking my dog I met him in the park. He would often borrow money from me, but he would always pay back on pension day on Thursdays.

13. The last time that I saw him he seemed to be in good health. I did not see any injuries on him.

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