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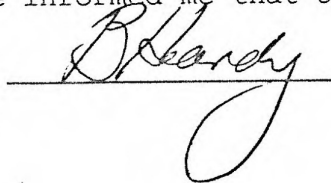
time. I don't remember what his name was, I think maybe Steve and I didn't know what their relationship was but I did wonder. Jim told me that this guy made him some clothing for the Gay Mardi Gras and was charging him a reasonable price.

5. The last time I spoke to Jim was over the phone on either on Friday the 3rd or Saturday the 4th March, 1995. I rang Jim and I wanted to wish him a happy Mardi Gras and he sounded in good spirits and he sounded disappointed because he had organised an outfit to wear but he didn't lose his pot belly. We talked for about ten to fifteen minutes and it was mainly about the Mardi Gras and the fact that he was going to be working as a volunteer.

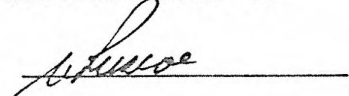
6. On Wednesday 8th March, 1995, about 10 o'clock that morning I received a contact from Ankali saying that neighbours were worried about Jim because the dogs were in the unit barking and there was no answer at the door and his car was still in the carpark. I was asked if I had any knowledge of his movements. I immediately started ringing Jim's home phone number and it kept ringing out. I kept ringing throughout the day and it rang out. Jim would always tell me that if he didn't answer the phone he would be walking the dogs and that doesn't take long. As the day wore on I became more and more worried because he would never have left the dogs in the house alone for such a long period.

7. About quarter past four that afternoon I rang Jim's place again and it was answered by someone who was waiting for Jim and I assume now that it was the police. I then went to Jim's place at unit [REDACTED] Northcott Belvoir Street, Surry Hills and I arrived about 4.30pm that day and I spoke to a police woman who was out the front door of Jim's place. I told her who I was and she informed me that Jim had died. I then left and went to

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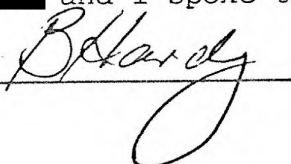
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together but Jim pointed out the guy as Australian, early twenties, black straight short hair, about 5'10 to 5'11 tall, not slight but not fat but average for his height, fair skin but not pale and I can't remember what he was wearing because I didn't take a hell of a lot of notice. I spoke to Jim a couple of days later and I asked him how he went with this guy and Jim said Ok and that was it.

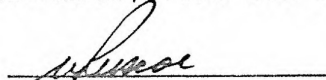
10. I met another fellow once at Jim's place and he was there when I arrived. This was about October or November last year. I was introduced but I can't remember his name, I remember the name Michael but I don't know if I'm getting this name confused with Michael LAWRENCE who is a neighbour of Jim's. This fellow was from out west near Parramatta and I would describe him as Australian with middle eastern background, 5'10 to 5'11 tall, stocky build, nuggetty build like a footballer's build, light olive complexion, black straight short hair, dark eyes, clean shaven and he was wearing a check shirt, tight blue jeans and brown ankle boots like horse riding boots. One of the things this guy talked about was that he had a girlfriend and whom he enjoyed sexual relations. I had a strong feeling that when I walked in I had interrupted them because they were both sitting on the couch. When I knocked on the door, the screen door was shut and the inside door was open and I remember Jim standing up in front of this guy and it looked like he was adjusting his clothing. I remember thinking I had interrupted them.

11. He did talk about other regulars that he had sexual relations with and they would always go to his unit. He told me some were married men but he didn't name them to me. There was another young guy called Jamie that Jim asked me to keep an eye on. He asked me because he lived at Rose Bay and because I lived in that area I gave him a call. Jamie's phone number is [REDACTED] and I spoke to Jamie last night 13th March, 1995 and I

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for and Jim would turn it off. I remember Jim telling the tape was called Rogues. When I was at Jim's place his security door was closed but unlocked and the inside door was open because I remember when we went for a walk he would lock that security door but not the inside one. He was very security conscious.

15. Jim was involved with the Luncheon club and I don't know much about it except its for people with HIV and it was open virtually every day. I don't know how many times he went there but he was a regular so he could meet people and I think thats where he met Jamie. He was a member of the Residents Committee at Northcott. I can't think of what else he was involved in but he used to do his shopping at the Surry Hills Shopping which used to be Redfern Mall in Cleveland Street, Surry Hills.

16. If Jim had been assaulted away from his unit he wouldn't have come home and not told anyone, he would have rung me or told someone else. He wouldn't keep it to himself and even if he had been assaulted at his unit he would have told someone or rung someone. If Jim went anywhere he would always take his car. Jim wasn't a drinker because when we went to parties he would only have one or two cans of V.B beer.

17. Jim always wore a silver watch but I can't describe the watch it was nothing flash. He also wore a gold chunky gold mens ring on his ring finger but I can't remember which hand. It was an unusual ring because it was either round or square with a semi precious stone. Jim also always wore his glasses because he couldn't see without them.

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