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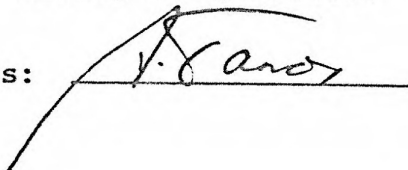
STATEMENT in matter of:
 Death of James William MEEK

Place: Surry Hills Police Station
 Date: 11th July, 1995

Name: KANE, Brian Patrick Tel No.: [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED] Level 12 Block [REDACTED], Belvoir Street, Surry Hills.
 Occupation: Pensioner
 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 46 years
3. On the 11th March, 1995 I made a statement to Police regarding the death of James MEEK. In that statement I omitted speaking about a young guy who I had seen with and at Jim's place on the Monday morning prior to his death. I did this mainly because when I was first interviewed by a female Police Officer on the 12th Level balcony she stated that, "This is no concern of the Police" or words to that effect. She omitted my mention of this person from her Police Constable's notebook which she had me sign.
4. Approximately a week after a notice was placed on the noticeboard of [REDACTED] Block which showed a likeness of the person I saw on the Monday before Jim's death I tried to contact Detective Sergeant TANOS and also any other Detective involved in the case. I only got as far as the phone person at the front desk of the Surry Hills Police Station. I left messages and they were only returned the day I was in St Vincent's Hospital having an operation.

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5. I can now say that on the Monday before Jim's death at approximately 10.30am, give or take a quarter of an hour, I heard the door knocker and I answered the front door where through the flyscreen door I saw a young man who said to me, "Do you have any Tally Ho papers? Can I have two? Jim told me to ask you." I said, "Yes. Wait here a minute, I will get them for you." I then went and got my cigarette papers, opened the flyscreen door and gave him two Tally Ho cigarette papers. This person then began walking along the balcony towards Jim's place which is less than 20 yards away. Whilst I was leaning out the door I looked towards Jim's flat and saw him leaning out his flyscreen door. Jim seemed to be waiting for this man to return to his place. We waived to each other and I shut my front door, returning to what I had been doing.

6. Between 1pm and 3pm that Monday I walked from my flat and saw Jim exiting his flat. Both of us with our dogs. We then decided to exercise together downstairs. As we walking along the balcony I said to Jim, "Where did you pick him up and is he any good?" Jim told me he found him at a beat in a town somewhere in the Blue Mountains. I am unable to recall the name of the town but if after I look at a map I may remember it. A beat is where lonely gay men go to meet other gay men. Gay being homosexual. Jim also said, "I picked him up on Saturday afternoon." I assumed he meant the Saturday immediately before this day. By this time we were down in the park and Jim continued talking about this guy and his abilities. He said, "He is a very succulent number." I understood this to mean that Jim had sucked this guy off and the guy had blown in Jim's mouth quite a few times since Saturday afternoon and that it had tasted nice to Jim. Jim did tell me that he sucked this guy off a number of times but I can't recall the actual words.

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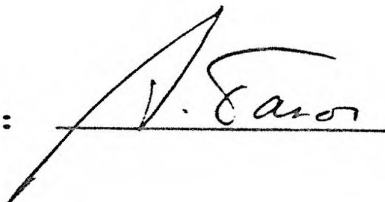
11. At time I saw this person he was wearing a khaki coloured jacket where the sleeves reach three quarters down the arm. He was also wearing khaki coloured pants which were three quarter length only and reached just below his knees by about an inch or two. He jacket was open or unbuttoned and he had a dark coloured singlet on underneath. He also wearing khaki coloured long socks and dark coloured sneekers, sought of like tennis shoes.

12. Today I have viewed a video cassette tape 'T.F. Fireweed' which was shown to me by Detective Sergeant TANOS and WALKER. That video showed the photographs of a number of young male persons. After looking at the video I am able to say that the person shown in photograph number 5 is very similar to the young person who came to my door on the Monday morning prior to Jim's death requesting Tally Ho papers. I can say that I am about ninety percent sure that photograph number 5 is the young person I saw on the Monday morning and discussed with Jim MEEK in the park on the Monday afternoon. I then initialled the spine of that video cassette tape and dated it the 11/7/95.

I IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER 5 AND THAT VIDEO CASSETTE TAPE MARKED 'T.F. FIREWEED'.

13. In paragraph 9 of my statement on the 11th March, 1995 I refer to a note I left on Jim's door between midday and 1.30pm on Tuesday 7th of March, 1995. Initially I stuck the note with sticky tape to Jim's main front door but during Tuesday afternoon and evening because of the wet weather, the sticky tape was not holding the note to the door, so I stuck it in his

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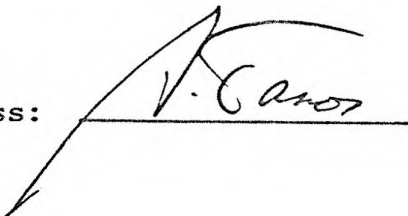
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flyscreen door between the mesh and the grille of the flyscreen door. The note was on blue coloured note paper. I took the note off the screen door on Wednesday afternoon whilst talking to Constable RICHMOND and offered it to her but she said they didn't require it. I took the note home and may still have it. On the note I wrote in the top right hand corner, '11am Tues, 7/3/95'. A little bit below and to the left of the page I wrote, Jim. The underneath that I wrote, 'Gail rang urgently needs to talk to you regarding EAB meeting today ring her on [REDACTED] I then wrote my name, 'Brian', under which I drew a line and put two full stops after it, which is my normal way of signing informally.

14. In paragraph 11 of my statement on the 11th March, 1995 I stated that I walked my dogs for 15 or 20 minutes in the park. I omitted to say that when I returned to the 12th level I went to Jim's door and banged again with no reply except barking from his dogs. There was no light inside Jim's flat. This would have been approximately 8pm or 8.15pm Tuesday night. The rolled up newspaper was still between Jim's flyscreen door and main door, propping the screen door open. It was getting wetter from the rain and was getting more compact, thereby not propping Jim's flyscreen so far open, as it had been earlier that day.

15. I have never seen Jim put rolled up newspapers against his door in the past. Jim was a very house proud person and would not leave a mess or rubbish like that just lying around. Also Jim would always lock the flyscreen and the main door whether he was home or not. Jim would always lock the flyscreen door with a key, even though you could lock it with a lever on the inside. But when locked with a key it required a key to unlock it.

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