

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:  
James William MEEK

Place: Merrylands Police Station  
Date: 11 July, 1995 (11/07/1995)

Name: GRIFFITHS, Roger

Tel No.:

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. I am 47 years old.

3. I have been living at [REDACTED] Crosslands Street, Merrylands since late 1989. I moved down from the north coast to get work about that time.

4. After Christmas 1993, my cousin Earl HEATLEY came up from Tasmania and stayed with me for a couple of months. I hadn't seen Earl for about twelve years. I didn't really have anything to do with that side of the family. It was while Earl was staying with me that I met Earl's brother's son, Michael HEATLEY. Earl brought Michael over to my house a couple of times when he (Earl) was staying with me.

5. In late 1994 Micheal's father Paul HEATLEY was shot during the course of a robbery at Hornsby. After that I felt sorry for Michael and on an off since then he came to visit me. He was working as an off sider or in a warehouse and he injured himself at work. That was in January 1995 and he was off on 'compo'. He had no money so I took him in and let him stay with me. He had received one 'compo' cheque and was waiting for another.

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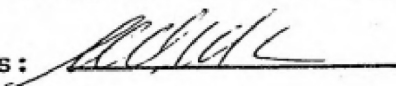
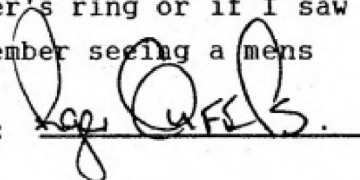
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6. He used to stay a couple of nights and then I assumed that he would stay with Paul's defacto Marie CLARK or one of his sisters Karen and Christine. Then he would show back up at my place and stay a few more nights. He would come over late at night or first thing in the morning when he knew he would find me at home.

7. In March, 1995 Micheal had been staying on and off with me for about two months. On Tuesday the 7 March, 1995 I walked up to Merrylands with Micheal. I'm not sure wheter he stayed with me the night before or not. I have the feeling that he came over to my place in the morning when I was getting ready to go to Merrylands. We walked to Merrylands together and on the way he mentioned that he was broke and desperate and he was going to sell his father's ring. He showed me a gold mens dress ring with an amber\brown coloured stone. He had it in a small green rectangular case with a bracelet that belonged to his father in it also.

8. I told him not to sell his father's ring and probably suggested that he pawn it for a small amount of cash so he could get it back. I went into the Billabong Hotel and Michael went off to see Ian KING from King's Loan Office. About ten minutes later Michael came into to pub and asked me if I could vouch for him at King's when he pawned the ring. I went back over to King's Loan Office with him and spoke to Ian KING. Michael pawned the ring, but in my name. Ian pawned the ring as a favour to me. Then I went back to the pub and Micheal went off on his own. Micheal didn't give me any of the money he recieved when he pawned the ring.

9. I also remember seeing another ring, I can't remember if Micheal had it the day he pawned his father's ring or if I saw it in the green jewellery case, but I remember seeing a mens

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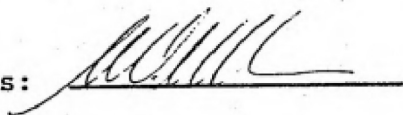
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dress ring with a square black stone in it and I think it was a silver colour.

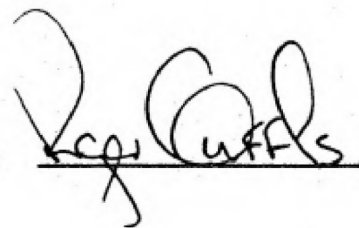
10. Micheal stayed with me until he got his second 'compo' cheque. I think that was about the time the 'Golden Slipper' was on at Rosehill racecourse, because Michael bought some new clothes to got to the races. I think either the next day, Sunday or the following Sunday I went to Granville railway station with him to catch a train to Central and then a bus to Melbourne to go back to Tasmania. He was booked on a bus leaving about 9.00pm that night. When he left he said he would see me next year. I haven't seen him since.

11. In the time Michael stayed with me he was fairly quiet. There were times when he couldn't sleep at night and he would turn up the volume on the tape recorder and I have to speak to him about it. Some days he would just sit around doodle and sketch things, but other than that he kept to himself.

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