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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
James William MEEK

Place: Ian King's Loan Office
Date: 2 August, 1995

Name: PUDDICOMBE, Ian Geoffrey

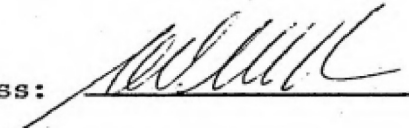

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

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. I am 41 years old.
3. In partnership with my wife, Sandra Anne PUDDICOMBE, I operate a business known as Ian King's Loan Office, situated at 142 Merrylands Road, Merrylands. The business is operated as licensed secondhand dealer and pawnbroker. My wife is the current holder of those licences. The business has been operating for approximately four years.
4. On Tuesday the 7 March, 1995 I was working at the loan office. I opened the shop about 9.00am. About 1.15pm that afternoon a young chap approached me, offering to sell a ring and showed me a gent's 9ct gold yellow stone ring. We negotiated a price for the ring of \$40-00. I then asked him for some identification and he said, " I don't have any. " I then said, " How old are you? " I don't recall how old he said he was, but it was under 16. I said, " We can buy the ring because you're under age and you have no identification. " Then he left the store.

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5. About 1.30pm that afternoon, the same young chap returned to the store with a gentleman I know from prior business dealings, Roger COCHRAN. Roger approached me and said, " The young fellow is my nephew and he wanted to sell his dead father's ring. Is it all right by you, I'll sell it on his behalf, using my identification. " I said, " That's okay. "

6. I then entered the description of the ring and Roger's detail in the purchase book, entry 5-136, dated the 7/3/95 and the time of 1.30pm. Roger then signed the entry and I completed the purchase by giving the \$40-00 to Roger and taking possession of the ring.

7. About 7.00pm on Thursday the 22 June, 1995, I spoke with Detectives WALKER and CALLANAN from Surry Hills Detectives in relation to the purchase of that ring and I then handed possession of the ring to Detective WALKER.

8. On Wednesday the 2 August, 1995 I again spoke with Detective WALKER and also Detective MORIGE in relation to the purchase of that ring. I then viewed a video tape containing 12 photographs of young males. After viewing that video I am able to say that the male depicted in photograph number 5, is the one most similar to the young fellow Roger COCHRAN said was his nephew and on whose behalf Roger sold the ring. I then signed and dated the spine of that video tape. I also made a statement in relation to the purchase of the ring and the viewing of the video tape.

9. I have not seen the young fellow since that day I purchased the ring, to the best of my knowledge.

Witness: _____

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