

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Kings Cross Detectives.

Kenneth BRENNAN.

Date: 15 June, 1995.

Name:

I301

Tel No.: H;

Address:

Potts Point.

Occupation: Unemployed.

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 41 years. [REDACTED]
3. I reside at the above premises on my own. I have owned these premises for the past nine and a half years. I have been unemployed since 28 April, 1995. Prior to that I was working as a customer service officer with Commonwealth Bank, Level 17 175 Pitt Street, Sydney.
4. I first spoke with Ken BRENNAN over the phone in the middle of 1993. At that time Ken was the editor of the country network magazine. I was a member of this network and I sent a letter in which I requested an item be placed in the magazine. Ken phoned me from Adelaide regarding this item. The country network is a social contact organisation for homosexual men and women. I joined this organisation in 1993. Within the organisation, names and addresses are published together with interests.

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5. This original contact was only by phone and only a short discussion. The next contact with Ken that I can recall was in early 1994 when he and NP215 moved to Sydney. Ken had obtained a job in Sydney at the open high school and Ken contacted me by phone to inform me of his change in address. At this time I had still not actually met Ken or NP215.

6. A couple of weeks after this conversation both Ken and NP215 came to my flat for an evening of monopoly. I believe that there was only the three of us at my place on this occasion. It was strictly for playing monopoly only and they both left together. This was the first time I had actually met either Ken or NP215. I did not see either Ken or NP215 again for about one year.

7. During April, 1995 I received a phone call at home from Ken BRENNAN. Ken stated that he wished to reinstate contact with myself. On this occasion I then invited both Ken and NP215 to my house for another monopoly evening. They both then came around about a week later for a game of monopoly.

8. About a week or two after that I went to Ken and NP215 house at Kens invitation. I played cards with Ken only as NP215 was at Kings Cross Police Station after being robbed of his wallet. At the time they were together at [REDACTED] in Onslow Avenue in Elizabeth Bay next to the Manhattan Hotel. I would have arrived at the flat about 6.30pm and stayed till about 10.30 to 11pm when I went home.

9. About 7pm on Friday the 26 May, 1995 both Ken and NP215 both came to my flat again for an evening of monopoly with myself and a friend of mine called I297. Both Ken and NP215 left together about 11pm.

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10. On Wednesday the 7 June, 1995 **NP189** attended my residence from Whitton near Griffith. **NP189** is also a country network member. I had received a phone call from **NP189** about 3 weeks prior to this and he had arranged to stay at my place. This was the first occasion I had actually met **NP189**. **NP189** arrived in the morning by himself and stayed with me for the day. **NP189** informed me that he had made arrangements to stay with Ken and **NP215** on the Wednesday evening.

11. About 7pm on Wednesday the 7 June, 1995 I walked with **NP189** to Ken and **NP215** place in Onslow Avenue. I went into the foyer with **NP189** and then when he entered the lift I went home. About 8.30am on Thursday the 8 June, 1995 **NP189** phoned me and asked if he could come to my place as Ken and **NP215** had gone to work. I said he could and **NP189** arrived about half an hour later.

12. We spent the morning just talking and about midday I took **NP189** to the bodyline sauna in Flinders Street, Darlinghurst. We stayed there for about an hour and a half. The body line is a homosexual meeting place for homosexual contact. I then showed **NP189** Oxford Street and we walked into the City area to the Post Office in Martin Place and then to the MLC Centre. During the time **NP189** stayed at my place we had several sexual contacts.

13. About 5pm on Thursday the 8 June, 1995 **NP189** and I returned by train to Kings Cross. As we came through the ticket barrier we met up with Ken and **NP215** who were also on their way home. The four of us chatted on the concourse outside the barrier for a few minutes, then Ken, **NP215** and **NP189** left together to go to their flat in Onslow Avenue. I returned to my flat alone. As far as I was aware **NP189** was returning to Ken and **NP215** place to pick up a few things he had left there and inform them he was going to stay with me. I then returned to my place.

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14. NP189 had informed me during the day that he was supposed to stay with Ken and NP215 for another one or two nights. He stated that he did not like staying with them as Ken was continually pestering him for sex. NP189 informed me that he did not want to have sex with Ken. NP189 also stated that he was going to inform Ken and NP215 that he had accepted an invitation to stay with me. I told NP189 that he could in fact stay with me.

15. About 6.30pm that evening Ken, NP215 and NP189 came to my flat. Ken and NP215 stated that they were just bringing NP189 around to my flat. Both Ken and NP215 stayed about ten minutes and then they left. At this time there was only myself and NP189 at my flat. As Ken was leaving he asked NP189 for the spare keys to the flat in Onslow Avenue and I saw NP189 hand Ken a set of keys. Both Ken and NP215 left and that was the last time I saw Ken.

16. NP189 stayed with me on the Thursday evening and on the Friday evening the 9 June, 1995 NP189 and I went to the Stronghold bar, Clock Hotel, Crown Street, Surry Hills. I came home alone about midnight. NP189 spent the Friday night with a male person he had met at the bar and he informed me the flat was near Phillip Street, Surry Hills.

17. NP189 returned to my flat about 11am on Saturday the 10 June, 1995 and stayed with me at my flat all afternoon. About 7.10pm that evening I left the flat to go to a dinner in Foveaux Street, Surry Hills. NP189 was going to stay in my flat and was going to be picked up by I282 and I283 and taken to a party at the Sydney Showground. NP189 then spent the weekend to my knowledge with I282 and I283 at their home in Petersham. NP189 returned to my flat about 6pm on Monday 12

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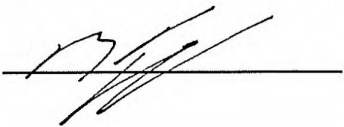
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18. I walked home from dinner about midnight on Saturday night. I awoke about 10am on Sunday the 11 June, 1995 and about 12.45pm I caught a taxi from Kings Cross cab rank in Darlinghurst Road to Circular Quay, from where I caught a ferry to Darling Street, Balmain and I spent the afternoon at a barbecue in the park near the ferry. The barbecue was put on by the Dolphin motor club. This is another gay club for meeting other homosexual men and arranging dinners. Some of the people I spoke with at the barbecue included Michael NEIL of Hazelbrook, Peter TOOGOOD of Balmain and Noosa Heads, and Lex WATSON of Balmain. I have the phone number of Peter TOOGOOD at home.

19. I remained at the barbecue until about 4.30pm that afternoon when I caught a ferry alone to the Quay, walked to Town Hall Station and caught the 4.59pm train to Lewisham. I then went to a friend called Malcolm FERGUSON who lives in [REDACTED] Lewisham. [REDACTED] Malcolm was not home so I returned to Lewisham Station and caught a train home to Kings Cross arriving about 6.15pm to 6.30pm. (Train departs Lewisham about 5.45pm) I then walked home where I stayed alone all Sunday evening.

20. I remained at home alone all Monday as well until 6.30pm when NP189 returned with 1282 and 1283. 1282 and 1283 dropped NP189 off and then they left. About 6.45pm on Monday the 12 June, 1995 I left my flat to go to my usual Monday night practice with the Clan McLEOD pipe band at the music shell in St Leonards Park, North Sydney. I returned about 10.30pm. I believe that NP189 only left the flat to buy something to eat at McDonalds. NP189 was in the flat alone when I returned. Shortly after that NP189 and I went to bed together where we remained until Tuesday morning.

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21. About 10.10am on Tuesday the 13 June, 1995 NP189 left my flat to catch a 10.20am train from Kings Cross to Miranda. I remained alone in the flat until about 10.50am when I282 arrived to tell me that Ken BRENNAN had been murdered. I282 told me he had just come from Kings Cross Detectives office.

22. I282 had informed me that morning that the formal identification of Ken was to take place that afternoon about 1pm at the morgue. About 12.40pm on Tuesday I caught a taxi from Kings Cross cab rank in Darlinghurst Road to the morgue to console NP215. At the morgue I was told the identification had been postponed until 3.30pm. I then went by bus, train and foot to the Scots College, Victoria Road, Bellevue Hill where I had an appointment with the school sergeant, Alistair SAUNDERS regarding some bag pipe tuition I will be giving at the college next week.

23. I left the college about 2.30pm and went by foot and two buses to the Glebe morgue where I arrived about 3.30pm. NP215 arrived in the company of Kings Cross detective and I282 and another man named NP214. NP215 made the formal identification and I282 and myself also viewed the body. Afterwards I consoled NP215 and about 4.15pm NP215, I282 and NP214 left with the Police and I went shopping. I have not seen NP215 since.

24. As far as I know NP189 spent the Tuesday night at Miranda with a friend of his from Whitton who I do not know and he has not returned to my flat since. He is due to return tomorrow, Friday the 16 June, 1995 about 3.30pm.

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25. I have never engaged in any form of sexual activity with either Ken or **NP215**. About two to three weeks ago I was at Kingsteam Sauna in Oxford Street, Darlinghurst where I saw Ken BRENNAN. Ken indicated to me that he wanted sexual contact with me. At the time we were both in the steam room and he placed his hand on my knee. This is a common indication that you wish to have sex with the other male. I did not say anything, I just picked up his hand and placed it back on his knee, patted it twice and then withdrew my hand. This is a common way to indicate that I was not interested.

26. Later that evening at the sauna Ken told me that both he and **NP215** had been to the sauna before and that they both had sex with men outside their relationship.

27. In between my visit to Ken and **NP215** flat and there last monopoly game at my place, **NP215** had told me over the phone that he was interested in another male. He told me the other male persons name was Rob. He had a long conversation about Rob but I cannot recall anything else about Rob.

  
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