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STATEMENT in the matter of: Attempt Murder of 1280

## Place: Surry Hills Police Station Date : 26 October 1995

1280 Name: Address: Occupation: Fashion consultant

> This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence 1. 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 anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

I am 34 years of age. 2.

At about 6.00pm on the evening of Thursday the 21 September 3. 1995, I went to the premises known as the Pleasure Chest adult entertainment centre located at 382a Pitt street Sydney. I entered the store and began to browse the book section on the first floor. I did not go up to the second floor. It was busy at the time there would have been about ten to fifteen males coming in and out of the store.

I would have remained in the store for about ten minutes. 4. As I was about to leave the store I noticed a man come down from the second level, I saw him quickly look around the store he then began to walk down the stairs to the Pitt street exit, I then began to walk down the front stairs of the store towards Pitt street at the same time.

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5. At the bottom of the stairs this man turned around and said to me "Hello ", I said "Hello ". I think I then asked him if it was upstairs busy. He did not reply. He said to me "Where was I going "I told him that I was going home, He said, "Where do you live ". I told him just up the road, He said "Do you live alone "I said, "Yes "I then said to him "Do you want to come back for a drink ". He said, "Okay I will follow you ".

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6. We then started to walk south along Pitt street, then left into Goulburn street, I started to ask him general questions. I said to him " Are you married " He said, " No I have a girlfriend " We had general conversation but I can not remember everything that was said, however I do remember that he told me that his girlfriend worked for the Department of Social security at Parramatta. This man spoke with a strong Irish accent, I recognised the accent because I lived in London for eight years, and I had an Irish boyfriend in London for one year.

7. I also remember that he told me that he was a carpenter. I also asked him what he liked doing. He did not reply, he told me to keep walking in front of him. He was always just a few feet behind me as we continued to walk to my place. I remember walking past the Australian Federal Police building in Goulburn street, crossing Wentworth Avenue and he then lit a cigarette.

8. When we arrived at the foyer to my unit, I open the foyer entrance and he followed me into the lift. I remember telling him that anyone who wanted to get into the building needed a security key. We went to level and we got out and I opened the front door to my unit. We both went in. I told him to take off his shoes. Which he did, he left them near the door. I can not remember what type of shoes they were.

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9. The time would have been about 7.30pm, I am not really sure. The next thing, I knew we were in my bedroom and he started to take his clothes off, I took off my clothes. We began to kiss or touch each other. About fifteen or twenty minutes later, he said " Tie me up it turns me on " I said " Are you sure " He said " Yeah Yeah ". I said

" I will tie you up gently ". I then began to tie his hands behind his back, I was using my belt, I tied him up very loosely.

10. He then said " Hit me " I then began to hit him lightly with the end of the belt, not the buckle end. I also started spanking his bottom with my hand. He said " More, harder, harder, it turns me on " so I continued for then next ten minutes.

11. All of a sudden he turned around and said to me " I want to tie you up " I said " No I do not like to be tied up, or do I like to be beaten " He did not say anything, he pushed me around, the next thing I knew he threw the contents of the poppers bottle , the amyl nitrate on my face I turned quickly and the liquid came into contact with my back and neck area.

12. He then grabbed me around the neck with both his hands and began to strangle me, immediately I sensed danger, and I tried to brake his grip from around my neck and force my way towards the front door of my unit. I was saying to myself that I can't die. I felt my tongue rolling up and my eyes started rolling and seeing stars. I can not remember anything after trying to get to the door.

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13. The next thing I remember I was outside the front door of my unit in front of the lift and a fireman saying there is a fire in my apartment. I have no knowledge of the fire or how it started. I know that there was no fire whilst I was conscious in the unit. I then remember being downstairs in the front foyer area to the units and a crowd of people about.

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14. The next thing, I remember is Police talking to me. From what I have been told I believe that it would have been about midday on Saturday the 23 September 1995. I then remained in the intensive care unit of St Vincents for a number of days during those days I was in hell, I had unbearable pain throughout my body especially my face, tongue, head and neck.

15. I was admitted to intensive care in a critical condition on the evening of Thursday the 21 September 1995 and remained there for the next four or five days, I was then transferred to a ward and remained there I until I was well enough to be discharged, I believe that I was in the ward for about two and half weeks. During this period I had an operation on my neck. I had a further operation on my jaw.

16. As a result of being attacked, I received the following injuries. Two fractures to my right jaw, Two fractures to my left jaw, a broken first rib, fracture of the right transverse vertebrae, a crushed larynx, fracture of the thyroid cartlidge, right vocal cord paralysed, extreme swelling and bruising to the neck area and face. Deep lacerations to my right forehead and tongue needing numerous stiches.

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17. I would describe the man that I met at the Pleasure Chest and the man that attacked in my unit, as being about thirty to thirty five years of age, white in appearance with a tan, about five foot ten to six feet in height, medium build with a fit and trim body, no body hair, he had brownish, grey hair that was parted down the centre, the length of his hair was down to his collar. Greenish, grey eyes with thick eyebrows. He was wearing a white t shirt with the word " TWEENEY " across it and blue jeans.

18. Most importantly he spoke with a strong Irish accent.

19. I have never met this person before the night he attacked me. I have never seen this man since the night of my attack. I have no reason why this man attacked me the way he did. I did not provoke him in any manner, nor did I give him permission to assault me in any way, nor did I give him any permission to set my unit on fire.

20. There is not a doubt in my mind that this man did try to kill me. I have a great number of fears that this man may find me and try to kill me again.

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