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STATEMENT in the matter of:
Murder of Kenneth BRENNAN

Place: HOMICIDE UNIT, MCSS
Police Station

Date : 31 October 1995

Name:

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Address:

[REDACTED], PLUMPTON

Tel. No.:

[REDACTED]

Occupation: Special Project Manager

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 anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. I am 51 years of age.

3. I have been in homosexual relationship with **NP190** since March 18, 1989. I first met **NP190** by placing an advertisement for a flatmate when I was living in Hurlstone Park. **NP190** replied to the advertisement, at the time he had come out from Korea on a Student Visa. Our relation developed and we lived in various locations in the Sydney Metropolitan area including [REDACTED] STANMORE. **NP190** and I exchanged vows at the Metropolitan Community Church at Darlinghurst.

4. Up until last August, I believed that **NP190** and I enjoyed a beautiful relationship. We had built a house at [REDACTED] Plumpton and I supported **NP190** financially whilst he attended technical college and started an apprenticeship as a chef. This year **NP190** has been working as an Apprentice Chef at Barnaby's at Parramatta, prior to that [REDACTED] at Sydney, Darling Harbour and prior to that [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

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Neutral Bay. I am unable to detail **NP190** working hours because they seemed to be all over the place and include a lot of double shifts and overtime. He worked both weekdays and weekends, days and night shifts.

5. On Friday, 28 April, 1995, I left Sydney for my nephews wedding in Adelaide and returned the Sunday, 30 April, 1995.

6. In August, 1995, **NP190** and I had an argument. It was after the argument that he told me that he had been having sexual relationships with multiple male partners. He told me that he met men at gay establishments in the City area, including King Steam in Oxford Street, Ken's in Kensington, Treasure Chest in Pitt Street and possibly Oxford Street. When **NP190** told me this I was devastated and could not believe what he was telling me. I felt that I had a good relationship and that he had been faithful during the last 4 years.

7. I have since visited several of these establishments and am aware that they are book shops and back rooms where men can have sex with other men in cubicles. I was disgusted by these places.

8. On this particular day in August **NP190** told me about a relationship he had with a fellow by the name of Ken. He told me he had met him several times and he had come to our home on one occasion. He told me they had met at a steam bath, which one I don't know. He told me that he had a threesome with Ken's partner at one of the steam baths in a cubicle and Ken's partner showed displeasure, slammed the door and walked out. He told me that Ken had been murdered in his flat somewhere in Kings Cross, he did not tell me when, he told me he was knifed and that he

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was innocent and he hoped that the murderer would be caught. I asked him if he was responsible and he said that he did not kill him. I said to him, "There are many ways you can kill a human being", by this I meant that he had killed part of me by telling me of his past relationships. I said, "Have you caused his death?", he said, "Perhaps, but I didn't kill him". I interpreted this by meaning that his lover could have been enraged or jealous and killed him.

9. During winter, 1995, a Korean friend of **NP190** came to visit us at our house. I recall it was on a weekend, but I am not certain of the day. I recall we drove to the Windsor area just for a day out. I remember that when **NP190** and the Korean fellow were at home they would constantly talk in the Korean language which I have a vague knowledge of. I do not recall hearing anything unusual being said between **NP190** and the other fellow. I cannot recall **NP190** movements on the day prior to this Korean fellow visiting our house.

10. I do not believe that **NP190** is capable of murdering another human. I believe that he does not have a drug or alcohol problem.

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