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STATEMENT in the matter of:  
Murder of Kenneth BRENNAN

Place: [REDACTED]  
Hilldale  
Date : 24 August 1995

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Name: [REDACTED] NP199  
Address: [REDACTED] Hilldale Tel. No.: [REDACTED]  
Occupation: Retired 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 63 years of age.

3. I have resided at [REDACTED] Hilldale for about 6 weeks. Prior to this I lived at [REDACTED] Broke for about 6 months. I do not recall the telephone number at the Broke property.

4. I met males by the name of Ken and [REDACTED] NP215 through an advertisement in either the Capital Q or Sydney Star Observer newspapers. This advertisement was in the mens personal column which was roughly, 'two guys, one mature, one younger interested in meeting other guys'. There was a contact number supplied to reply to the advertisement. I replied to this advertisement and suspect that I replied through a 0055 telephone number. This advertisement was about 2 years ago. I was either telephoned by Ken or [REDACTED] NP215 or I received a reply by post. I was living at Newcastle [REDACTED] at this stage.

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5. Either Ken or NP215 asked me to come down to Sydney. All I remember was that it was a unit in Elizabeth Bay. I went to the unit, met Ken and NP215 personally and stayed overnight. The next day I left.

6. About one month or five weeks later I telephoned Ken at the unit. I again went to the flat about 5 weeks later and saw Ken on his own. Ken told me that he would not engage in sex unless NP215 was present. We just talked on this occasion. About one hour later NP215 came back and told us that some friends were coming around later. I then left the unit. I received about 3 or 4 phone calls after this occasion.

7. About three months ago I went to Sydney, I don't recall if I travelled by train or car. I think it was probably a Friday that I went and I met NP214 at his unit in Sydney. I had met NP214 also through an advertisement in the personal columns in a gay newspaper. I had introduced NP214 to a few friends of mine and I had mentioned to him that I had two friends from Elizabeth Bay that he might like to meet. I telephoned Ken and NP215's unit from NP214's home and I told Ken that I was at Woollahra and asked him if he and NP215 would like to meet NP214. That evening NP215 and Ken came over to the unit mid-afternoon.

8. I remember that NP215 looked a bit different his hair colour was different and in a different style, dressed much the same and Ken looked different, I am not sure whether he lost or put on weight, but he mentioned that he was on a salt free diet. When he came in the door I noticed that he had on lace up boots, short socks, long shorts and a shirt in a longer style, a much younger style. I thought that this was odd, because he had always dressed conservatively.

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9. Ken, NP215 and NP214 went into the bedroom, during the early evening, it wasn't dark outside yet and the lights inside the unit were not yet on. I didn't participate, because I thought that would be bad form. Ken came out of the bedroom, I made him a cup of coffee and we talked. Ken went back into the bedroom. There was small talk between NP214, NP215 and Ken in the lounge room and in between getting showered and dressed. Ken and NP215 then left the unit at about 6.30-7.00pm. I left about a half hour later, leaving NP214 back at the unit. I never saw them again. Ken and NP215 were only at NP214's unit for about one and a half hours. There did not seem to be any animosity or ill feeling between Ken, NP215, NP214 or myself when we parted company.

10. I would describe Ken as about my height, 5'8" tall, around 50, chubby build, brown hair, moustache, Australian and he had told me he was a school teacher and had high blood pressure. I would describe NP215 is about 5'10" tall, slim build, I think he wore glasses, very effeminate and affectionate, Australian. When I first met NP215 his hair was a light colour and on this last occasion it seemed to be a darker colour and in a different style.

11. After visiting NP214 at his unit I visited other friends of mine in Sydney. When visiting Ken, NP215 and NP214 I would not use my name NP199, but use the names, NP199, NP199 and other names. NP214, Ken and NP215 from Elizabeth Bay knew me as [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

12. I recall watching the evening news on Channel 10 in which there was mention that a fellow by the name of Ken had been murdered. About one week later I received a telephone call from

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