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STATEMENT in the matter of:

Place: Kings Cross

Detectives

Date : 29 January 1996

Name: Brad Edmund TAYLER

Address: Kings Cross Detectives

Tel. No.: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Detective Senior Constable of Police

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 32 years of age.

3. About 10pm on Monday the 12 June, 1995 I was contacted at my residence regarding the location of the deceased body of Kenneth BRENNAN at premises at [REDACTED] Onslow Avenue, Potts Point. As a result a short time later I attended the Kings Cross Detectives office. Upon arrival I spoke with Detective Inspector WALSH who was obtaining a statement from [NP214]. At the time Detective Sergeant ORCHARD and WHITTLE were conducting an electronic interview with [NP215], boyfriend of the deceased.

4. At the conclusion of the electronic interview I attended Kings Cross Police Station with [NP215] where I obtained a set of fingerprints from him. At the completion I returned with [NP215] to the Kings Cross Detectives office.

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5. I then attended premises at [REDACTED] Onslow Avenue, Kings Cross with Detective Sergeant ORCHARD and Plain Clothes Senior Constable LOONE. At those premises I remained outside and spoke with Police crime scene officers Detective VANLUWEN and SWEENEY. At this time I did not enter the premises. From the doorway of the premises I could see the deceased body partially lying in the hallway area. The deceased was lying on his left hand side with his feet towards the bedroom area. There was a large amount of blood that was visible on the hallway walls. The body of the deceased was in plain view upon opening the front doorway to the premises. I then returned to the Kings Cross Detectives office where a number of inquiries were made.

6. In the early hours of Tuesday the 13 June, 1995 I again attended premises at [REDACTED] Onslow Avenue in company with Detectives WALSH, ORCHARD, WHITTLE and LOONE. There I again spoke with Crime scene officers VANLUWEN and SWEENEY. I then entered the premises.

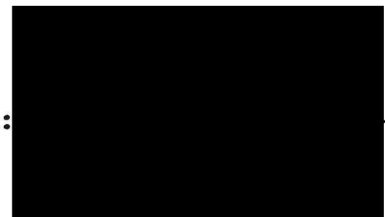
7. Upon opening the front door I immediately saw the body of the deceased Kenneth BRENNAN. The body of the deceased was in plain view and in direct line of sight whilst standing in the hallway area.

8. Upon inspection I could see a large amount of blood covering the entire body. There was also a blood stained sponge on the deceased neck area. It appeared the deceased had been wiped with this cloth, thus smearing his entire body with blood. I also saw a number of what appeared to be stab wounds to the deceased body.

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9. Upon entering the bedroom area I had to step over the legs of the deceased person. I believe that it was not possible to avoid walking on the deceased legs without watching and stepping over the body.

10. Upon entering the bedroom area I noticed a large amount of blood on the bed and within the room. This blood extended into the bathroom area which adjoined the bedroom area.

11. I also observed a large amount of blood in the kitchen area which had pooled on the floor.

12. About 9am on Tuesday the 13 June, 1995 I attended the Glebe Morgue where I spoke with NP215 and NP214. I then conveyed both these persons to the Kings Cross Detectives office. I then contacted the Police crime date centre regarding a telephone call trace on the deceased persons phone.

13. I then contacted Steve BENNETT, State Bank fraud section regarding the use of the deceased cash card. I was informed by BENNETT that the last withdrawal was at 2.45pm on the 11 June, 1995 for \$150 at the Kings Cross Branch of the National Australia Bank.

14. I then attended the National Australia Bank, Kings Cross where I viewed a video of withdrawals. I then saw the deceased person on the video tape make withdrawals on the 11 June, 1995 at 2.45pm, 11 June, 1995 at 9.49am and the 10 June, 1995 at 10.20am. On each occasion the deceased attended the bank alone and no persons were sighted with him.

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15. On the afternoon of Tuesday the 13 June, 1995 I attended the deceased premises with [NP215] and other Police. There [NP215] re-enacted his movements upon discovering the body of the deceased and identified lighting conditions. The lighting displayed by [NP215] was dimmed but sufficient to allow easy movement and sight through the premises. In my opinion the body of the deceased would have been in plain view from the doorway of the premises. It was also apparent that from where [NP215] stated he had stopped within the bedroom area, the phone on the floor was not in view.

16. Whilst in the bedroom area [NP215] identified a pair of underpants in the bedroom as not belonging to himself or the deceased. I took possession of those underpants. [NP215] further inspected the premises regarding possible missing property and clothing. [NP215] indicated that a money jar normally kept within the kitchen area may be missing. (Later located)

17. At the conclusion [NP215] left the premises with [NP214]. I then conducted a canvass of the remaining units in the building with a negative result.

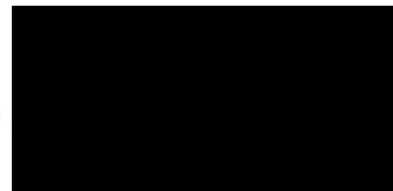
18. On Wednesday the 14 June, 1995 I contacted the fingerprint section regarding located prints at the deceased premises and arrangements were made for the deceased to be fingerprinted. I then contacted the Police Gay Liaison section where arrangements were made for media releases in gay magazines.

19. I then contacted Detective EYRE from the Police fingerprint section and was informed that all fingerprints were eliminated as belonging to the deceased.

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20. I then made a number of inquiries regarding persons listed in the deceased telephone book.

21. On the evening of Wednesday the 14 June, 1995 I attended a number of premises regarding possible contacts of the deceased. I later attended King Steam, Oxford Street, Darlinghurst. These premises are a homosexual club which provides a spa, steam room, gym room and meeting area. There I spoke to cashier Walter COOK and showed him a photo of the deceased person. COOK identified the deceased as a regular customer of Kings Steam.

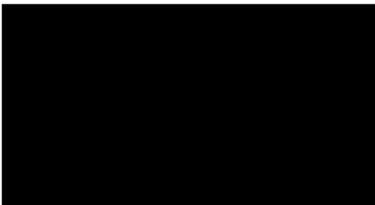
22. On Thursday the 15 June, 1995 I spoke with Pamela BOYER - GOOCHE of [REDACTED] Onslow Avenue, Potts Point. BOYER - GOOCHE stated that she had seen the deceased at 4.30pm on Sunday the 10 June, 1995 entering the units alone.

23. I then made a number of phone calls to persons listed in the deceased diary. I then contacted Paul TURNER, Capital Q magazine and obtained a list of names regarding advertisements in a Capital Q magazine. This magazine was located in the deceased premises and a number were highlighted with pen.

24. I then contacted Susan WALSH from Pacific Tele services re a telephone mailbox held by the deceased. Upon placing a advertisement in the Capital Q magazine, advertisers are given a personal phone number and PIN number to allow access to recorded replies. Arrangements were made to have the voice messages accessed by Police.

25. On the afternoon of Thursday the 15 June, 1995 I spoke with [NP197]. The details of [NP197] were located in the deceased premises on the dining table. [NP197] stated he was a

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Real Estate agent and BRENNAN possibly contacted re same.

26. I then attended [REDACTED] Surry Hills were I spoke with [NP196] [NP196] stated he last saw BRENNAN on Tuesday 6 June, 1995 and had engaged in sex with same. Arrangements were made for a statement to be obtained from same on 16 June, 1995.

27. I then spoke with William [REDACTED] (name and phone number in BRENNAN diary) and arranged for same to attend Kings Cross Police Station re statement.

28. I then attended [REDACTED] Kings Cross and spoke with [I301]. After inspection of shoes belonging to [I301] he attended Kings Cross Detectives where a statement was obtained. The shoes had a differing tread pattern and size to the footprint located in the deceased premises.

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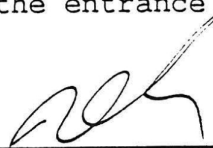
29. On Friday the 16 June, 1995 access to the voice mailbox of BRENNAN was arranged and respondents details obtained.

30. I then spoke with [NP196] and obtained a statement from same.

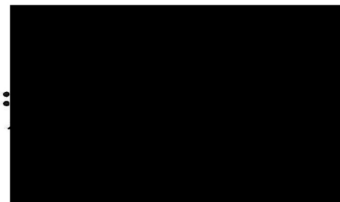
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31. On Monday the 19 June, 1995 I contacted the Manhattan Hotel, Greenknowe Avenue, Kings Cross and was informed that the premises did not have a security camera. The Manhattan Hotel is alongside the entrance driveway to the deceased premises.

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32. I then contacted the Police Crime Data Centre regarding outgoing calls from the deceased premises. The last call registered (Not local) was at 5.20pm on the 11/6/95 to R.H.SALER of [REDACTED] Black Forest. This is the phone number for the deceased sister. I then spoke with Rhonda SALER (Sister) who stated that she had received a call from the deceased which had been redirected to her mobile phone. The phone call was casual and was to thank same for collecting the deceased mail from premises in South Australia.

33. I then spoke with [REDACTED] **NP187**, who attended Kings Cross Detectives office. (name in diary of deceased) A statement was then obtained from same by Constable SCANLON.

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34. I then spoke with William [REDACTED], an associate of the deceased and arranged for a statement to be obtained by Detective THURTELL.

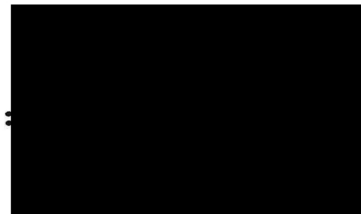
35. On Tuesday the 20 June, 1995 I spoke with Rosemary FERGUSON (Estranged wife of deceased) and Rhonda SALER (Sister of deceased) re permission to film funeral in South Australia. Both persons agreed to Police filming same.

36. I then contacted the Wynyard Railway Station and Police Transit Investigations re surveillance videos at the Wynyard Railway Station. I was informed that there are no surveillance video tapes kept unless a help switch is activated. It was a possibility that the deceased may have travelled by a train from Wynyard.

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37. [NP215] attended the Kings Cross Detectives office re access to clothing at the deceased premises. I then attended the premises in Onslow Avenue, Potts Point with [NP215] and Cst Brad ROSS attached to the Homicide squad. Whilst at the premises [NP215] indicated a packet of STREPSILS which he stated were not previously at the premises. ROSS then took possession of those STREPSILS.

38. At 2.45pm I conveyed [NP215] to the Glebe Morgue where he spoke with social worker Gina. He was then handed a package of the deceased persons hair. I then conveyed [NP215] to the premises of [NP214] at Woollahra. On route to the premises [NP215] stated that the underpants located at the deceased premises may belong to [NP190] from Penrith. [NP190] was an associate of the deceased and his name appeared in the deceased diary.

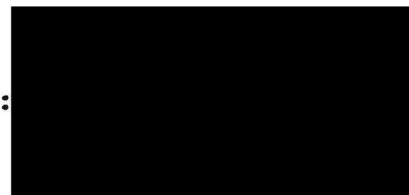
39. That evening I attended [REDACTED] Plumpton regarding the person [NP190] correct name [NP190]. At those premises I inspected the shoes and underpants of [NP190]. The underpants were not of a similar brand or quality to those located in the deceased premises. [NP190] was then conveyed to the Mount Druitt Police Station where I obtained a statement. I also took a number of photographs and a photocopy of the tread on two pairs of shoes. The tread pattern was different to that located in the deceased premises. I also took a number of photos of injuries to the hands of [NP190].

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40. On Wednesday the 21 June, 1995 I spoke with Denise COUSSENS, manager of KINGSTEAM sauna. She stated that persons attending the sauna sign a entry sheet. These entry sheets for the sauna are destroyed on the following day. Thus the sheets for the 11 June, 1995 had already been destroyed. COUSSENS also stated that there is a 24 hour surveillance video of persons entering the premises. This video is continuous and is not kept, so that every 24 hours the tape records over itself. It was felt that the deceased may have attended KINGSTEAM shortly before his death.

41. I then spoke with an employee of KINGSTEAM, Martin HARSONO and obtained a statement from him.

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42. I then attended the Kings Cross Railway Station where I spoke with Constable ROSS and MOSS regarding video tapes of the railway platforms. The video tapes were being watched to locate the person **NP215** arriving at the station prior to locating the deceased, and also possible movements of the deceased.

43. On Thursday the 22 June, 1995 I obtained a statement from David MANION, employee at KINGSTEAM sauna.

EXHIBIT I PRODUCE THAT STATEMENT

44. I then spoke with James HINDLE, manager of **[REDACTED]** **[REDACTED]** regarding the person **NP190**. HINDLE stated that **NP190** finished work at 3pm on the 11 June, 1995. Statement previously taken from **NP190**

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45. That afternoon I attended the ANZ bank, Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross where I commenced to view the teller machine videos commencing from 11 June, 1995. The teller machine video looks directly onto Darlinghurst Road and records continuously, depicting person walking on the Eastern footpath of Darlinghurst Road. I was unable to locate BRENNAN on this video.

46. I then attended the TEST TUBE nightclub which is located on the Western side of Macleay Street, Kings Cross. There I was informed that the surveillance video is only kept for 24 hours and then videos are re-used.

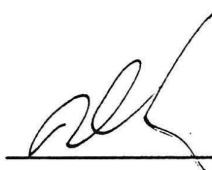
47. I then attended J.D's bar, Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross re video surveillance. I was informed that videos are only kept for 24 hours and the re-used.

48. I then spoke with NP197 and obtained a statement from same. NP197 had originally stated that he was a Real Estate Agent and had no knowledge of the deceased. After listening to the 0055 voice mailbox of the deceased, the voice of NP197 was identified as a respondent. NP197 stated that he had contacted the mailbox and left his details but had not heard from the deceased at any stage. Stated was at a family vineyard in the Hunter Valley over Long Weekend.

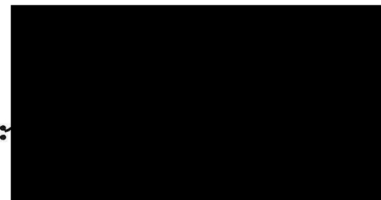
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49. On the evening of Thursday the 22 June, 1995 I arranged for a picture of the deceased to be placed with a notice in KINGSTEAM SAUNA.

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50. On Friday the 23 June, 1995 I again attended the ANZ bank, Kings Cross where I continued to view the footage from the teller machine. The deceased person was not located.

51. I then attended the National Australia Bank, Kings Cross where I took possession of a number of stills of the deceased at the Automatic teller machine.

EXHIBIT I PRODUCE THOSE PHOTOS

52. I was then notified by Police fingerprints that all fingerprints at the deceased premises had been eliminated.

53. I then spoke with Walter COOK, employee of King Steam and I obtained a statement from same.

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54. On Saturday the 25 June, 1995 I attended [REDACTED] Woolloomooloo where I spoke to [NP192] [NP192] had responded to the deceased 0055 mailbox. I later obtained a statement from [NP192] At that time [NP192] refused to supply the names of an alibi until he had first spoken with same.

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55. I then obtained a statement from [1353] who had observed a suspicious male person near the deceased premises on the night of the murder.

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56. Later that day I attended the Landmark Hotel, (Nikko) Macleay Street, Potts Point. I then took possession of security videos for the 11 June, 1995.

57. On Monday the 26 June, 1995 I obtained a statement from **NP194** later identified as **NP194** who had responded to the 0055 mailbox of the deceased.

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58. I then contacted the Police JTSG section re enhancement of the video from the Landmark Hotel. I was informed that due to the tape process the tape was not suitable and could not be enhanced.

59. I then made a number of inquiries regarding the phone number **NP199**. This number belonged to a male person **NP199** or **NP199**, later identified as **NP199** who was referred to by **NP199** in his statement.

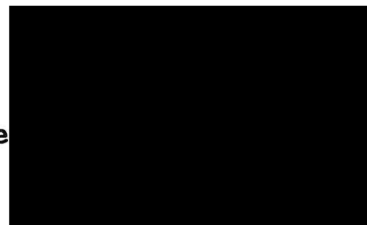
60. I then spoke with **NP215** at the Kings Cross Detectives office and I handed him the keys to the deceased premises.

61. I then spoke to **NP192** regarding a statement previously obtained. **NP192** provided an alibi of Mr and Mrs TABERNER phone **NP192**. I then spoke with Mr TABERNER by phone who stated that they dined with **NP192** from 7pm to 11pm on the 11 June, 1996.

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62. I then spoke with [NP215] by telephone. [NP215] stated that he had located property at the premises. I then arranged for Constable ROSS and MOSS to attend the deceased premises and speak with [NP215]. I later spoke with MOSS and ROSS and they showed me knife packaging allegedly located by [NP215] on the kitchen bench.

63. I then viewed the Police crime scene video to try and locate the knife packaging. From the video I was unable to observe any packaging on the kitchen counter area.

64. On Thursday the 29 June, 1996 [1276] of [REDACTED] Double Bay contacted myself from Kingsteam Sauna. Later that day he attended Kings Cross Detectives office where I obtained a statement from him.

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65. On the afternoon of Thursday the 29 June, 1996 [NP214] attended the Kings Cross Detectives office after arrangements made by myself the previous day. I then had general conversation with [NP214] regarding the deceased and [NP215]. I later conveyed [NP214] to his residence.

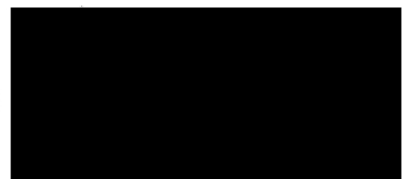
66. On Monday the 3 July, 1995 I received a phone call from John MARSDEN Solicitor who informed me he was acting for [NP215]. [NP215].

67. On Wednesday the 5 July, 1996 [NP215] attended the Kings Cross detectives office. He requested access to the Country Network Association manual re places of accommodation as he was travelling to Canberra for the weekend.

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68. On Thursday the 6 July, 1995 [NP195] attended Kings Cross detectives where I obtained a statement from him. [NP195] was one of the respondents to the deceased persons 0055 mailbox.

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69. On Sunday the 9 July, 1996 I obtained a statement from [NP191]. [NP191] stated he saw the deceased person at Kingsteam Sauna on Sunday the 11 June, 1995.

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70. On the 16 April, 1996 I attended the Tuggeranong Police Station, Canberra, ACT with Senior Constable PEARCE. There I spoke with [NP204] who was on bail for an offence of malicious wounding. On the 9 August, 1995 [NP204] had picked up a homosexual male and returned to his residence at Canberra. After a sexual relationship [NP204] stabbed the male person on two occasions to the neck and chest area.

71. [NP204] was interviewed by electronic interview and signed a receipt for his audio tape..

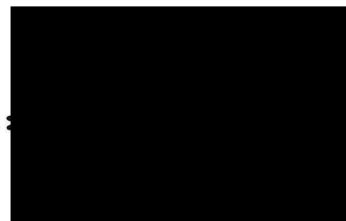
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72. [NP204] stated he had not attended the Sydney area for three years. Stated that on the weekend of 10 June, 1995 he had time of work and had remained at home with his wife. Stated that on the Sunday night he had attended a neighbourhood park for a fireworks night.

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73. A statement was then obtained from [] 1268 [] the defacto of [] NP204 [] by Senior Constable PEARCE.

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74. I then obtained a consent form for the taking of samples from [] NP204 []

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75. I later received from [] NP204 [] a letter giving possession of blood, pubic and head hair samples from [] NP204 []

EXHIBIT I PRODUCE THAT LETTER

76. I also obtained from [] NP204 [] a consent form for access to his banking records.

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77. On the 9 May, 1996 I conveyed blood, scalp hair and pubic hair to the Police crime scene at the Sydney Police Centre. These items were handed to Senior Constable FORD and I received receipt number A16405.

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