

NSW POLICE FORCE

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STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

In the matter of:

Death of Anthony Cawsey

Place:

Maroubra Police Station

Date:

17 December 2009

Name:

Harriet Pembroke

STATES:

- 1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that 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 will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything that I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
- 2. I am 24 years of age.
- 3. About 7.20pm on Friday 25th September 2009 my friend Sarah KNOWLER and I walked to Centennial Park in Sydney to go jogging. We walked from the city and so we entered into Centennial Park through the corner of Oxford Street and Queen Street. We were meeting my friend Lachie in the park, so we walked down Parkes Drive to the café that's in the park and walked around it until we found his friends. Lachie was training for a marathon and was doing about 50 laps or something of Centennial Park, so a lot of his friends, including me had come down to keep him company for as many laps as we could. Lachie was already out doing a lap, so we waited until he came back and then we joined him for the next one.
- 4. By the time we started jogging with Lachie it was dark. We started running around the walking track that runs next to Grand Drive. This track goes right around the whole of Centennial Park. We did one lap right around the Grand Drive and we did not see anybody else. Due to the time of the night, it being dark and cold, we were the only ones jogging around the park.
- 5. Towards the end of the second lap, as we ran along the track on the western side of Centennial Park Lachie said to me, "Is that a person over there?" As he said this, he pointed

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over to our right towards a track that leads to the toilet block that is right near Busby's Pond. I looked over towards where he was pointing, but at that stage because it was so dark I couldn't see anybody. As we ran closer though I looked again and now I could see that there was a guy standing over on the horse track to my right. He was standing on the horse track about 15 metres before it reaches the track that leads down to the toilets and Busby's Pond. It looked to me as though he was standing behind and possibly leaning on the railing that separates the horse track from the inside of the park.

- 6. The guy looked to be about 5'9" tall, medium or athletic build and from his physique and the clothes he was wearing I would say he was in his late 20's to early 30's. He was wearing all dark clothing, long pants and a jumper or jacket, with a hood up over his head. It was too dark for me to see his face, so I couldn't tell what colour his skin was or what nationality he looked to be. He wasn't looking in our direction, he was looking into the park, so as we ran up towards him, I saw him side on and then as we ran past, I could only see his back. I thought it was strange and suspicious for somebody dressed like that to be in Centennial Park by themselves at that time of night.
- 7. Lachie and I kept running but as we got a bit further away I realised my friend Sarah had fallen behind and I was worried about her because of that guy that we had seen. I turned around and ran back to Sarah so I could jog with her the rest of the way. We finished jogging around the Grand Drive and ended up back where we had started at the café. Lachie set out to go do another lap around, so Sarah and I packed up our things and walked back out the Oxford Street/Queen Street exit. I walked back down Oxford Street and walked home to Elizabeth Bay through Paddington. Sarah went home to Ashfield.
- 8. Either the Saturday or Sunday just after this happened, Lachie called me and told me about a guy that had been murdered in Centennial Park early Saturday morning. This made me think that the guy that we had seen the night before may have had something to do with it, so I called Maroubra Police Station and told them about what I had seen.
- 9. I have marked on a map of Centennial Park where I saw this guy standing. I signed and dated this map.

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