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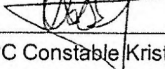
## STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

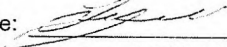
**In the matter of:** Murder of Anthony Cawsey - Centennial Park  
**Place:** Maroubra Police Station  
**Date:** 22 December 2009

**Name:** Lachlan Youll

### 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 32 years of age.
3. About 1.50pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009 my mate Jose and I went to Centennial Park for a training run. The training run was to go for eight hours, starting at 2.00pm. Every 20 minutes I would run a lap around Centennial Park. Each lap would take me about 16 minutes. I would run along the running track that runs right around the outside of the whole park, next to the Grand Drive. I am in training for an Ultra Marathon that I will be running in April 2010. When I train in Centennial Park, my friends that come with me will write down in my notebook what time I start each lap and any rest breaks or food that I eat while I train. I have a record in my book of what I ran on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009, so I know exactly what time I started each lap on that day. I gave a photocopy of two pages out of my notebook, which are labelled "120km 25 SEP 09" to Detective Cobby. I signed and dated these pages.
4. About 7.45pm that night I was about to start my 14<sup>th</sup> lap, when my friends Harriet Pembroke and Sarah Knowler arrived to run a couple of laps with me. We started running at 7.47pm. When we started running this lap it was dark and there was no one else in the park that I noticed. We'd run about three quarters of the way around the track, when I noticed a man standing near the white fence that runs along the inside of the park, just near McKay Oval. The

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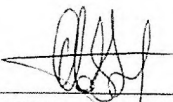
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fence is about waist height and he was leaning on it, facing in towards the oval. As we ran past, we would've been about 17 metres away from where he was standing. I could see that he was dressed in all dark clothing and I think he had a hood up over his head. He was holding a white Styrofoam box in front of him. He looked to be about the same height as me, which is 5ft 11" tall and he was medium build. I didn't see his face because he was standing with his back to us, but I think at one stage he turned to look at us, but because it was dark, I still couldn't make out his face. As we ran towards him, I pointed him out to Harriet.

5. We finished that lap and started our next one, we ran around again and he was still standing in the exact same spot. After this lap I had a break for 15 minutes and Harriet and Sarah left. After my break I did another three laps by myself. The first lap by myself he was still standing there, but then on the second lap he was gone, but the box that he had been holding was sitting in the middle of the running track. I kicked the box off the track as I ran past and it seemed to me as though it was empty. The third lap by myself I didn't see the man and the box was still on the edge of the path, where I had kicked it.
6. On my 19<sup>th</sup> lap, which I started at 10.09pm my wife, Belinda ran with me and two of her friends, Nancy and Brad rode their bikes around with us. I went around the track and again I didn't see the man and the box hadn't moved. On the 20<sup>th</sup> lap, which was my last one, my wife, Nancy and Brad joined me again. As we ran about 150 metres past the right hand bend, just past the Robertson gates and the McKay sports field I heard the geese become startled and they made a lot of noise. The geese were on the south western bank of Busby's pond and they hadn't made any noise during any of my other laps. They seemed to get quite a scare because of the amount of noise that they made. This would have been about 10.45pm because I finished my lap at 10:47pm. I run a lot in Centennial Park and I have never heard them make that much noise before.
7. Since this day I still run a lot in Centennial Park and I have not noticed this man again.
8. I have marked on a map of Centennial Park where I saw this man standing against the fence. I signed and dated this map.

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