

NSW POLICE

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STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

In the matter of:

Peter BAUMANN

Place:

Hornsby Police Station

Date:

27 April 2007

Name:

Sharmalie Seneviratne

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 43 years of age.
- On 26 August 1993 I made a 7 page statement to Police in relation to a friend of mine, Peter Baumann going missing.
- 4. On 26 April 2007, I was contacted by Detective Sergeant Smith from Eastern Suburbs Local Area Command and he told me that he was investigating the disappearance of Peter Baumann. I agreed to meet him at Hornsby Police Station to speak to him further about Peter.
- 5. I remember back in 1996 I saw a brown Valiant driving up and down my street at Yagoona. I watched this car for some time from my balcony and then saw a man standing under a tree across the road. He was about 20 metres away. This man looked like Peter so much. He was very tall, about 6 foot tall, slim and had hair about shoulder length. He started approaching the house and I quickly closed the door and rang my next door neighbour, Toni Fisher. I was on the phone to Toni whilst watching the man who looked like Peter, he had walked back under the tree across the road. The man then walked away towards Marion Street, from my house. He did not come up to the door and did not say anything to me.
- 6. I was scared of this man, as I thought it was Peter and I had not heard from him for so long and the circumstances of him disappearing. I did not know what he was into or had been into and I did not want to see or have anything to do with him. Peter was aware of where I lived as he had been to my house on one or two occasions for family functions.
- 7. I did not call the Police as I was not aware that Peter was still missing.
- A couple of years later I saw a Missing Persons show on TV and contacted Police to see if Peter was still
 missing. I was told that he was still missing.
- 9. Detective Smith informed me that my cousin, Hamish Pears gave a statement in relation to Peter and that he could not recall ever going to Peter's unit in Waverley. He definitely drove me to Peter's that night. Hamish is a very private person and I would say he could not recall as he would not want to get involved in anything that would involve the Police.

Witness:

Darren Smith

Detective Sergeant

27 April 2007

Signature:

Sharmalie Seneviratne

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9. I do not have anything further to add to this statement. I have not seen or heard from Peter since going to his unit and finding it open, apart from the time when the man, who looked like Peter, came to my house in Yagoona in 1996.

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