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## STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

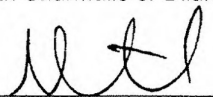
In the matter of:	Peter BAUMANN
Place:	Police Headquarters
Date:	13 April 2007

Name:	Pears Hamish
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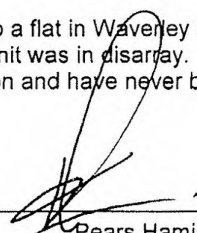
### STATES:

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 42 years of age.
3. I am currently working for the [REDACTED] as a business development manager. I have been doing this for 3 years.
4. I have a cousin by the name of Sharmalie SEVERINATNE. This is her maiden name and her married name is KOTOGA. I have not seen Sharmalie or had any contact with her for a number of years. I can not remember where I saw her last. We are not that close. Sharmalie has two sisters and one brother. They are Dilani, Manik, and Seneka.
5. In 1982, I finished my schooling at Christian Brothers Lewisham. I was living in [REDACTED] at the time, Sharmalie and Dilani were living with her family at [REDACTED]. We were pretty close at that time. We would socialise together occasionally both on family outings and individually.
6. In 1983, I was working at [REDACTED]. I was the assistant store manager at the time. I was still living at [REDACTED]. I had been to the Bondi area throughout this period on a social basis. I remember going to people's places for parties but I do not remember going to anyone's place with Sharmalie or any of her family. We have been out to a number of pubs, niteclubs and pizza places in the Eastern Suburbs in that time period.
7. In 1983 I would describe Sharmalie as being about 19 years old, dark skin, wavy long black hair, dark eyes, thin build, about 5'3" tall and about 50-55kgs. She was an outgoing person with a fairly bubbly personality. She kept her private life to herself fairly well.
8. I have never met or do not know of any of Sharmalie's friends who lived over in the Eastern Suburbs. I have never been to any unit in the Eastern Suburbs looking for a Peter BAUMANN. I do not recall Sharmalie ever mentioning this person's name to me.
9. I was informed by Detective Smith that Sharmalie has said that I went to a flat in Waverley in 1983 and saw that a sliding door to a unit was left open and the room inside the unit was in disarray. This never occurred and I can confidently say that I have never been in this situation and have never been to any such unit with Sharmalie or Dilani.

Witness:

  
 Darren Smith  
 Detective Sergeant  
 13 April 2007

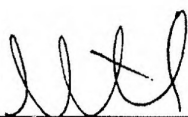
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**In the matter of Peter BAUMANN**

10. I was not aware of Sharmalie's intimate personal life back then and I am not really aware of her personal status currently.
11. I do not know why Sharmalie would have said that I was with her at the time and maybe she has confused me with another relative or friend. We have a fairly large extended family and there were members of the family that may have socialised with Sharmalie around 1982 and 1983.
12. Detective Smith also informed me that Sharmalie said that after going to Peter's unit we went to an address in Artlett Street, Edgecliff. I can say that I have been to addresses in Edgecliff but I can definitely say that I have never been to an address after going to this other address in Waverley. Again, I can not say why Sharmalie would have indicated that I went with her to this address in Edgecliff.
13. I was shown a photograph of Peter Baumann by Detective Smith and I have never seen this person before and do not know who he is.

Witness:



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Darren Smith  
Detective Sergeant  
13 April 2007

Signature:



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