

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Place: Police Station PENRITH.....

.....Missing Person BAUMANN.....

..... Date: 16 November 1993.....

Name: BINNEY Ruth
 (Surname in capitals)

Address: [REDACTED] Tel. No.:

Occupation: STATES:—

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 W.J.S. GRIBBLE OF THE MISSING PERSONS UNIT AND TAKEN AT
 [REDACTED] ON THE 7 SEPTEMBER 1993.

My name at the time was Mrs Ruth VAN DUYN. I owned a house at [REDACTED] Cross Street, WAVERLEY in partnership with my ex-husband Henri VAN DUYN. It had been divided into a number of flats, five flats. Peter ANN was a tenant for possibly six months to a year. He always used the name Peter ANN and signed all his documents with that name. He worked for the A.B.C. in their records department. I used to regularly see him every fortnight to pay his rent for flat [REDACTED]. He was tallish slim, prettylooking. HIS personal background was sketchy, he told me he was a german, he was married, his wife lived in a flat at POTTS POINT and he was getting a divorce. I think the marriage was so he could stay in AUSTRALIA.

Then one day, it was before rent day, I think it was in October 1983, I received a telephone call from a girl called "Sharmalie" at home. She said that she knew him and he had rung her to make a date but when she rang back the phone had gone dead and she went over to the flat and found the chair overturned and the door open and he wasn't there. Most likely the call was during the week. I went over the next day, possibly it was a weekday. On arrival I saw in his bedroom that the armchair was turned over, his jacket was on the bed and it looked as though he was packing his clothes into plastic bags. He had a marijuana plant in the wardrobe, and his bed pillow was lying in the shower half burnt. He had a long knife in the jacket pocket, and we still have it in our garage as well as his guitar.

I then rang the Police at WAVERLEY and the uniformed Police arrived and they took a photograph from his identity card. I then spoke to the Japanese who was staying in another flat and he told me that there had been an argument the night before. The Japan-

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ese did drawings for animations. It was just a bed sitting room with a bathroom and separate kitchen. Later on as we had a look through his room, I saw that the word ' AIDS ' had been written on a mirror I think, and I found some tablets which I later learnt were for a 'Urinary Tract Infection. For a long time afterwards he was receiving mail from ' Scientology ' groups. We took his clothes, personal possessions and papers to our house at EPPING and stored them until 1992 and eventually we had to destroy them as they were all rotting. I contacted the German Consulate at the time about his personal papers and left the keyboard in a cupboard where the water heater was. We sold the house in 1986 and the keyboard had disappeared prior to the sale.

Apart from enquiries each year from 'Sharmalie' no one has ever gotten in contact with us since Peter was missing.

J. Gribble
 W.J.S. Gribble
 Senior Constable
 Police Station PENRITH
 16 November 1993

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