

New South Wales Police

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**STATEMENT in the matter of:**  
Peter BAUMANN

**Place:** Kandos  
Police Station

**Date :** 14 September, 1993

**Name:** Cherie Kim FOSTER

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Tel. No.:** [REDACTED]

**Occupation:** Parent

**STATES:-**

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which 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 shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
2. I am 30 years of age.
3. One weekend in March in 1982, I think it was about the 13th I was in Byron Bay helping some friends out the Byron Bay Markets. A male who I know to be Peter BAUMANN came up to our stall and struck up a conversation. I had never met or seen him before. We went for a walk together and had a smoke and talked about music and he told me of his plans to stay in Australia. He told me that he was looking to marry a female Australian so that he could stay in the country.  
He said: "I'd rather die than go back to Germany"  
He also asked me if I would be interested in marrying him intimating that he would be prepared to pay me some money. I can't recall exactly what he offered me but it wasn't a large sum of money. We were together that day for about three hours or so. When we parted company I gave Peter my address and phone number in Sydney. I returned to Sydney after the weekend.

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4. I went back home to [REDACTED], that's where I was living with my boyfriend John PAUPERIS. A couple of weeks later Peter contacted me and asked if we could have a discussion. He came around to our home and met John. I had told John of Peter's proposal. John was Australian born but his parents were of German origin. John and I had previously discussed Peter's predicament and he suggested I do what I felt was right. I did say to Peter that I wouldn't be able to claim the dole while I was married to him. He offered me seventy dollars a week which was the equivalent of the dole.
5. Peter's proposal appealed to my sympathetic nature so I agreed to help him out. I certainly didn't agree to it for the money. The money was a consequence of the circumstances.
6. All three of us then went to the Unity Hall Hotel at Balmain socially, it wasn't for the purpose of a discussion or anything. We stayed for an hour or so then Peter left the Hotel. He was staying at [REDACTED] Glebe Point road, Glebe.
7. Peter left to make all the wedding arrangements. He would contact me when necessary, I never contacted him. We spoke regularly leading up to the wedding. We also got together socially early in the piece. I never met any of Peter's friends or colleagues. He always came alone.
8. About 10am or 11am one Saturday in June 1982 I married Peter BAUMANN at a [REDACTED] Glebe Point road Glebe it was a terrace house that belonged to a middle aged English or Australian man,

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15. Peter was a musical person, he was a composer. He had a very depressive personality. He was very paranoid of Jews and being sent back to Germany, Paranoid of bureaucracy in general. He made it clear to me that if I let him down or hurt him in any way he could hurt me. He was always scared I would put him in about the wedding. When Peter was working at the ABC he used the surname of MOLTZAM. He made it quite clear that he didn't want to go back to Germany saying that he would rather die than go back. He really meant that. He blamed the Jews and weather for not going back. He like warmer climates he would never live in a cold climate and he took his music very seriously. As far as I am aware Peter was not involved in drugs, he had the odd joint occasionally. Peter kept a diary and documented everything he did. Peter used to wear a black leather jacket, it had a folder in a large inside pocket and he kept the diary and other papers in the folder.

16. I'm not sure where I moved to after I left [REDACTED]. I didn't stay at [REDACTED] for very long. I moved out of Sydney in 1987 to [REDACTED]. My brother Glenn FOSTER lived at [REDACTED] from March 1981 to about June 1982. I sometimes stayed with him. But Glenn never met Peter. I was never in full time employment while I knew Peter. I had the occasional part time job. To date I haven't remarried, I don't know if the divorce from Peter was ever finalised. I have three children with whom I live with. Peter is not the father of any of the children.

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