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STATEMENT in the matter of : Peter BAUMANN		Place: Kandos Police Station			
		Date : 14 September, 1993			
Name: Address:	Cherie Kim FOSTER	•			
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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 **Section 1**, 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 Peters 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 fit 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 the 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 Peters friends or colleagues. He always came alone.

8. About 10am or 11am one Saturday in June 1982 I married Peter BAUMANN at a Glebe Point road Glebe it was a terrace house that belonged to a middle aged English or Australian man,

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he had a accent. It could have been a gay or even English accent. The marriage celebrant was a female from out Five dock way I think. There were two other people, a German Lady and her eight or nine year old daughter.

9. After we were married Peter and I went for lunch together at a restaurant on the harbour. After lunch we parted company. I went back home to **second second**. I don't know where Peter went. After the wedding Peter and I saw each other socially on occasions, at this stage no money had changed hands.

10. Sometime after the wedding I move out of to to a squat at with some girlfriends. Peter had got a job at the ABC as a music transposer it was about the time that he also moved to a flat at cross street Waverly. Peter still kept in touch seeing me once a week when he would give me seventy dollars. He would always see me in his lunch break. This went on for about 6 to 9 months up until about our first anniversary when we had planned to get a divorce and it wouldn't affect Peter's residency.

11. In March 1983 I moved to by myself. Peter was still bringing me money weekly. But by this stage Peter had become extremely paranoid and had developed an aggressive attitude toward women. Peter had been slipping notes under my door accusing me of conspiring to have him deported. The notes were very out of character.

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> 12. It was about June or July, around the anniversary of our wedding that we applied for a divorce as previously agreed. Peter made all the arrangements. The Sheriff bought some papers around for me to sign. Soon after I applied for a special benefit. In order to receive the benefit I had to produce the marriage certificate. Peter was very reluctant to lend me the certificate thinking that I was conspiring against him. Eventually Peter gave me the certificate by slipping it under the door with instructions for its return. He made it imperative that the certificate be returned to him. By this stage I was very frightened of him. I may have slipped the certificate back under his door. I can't remember.

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13. The very last time I remember seeing or speaking with Peter was when I asked him for the certificate. That was about July 1983.

I never saw or heard from Peter after the incident with the marriage certificate. He was still living at the unit at Cross street Waverly at that stage.

14. It wasn't until about June 1984 that I tried to contact Peter at the ABC. When I contacted them they told me that he hadn't turned up for work one day and they hadn't seen him since. I tried to find him in the phone book. I went around to the flat a few times, but there never seemed to be anyone there. I last tried to find him in 1986.

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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 . I didn't stay at out of Sydney in 1987 to Glenn FOSTER lived at 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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