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STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

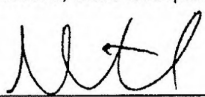
In the matter of:	Peter BAUMANN
Place:	Bankstown Police Station
Date:	11 April 2007

Name:	John PAUPERIS
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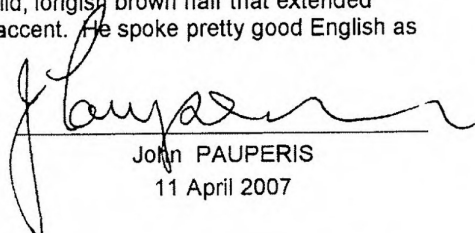
STATES:

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 50 years of age.
3. In 1979 to 1980 I was living in [REDACTED]. I was living there by myself. It was a one bedroom semi detached house. I was working in the building industry with my father at the time. We worked all over Sydney and mainly in the city. We did not have any office to base ourselves; we used my father's house in [REDACTED] for the paperwork to be done.
4. At this time I met Cherie FOSTER and her brother Glen at a wine bar in Beattie Street, Balmain. I think it was called Beattie Street Wine Bar. Cherie and her brother came back to my place from the wine bar. I can't remember what happened that night but she kept in contact with me from this time.
5. I would describe Cherie at the time as being in her early 20s, 5'2" tall, slim build, blonde shoulder length hair, and petit, pale skin. At the time of meeting I think she was working at Telecom.
6. I had a sexual relationship with Cherie, on and off for about 7 years until about 1987. During this time Cherie told me that she was prostitute. Our relationship did not involve any money changing hands. Cherie did not go into details about her being a prostitute. Cherie did tell me however, that she prostituted herself in Surry Hills in a brothel, but I do not know which brothel. As far as I know she did not have a pimp.
7. In 1982 Cherie introduced me to a friend of hers, Peter Baumann. He was from Germany and I think he was a musician. I do not know where our first meeting was. I do not know how or why I was introduced to him apart from that he was a friend of Cherie's.
8. My second meeting with Peter was at his place in Tamarama. I would describe this place as a small bed-sit or two room apartment. His place was well maintained but sparsely furnished. I remember seeing a small keyboard inside his place. I think it was around 8pm when we visited and don't think it was winter when I went there as it was not cold. I can not tell you what time of year it was when I went to his place though. I think he was living alone at Tamarama.
9. I would describe Peter as being about 6ft tall, slim to medium build, longish brown hair that extended past his shoulders, olive complexion. He spoke with a German accent. He spoke pretty good English as

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I had no problems understanding him. He was not very talkative. I would consider him as being the modern backpacker. By this I mean that he was pretty straight, nothing wild or extreme about him. He was a nice guy. I can not remember too much else about this meeting at his place. I do not recall what was spoken about and why we went there in the first place only that he was a friend of Cherie's.

10. I remember that Cherie mentioned to me that she was considering marrying Peter. I do not know whether that was mentioned to me prior to me meeting Peter or after. I believe that it was going to be an arranged marriage for Peter to become a resident of Australia. I am not aware that if this arrangement ever went ahead.
11. At the time of meeting Peter, Cherie was floating in and out of my life. I did not have much to do with him. I am not aware of Peter having any relationships with anyone during the short time I knew him. I did not meet anyone he knew other than Cherie. I do not know how Cherie met Peter.
12. I am not aware of any money being provided by Peter to Cherie. If there were any arrangements between them, I was not aware of them.
13. These were the only two meetings I had with Peter.
14. Some time later Cherie had spoken to me and it was discussed that Peter was missing or that she could not get in contact with him. I do not know what time frame this was since my last meeting with Peter. It could have been months or years. However, I do remember that Cherie was surprised that she could not contact Peter.
15. Peter was a nice guy and I would find it strange that anyone would want to hurt him. Peter did not seem the type that was into drugs or would take any extreme risks.
16. Some time later I think that Cherie had some contact with Peter's parents and that they may have come out to Australia to look for him.
17. I have not had any contact with Peter since that meeting at his unit. In my opinion Peter was not the sort of guy who would just go missing and not want to be found. I think it was weird that he went missing.
18. I was not aware of Peter having and other friends or any enemies.

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