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STATEMENT OF A POLICE/WITNESS

In the matter of:	Gilles Mattaini
Place:	Waverley Police Station
Date:	30 March, 2003

Name:	Catherine MORIESON	Tel. No:	[REDACTED]
Rank:	Plain Clothes Constable		
Station/Unit:	Waverley		

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 in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
2. I am 32 years of age.
3. On 30 May 2001 Strike force Taradale was created to investigate a series of suspicious deaths that occurred in the period between 1989 and 1991 in the Marks Park area between Bondi Beach and Tamarama.
4. On 1 August 2002 Antony Wyszynski after reading about the Taradale investigation reported a further missing person to police. Wyszynski informed police that his friend Gilles Mattaini went missing from the Bondi area between 15 September 1985 and 20 September 1985. Through some confusion it appears as though Mattaini was never officially reported missing to the police
5. Mattaini was born on 25 October 1958 in France. In 1978 Mattaini met and began a relationship with Jacques Musy and in 1983 was residing at [REDACTED] with Musy and Wyszynski. In March 1983 Musy moved to Sydney Australia and he believes that in September 1983 Mattaini arrived to join him. Records from Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs indicate that Gilles Mattaini arrived in Sydney on flight PA811 on 17 March 1984. Upon his arrival Mattaini and Musy resided with two other persons on an alternating basis, Marc Hubert and Vincent Ottaviani. Marc Hubert had a mutual friend with Musy and upon hearing that Musy was coming to Sydney allowed both Musy and Mattaini to live with him. Hubert also assisted both Mattaini and Musy to obtain employment at the Menzies Hotel in Sydney. According to Hubert shortly after Mattaini arrived Mattaini and Musy moved into their own unit in [REDACTED] Paddington. Some time after this Mattaini and Musy moved to [REDACTED] Bondi where they resided until Mattaini went missing.

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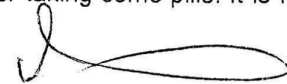
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6. Musy recalls that Mattaini used to take walks around the coastal areas of Bondi including Marks Park however Musy does not believe that Mattaini used Marks Park as a gay beat. Musy states that Mattaini was solitary and timid, was not promiscuous and did not use drugs. Hubert also recalls that Mattaini liked the walks around Bondi and Bonte however Hubert did not know at this time that this was a gay beat. Hubert does not believe that Mattaini used this walkway as a gay beat.
7. In about August 1985 Musy returned to France to visit his family. He contacted Mattaini weekly and although he recalls that Mattaini sounded lonely when he spoke with him he recalls that Mattaini was spending money on furniture and other items for their unit.
8. While Musy was away Hubert became better friends with Mattaini as Mattaini would socialise more after work and Hubert would sometimes give him a lift home. Hubert learnt from Mattaini at this time that Mattaini had recently become an illegal citizen and that he felt trapped because he could not leave Australia and be able to come back. Hubert felt that Mattaini wanted to remain in Australia. Hubert remembers that one night at work a day or two before Mattaini went missing that Mattaini asked to go home from work early as he felt ill. Mattaini also asked for a cigarette which Hubert thought was unusual as Mattaini did not smoke. When Hubert asked Mattaini if anything was wrong Mattaini replied "I am feeling very stressed ". Hubert contacted Mattaini later that night to clarify a work issue and said I will see you next shift. Hubert believes that Mattaini had a rest day the next day and was expected to work the following day. Hubert remembers that Mattaini did not show up and as he was normally very reliable became worried. Hubert contacted Ottaviani who stated he did not know where Mattaini was. The next day Ottaviani contacted Hubert and told him that he had been to Mattaini's flat and that there was no answer. Hubert believes that Ottaviani made enquiries with the police and hospitals around this time.
9. Statements were obtained from Jacques Musy and Marc Hubert on 3 August 2002 and 14 August 2002 respectively. The above information was obtained from these statements. Ottaviani passed away from an AIDS related illness 12 September 1992.
10. The person that reported Mattaini missing in 2002 was Wyszynski. He had previously been a flatmate of Mattaini in Paris. He spoke with Mattaini about the 15 September 1985. At this time Mattaini sounded upbeat and excited about Wyszynski's visit. Four days later Wyszynski was contacted by Ottaviani and told that Mattaini had missed work for the past two or three days and that no one had seen him. Wyszynski asked Ottaviani to attend Mattaini's home and check if everything was OK. Ottaviani contacted Wyszynski and informed him that everything appeared intact and that Mattaini's passport and house keys were there. Musy states that when he returned home he could not locate Mattaini's house keys or walkman. It is unknown which statement is the accurate account. On 29 September 1985 Wyszynski arrived in Sydney as planned. Ottaviani collected him and they spent time attempting to retrace Mattaini's steps. Wyszynski believes that Mattaini did not go to Marks Park to pick up guys but rather as a sightseer, Wyszynski bases this assessment on the fact that Mattaini was timid, would not speak to strangers on his own and was not promiscuous. Wyszynski stayed in Australia for about one year and organised after this time for Mattaini's personal effects to be returned to his mother. When Wyszynski contacted Mattaini's mother she told him that Mattaini had previously attempted to take his own life on two separate occasions. The first time was when he was 18 years old and was on holidays from the French army, Mattaini slashed his wrists and took a number of pills. This was apparently because he did not like the army. The second time was when he was still in the army and he was found in bed after taking some pills. It is not known

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what pills he took on either occasion. Wyszynski found that Mattaini's mother was not surprised at Mattaini's disappearance and that she believed he had committed suicide. After reading an article in the Star Observer Wyszynski believes that Mattaini's disappearance may be related to the other deaths being reviewed by Operation Taradale. Two statements were obtained from Wyszynski and both are dated 3 August 2002.

11. On 8 August 2002 a request for assistance was placed through Interpol Canberra to Interpol France. On 14 November 2002 a report was received in answer to this request. This report was received in both French and English. The report states that Mattaini's mother, Renee Mattaini (nee Binder) was contacted and provided two photographic negatives to the police. She also stated that Wyszynski advised her of Mattaini's disappearance. She believes that Wyszynski told her that on the day of his disappearance Mattaini was planning to go swimming. It is unclear where this information came from as Wyszynski was not in Australia on the day of Mattaini's disappearance. Neither herself or her husband (who passed away in 1991) officially reported Mattaini missing to the French police. Mrs Mattaini contacted the Australian Ambassador in Paris who recommended that she contact the International Red Cross for assistance. In June 1993 she was informed by the Red Cross that their search for her son had been unsuccessful. Mattaini communicated with his family by phone only and the last time Mrs Mattaini spoke to Mattaini was approximately one week before he disappeared.
12. On 14 November 2002 a request for assistance was sent to USA Department of Immigration to assess if Mattaini had left Australia and gone to the USA. This request was made as Hubert stated in his statement that in April 1989 while in Hawaii on a holiday he saw a male very similar to Mattaini in the supermarket. Hubert made a search of all the aisles but could not locate this person. A reply was received on 20 February 2003 stating that a check on their database showed no record of a person of the name Mattaini entering the United States.
13. On 22 January 2003 police contacted Musy. He stated that Mattaini had an account with the Advance Bank. The St George Bank was contacted as they took over Advance Bank and Mark Wright from the Industry Compliance Section was spoken to on the same day. He stated that the bank does not keep any records for more than seven years.
14. On 22 January 2003 Rachel Mossman, the Human Resources Manager at the Menzies Hotel was contacted in relation to any employment records for Mattaini. She stated that a check revealed that they have no payslips prior to 1988.
15. On 14 March 2003 Musy was contacted to see if he could recall the name of the tenant who described Mattaini as aloof, that he mentioned in his statement. Musy could not recall this persons name or where they had lived. On this day a canvass was conducted at the unit block of [REDACTED] Bondi. Most persons spoken to had not resided in the premises in 1985. Deborah Pokorny from unit [REDACTED] stated she vaguely remembered French guys living there but could not give any information about them. She nominated another tenant Judith Sutherland who is currently in Saudia Arabia who may be able to assist. Sutherland was contacted and she remembered saying hello to the two French males in the hallway but that was all. She named a further tenant Robert Fagan who was then contacted. He too remembered the French guys and remembered hearing something like one of them "jumped in the ocean" but could not recall who he heard this from or when.

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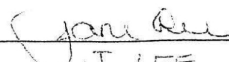
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16. A search through Centrelink, Austrac and the NSW Electoral Roll for any record of Mattaini have also failed to locate any person by that name. Baycorp Advangtage Ltd (the old Credit Advantage Ltd) were contacted and they stated they do not keep records for more than seven years.
17. It appears as though Mattaini has indeed met with some misadventure. This opinion is based on the information obtained through his friends and family. It is clear that prior to his disappearance he kept in close and constant contact with his friends and family and the sudden loss of contact is highly consistent with the suspicious nature of his disappearance. His friends strongly believe that he is not the type of person to leave his good friends and make new friends easily. There are conflicting stories as to his mood on the days leading up to his disappearance however Hubert who spoke with him the day before remembers Mattaini being stressed and behaving out of character by having a cigarette. All checks conducted by police have been unable to locate any person by the name Gilles Mattaini living in this county.

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