

Statement of Antony WYSZYNSKI

Product Type: TEXT DOCUMENTS:Statement

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Brief Description: Attached to this product is a copy of the statement of Antony WYSZYNSKI in relation to the disappearance of Gilles MATTAINI.

Summary:

- Para 3:** Meets MATTAINI in France and later has him as a flat-mate.
- Para 4:** MATTAINI and MUSY (another flat-mate) left France for Sydney in 1983, and at that time they had been in a relationship for about five years. MATTAINI had problems with his visa and did not wish to return to France.
- Para 5:** In June 1985 plans on travelling to Australia and speaks with MATTAINI. MATTAINI has a "very good" frame of mind.
- Para 6:** Speaks with MATTAINI about 15/09/1985, and MATTAINI is in good spirits and looking forward to the pending visit.
- Para 7:** Receives information about four days later from Vincent OTTAVIONE that MATTAINI is missing.
- Para 8:** Arrives in Sydney on 29/09/1985 and is collected by OTTAVIANI. Both search for MATTAINI, and states that MATTAINI liked to go to Marks Park.
- Para 9:** Describes MATTAINI as being timid and not promiscuous.
- Para 10:** No trace of MATTAINI was found. In that era, Marks Park had a reputation as being a violent place.
- Para 11:** MATTAINI describes an incident at Marks Park between 1986 - 89 when a group of more than four men arrived in cars and chased other men in the park. WYSZYNSKI blows a whistle and leaves the area.
- Para 12:** Believes that OTTAVIANI reported MATTAINI missing.
- Para 13:** In 1986 returns to France and speaks with parents of MATTAINI. Father distances himself and mother stated MATTAINI had previously tried to commit suicide whilst in the Army (as a conscript)
- Para 14:** Discusses two incidents of endeavours to commit suicide whilst conscripted into military service.
- Para 15:** MATTAINI's mother believed that he had committed suicide and arrangements were made for belongings to be returned to France.
- Para 16:** Forwarded all MATTAINI's possessions to France.
- Para 17:** WYSZYNSKI remains in Australia from 1986 and gains citizenship.
- Para 18:** After reading media articles about incidents involving the gay community at Marks Park, contacts Detectives FOSTER and PAGE. Later attends Paddington Police Station where a statement is made.

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Missing Person- MATTAINI

Place: Paddington
Police Station
Date : 3 August 2002

Name: Antony Jean WYSZYNSKI

Address: [REDACTED] Paddington

Tel. No.: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Pensioner

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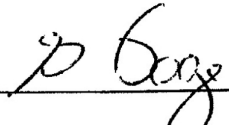
1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness.

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 for 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 41 years of age.

3. In 1978 I became friends with a person called Gilles MATTAINI. We met through friends in Paris. I was having trouble with my family and so was Gilles, so we moved in to flat together with other people. I stayed in the same flat until September 1985.

4. Gilles and Jacques MUSY who also lived with us, went to Sydney in March 1983. Gilles and Jacques were boyfriends, they had been in a relationship for about five years. They went to Australia to live there permanently. I kept in contact with them all the time. Gilles did not integrate into the Australian lifestyle as well as Jacques. He had problems with the language and also had an immigration problem. He wanted to live in Australia, but he did not have a visa to stay there. He did not want to go back to France.

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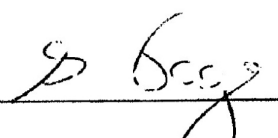
5. In June 1985 I decided to go to Australia for a holiday. I spoke to Jacques and Gilles and arranged a number of things before I came over to Australia. When I spoke to Gilles his state of mind was very good.

6. Around the 15th of September 1985, I spoke to Gilles on the phone. This was about two weeks before I came to Australia. We talked Gilles buying sheets and bedding items for me when I came over. We just talked about things I needed to bring. Gilles was very happy and he was looking forward to my visit. There was no indication about him being in trouble. This was the last time I spoke to Gilles.

7. About four days later I had a phone call from Vincent OTTAVIONE who was a friend of Jacques and Gilles. He told me that Gilles didn't turn up for work for the last two or three days. He said that no one had seen him. I asked him to go to his place and check for him. He called me back later and told me that everything in Gilles house was intact. His passport and house keys were there. There was no sign of him running away.

8. I waited for news of Gilles but there was no sign of him. On the 29th of September 1985, I arrived in Sydney. Vincent picked me up from the airport. We tried to trace Gilles steps of where he had been and what he had done. One possibility was Marks Park Tamarama. He liked being on his on and went for walks with his walkman. He liked to sit and look at the sea. I was told that Marks Park was on of the places he liked to go. I believed that he liked to go for the sightseeing. He did not go cruising for other men.

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9. I only base this on the fact that Gilles was a timid person, he would not strangers on his own. He was scared of the dark. He was not promiscuous at all. He was very shy.

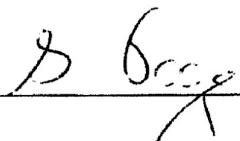
10. I stayed in Sydney for about a year. We could not find Gilles. I remember that Marks Park had a reputation for a cruising place for gay men. It also had a reputation for being dangerous, there were bashings and robbing of gay men at the park. This was happening in 1985, I know this because I was told this by men who had been bashed and robbed and were too scared to report it to police.

11. I experienced myself between 1986 and 1989. I saw a group of men, there were more than four. They came out of two different cars and they chased a number a men who were in the park. I was in the park as well and I ran away. I didn't go there for a few months after that. I can't remember what these men looked like. It was dark and I blew a whistle that I had with me to scare them off. I did not report this to police.

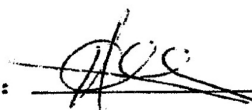
12. I moved in with Jacques and stayed with him. As far as I know, Vincent reported Gilles disappearance to the police, he checked the hospitals and other places to find Gilles.

13. In 1986 I went back to France, I contacted Gilles parents and went to visit them. They knew that Gilles had gone missing. Gilles father did not want anything to do with Gilles or me. I spoke to his mother, she mentioned that he has attempted suicide before 1978. She said that he had been conscripted to join the French army and he did not like it.

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14. In France you were forced to join the army when you are eighteen. One time during his holidays from the army, his mother found him in his bed, he had slashed his wrists and he had taken a number of pills. She took him to the hospital. The second time was when he was in the army, he went to bed after taking some pills. He was found and taken to the hospital.

15. His mother was not surprised of Gilles disappearance. She believed that he had committed suicide. She was not aware of him going to Marks Park. His mother gave me some money to arrange for Gilles belongings to be sent back to her.

16. I arranged for Gilles belonging to be sent back to France. I came back to Australia three months later. I bought a trunk and put all of Gilles belongings in it. I sent it back to France.

17. I stayed in Australia, I became an Australian citizen. I have lived here since 1986.

18. In the last few years I have been reading about murder cases in the paper. The ones that happened in Bondi involving gay men. I began to think that maybe Gilles had been murdered in these circumstances. About a week ago I read an article in the Star Observer about reporting information to Paddington Police in relation to murders and hate crimes in the area. I contacted Paddington Police and spoke to them about Gilles. I spoke to Detective Foster and Detective Page. I then was in contact with Jacques and we came into Paddington Police station to give a statement.

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Det Sgt

Signature:

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