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Inquest touching the death of

J. Russell

R. Warren G. Mattaini

State Coroner's Court, 44-46

Parramatta Road, GLEBE

Date: 31.

Court Officer



NSW POLICE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

In the matter of:	MATTAINI
Place:	Waverley Police Station
Date:	14 August, 2002

Name:	HUBERT Marc Pierre
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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 46 years of age.
3. I am an Australian Citizen. I emigrated from France in May 1980. I am currently employed by Qantas as a Long Haul Flight Attendant.
4. In 1983 I was living in Sydney and working in the Menzies Hotel in Carrington Street Wynyard as the Senior Head Waiter. Around that time I received a telephone call from a friend in France Alain Brachet. Alain told me that he had a friend Jacques Musy travelling to Sydney and asked me if I could look after him and let him stay with me until he got settled.
5. Jacques arrived in Sydney some time in 1983 and stayed with me at [REDACTED] Paddington. I think that is the address it was across the road from Victoria Barracks. Jacques stayed with me and another friend of mine Vincent Ottaviani on an alternating basis for about six to eight months until he got his own unit in [REDACTED] Paddington. I also got Jacques a job as a casual waiter at the Menzies Hotel and through our work association we maintained contact.
6. Pretty soon after Jacques arrived I became aware that he had a boyfriend who was also coming to Australia, at that time I didn't know much about other than his name was Gilles.
7. Gilles arrived in Sydney not long after Jacques. Gilles also stayed at Vincent's house and at my house on an alternating basis but only very briefly. It was shortly after Gilles arrived that Jacques and Gilles moved into the unit in Moore Park Road.
8. Maybe three months after Gilles arrived I assisted him in getting a job at the Menzies Hotel. Gilles could not start work straight away because his English was not very good. Gilles was also employed as a casual waiter. Gilles and Jacques actually worked under my supervision at the Menzies.

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9. After Gilles and Jacques became settled in their own unit and had employment my contact with them declined and was mainly through work. However I would occasionally attend the same social functions as them but our social contact was limited. Gilles and Jacques were closer to Vincent Ottaviani than me.
10. After Gilles and Jacques had been living at [REDACTED] for about six months they moved to the top floor of [REDACTED] Bondi. Vincent also lived in [REDACTED]. For brief period of about two months I sublet a unit in the same building. This was very soon after Gilles and Jacques had moved into their unit. The unit I sublet was directly opposite Jacques and Gilles unit. I had moved from there well before Gilles went missing.
11. Around August 1985 Jacques took leave from the Menzies and travelled back to France to visit his family. Jacques was gone for about month and during this period I got to know Gilles a little better. I think this was because Gilles was on his own and stayed back after work to socialise a little more often than he did previously and occasionally I would give him a lift home.
12. During this period I learnt a little more about Gilles. I learnt that Gilles was feeling very uncomfortable about his situation in that he had recently become an illegal immigrant because his visa had expired and he felt trapped in that he could not leave Australia and come back. My impression was that Gilles wanted to remain in Australia. Jacques told me at some point later that he and Gilles were having problems with their relationship, this may have related to the visa situation but I don't know.
13. In the week prior to Jacques arriving back in Australia from France I remember Gilles working with me at the Menzies one night shift. During the shift Gilles approached me and told me that he was not feeling well and asked if he could leave early. I would guess that would have been around 9pm or 10pm. He did not elaborate on his illness and at the time I was running a function and probably had twenty other waiters working for me. I allowed Gilles to leave early but asked him to finalise the liquor sheet for that function. I remember Gilles coming to my office with the liquor sheet and at that time he asked me for a cigarette, which I found very strange because he did not smoke. I remember saying, "Are you smoking now?" to which her replied, "No I feel like one now I am feeling very stressed." Gilles then left and went home.
14. Later that evening I found a discrepancy in the liquor sheet and I telephoned Gilles at home. I spoke to Gilles on the telephone. I guess that would have been around midnight or later. We clarified the discrepancy on the telephone and I told him I would see him next time he was to work. My recollections are that Gilles was rostered off the next day and was rostered to work the day after, I think that was an evening shift, I sure it wasn't a morning.
15. The next shift that Gilles was rostered to work he did not arrive. This was very unusual because Gilles was very punctual and reliable. I telephoned Gilles at home but there was no answer. I then telephoned Vincent and asked him if he knew where Gilles was. Vincent told me that he did not know where Gilles was.

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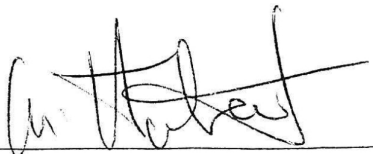
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16. I think it was the following day that Vincent Ottaviani telephoned me at home. I think I was living at Mount Victoria at this time. Vincent told me that he had been to Gilles flat and that there had been no answer. My recollections are that it was at this time that Vincent commenced making enquires with the police and hospitals in relation to the whereabouts of Gilles.
17. My recollection is that Jacques Musy arrived back in Australia three or four days after Gilles had gone missing. Jacques and Vincent had become very good friends and they continued to make enquires in relation to Gilles. I don't remember anything in particular after this because I had just bought a house in Mount Victoria and was commuting to Sydney and my life was changing, I had other things on my mind.
18. I know Jacques was quite disturbed by the whole thing and I think he was on medication to help him cope and sleep. I have a recollection that Jacques took some time off from work after he arrived back from France to look for Gilles and come to terms with what had happened.
19. During 1985 my guess would be around April Vincent and Gilles went on a holiday together to Honolulu. Gilles went because he had to leave the country every three months to renew his visa.
20. In April 1989 I went to Honolulu for a holiday. The second night after my arrival I went to a Supermarket in Waikiki to get some groceries. Whilst I was in the Supermarket I had a feeling that I was being watched. I turned around and I thought I saw Gilles face above one of the isles. That puzzled me and I went to the isle to see if it was Gilles but by the time I walked all the way around to the isle there was nobody there. I was convinced I had seen Gilles and I searched every isle of the Supermarket. I saw nobody at all in the supermarket because it was late at night. It was like the person I had seen had vanished. That picture of that face above the isle staring at me is still vivid in my mind today. I never told Jacques about this because I didn't want to upset him. I did tell Vincent about this however.
21. Vincent Ottaviani died in 1991 from HIV.
22. I don't have any more information about Gilles, this is the best of my recollections and I haven't thought about it for many years until I received your telephone call this week. My impression of Gilles was that he was a very gentle softly spoken person. He didn't speak much and was very much within himself.
23. When I lived at Bondi I showed Gilles the coastal walk between Bondi and Bronte and Gilles often did that walk wearing his walkman. At that time I was not aware that the Coastal Walk and Marks Park was a gay beat. I found this out many years later. Although Gilles frequently took the coastal walk I would very surprised if he frequented it as a gay beat he was not that type of person. I thought it was mostly during the day that Gilles took the coastal walk.

Witness:


 Peter Bishop
 Det Sgt.
 12/11/2002

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