

Case 34 - Witness Interview - 188

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Brief Description: Transcript of witness interview between Detective HOFF and 188 during which 188 claims he was in intimate relationship with WARREN. He makes mention of WARREN faking his death 3-4 years prior to going missing and claims WARREN was in financial difficulty. Also claims WARREN planned his disappearance and nominates 1177 and 1177 and 1159 as having knowledge of this. Nominates Trish () as having seen WARREN since his disappearance. Throughout the interview, 188 appears confused and appears to be fabricating the information he provides to police.

TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE LABELLED 'WARREN DISAPPEARANCE' - 3.10.90

- FOR DETECTIVE J. BIGNELL HOMICIDE SOUTH

LEGEND:

V1: = Detective Hoff

V2: = Detective Amos

V3: = 188

V1: The time is 9.17 on Wednesday the 3rd October, 1990. This is a witness interview in the Adelaide audio visual interview room. I am Detective Senior Constable Philip Walter Hoff and with me is Detective Senior Constable first grade Tim Amos and we are speaking to 188 For the purposes of voice identification can each person in the room please identify themselves verbally.

V2: I'm Detective Senior Constable first grade Tim Amos of the Adelaide C.I.B.

V1: And you are?

V3: 188

V1: **188** can I get you to speak up when you answer questions.

V3: Mm mm.

V1: So that we can be sure that we get an accurate recording. **188** I'm making enquiries on behalf of the Paddington Police of N.S.W. with regard to the disappearance of Ross Warren. Do you know Ross Warren?

V3: Yes.

V1: Can you tell me how you know Ross Warren:

V3: First of all it started out as um just someone I'd speak to at a night club. Ah then I went into a three month relationship only um where. It's quite hard to explain because um he was rather a um people's person and ah apart from me he did have a few other partners as well. Ah but um mainly ah it started out about November last year. We started going out together. But ah..

V1: Whereabouts did you first meet Ross?

V3: Ah it would have been in the Gay Nightclub in Wollongong.

V1: Do you know the name of that Nightclub?

V3: Ah it's now called Hot Gossip. Before that it was called Signals.

V1: And when you say you started going out together. How frequently was that?

V3: Well he mainly did the news every night. Um I would have seen him about three days a week.

V1: And you say that he did the news every night, that was for a television station in Wollongong.

V3: That was ah WIN TV news yeah.

V1: Right. At the time that you, that you um first started going out with him which I think you said was November, is that correct?

V3: That's right.

V1: That's November 1989 was Ross still appearing on television at that time.

V3: Ah yes he was. A week later he wasn't.

V1: What, when was that? And why was that?

V3: Reasons with staff was WIN TV, weren't satisfactory with um his work. Ah but apart from that he was in quite financially difficulty and um dealing with certain people in the drug business.

V1: When Ross went off air was he still working at WIN television?

V3: He went off air one night on a Friday night. Um I was, I informed I was going to Sydney ah. I went earlier than him. I went up about 7.00 p.m. and 'cause it was the weekend of the big Gay population, Mardi Gras party at the Hordern Pavilion and ah about 11.00 p.m. he turned up there. He was there for an hour ah with a few of his friends he brought up. Ah that went on till nine in the morning. Ah he left about 3.00 a.m. ah with, with a boy and I asked him where he was going. He said to the beach just for a drive, he'd only be gone for an hour and return. Ah he never returned um because he was actually supposed to drive me back. Because I wasn't living far, every weekend I used to stay at a friends place.

V1: Earlier on we were speaking and you told me that you thought his disappearance was planned. Do you remember that?

V3: Yes I do.

V1: Can you explain that to me?

V3: Well when I was in Wollongong I wasn't a very liked person. Ah the same with him because he was going out with me. Ah plus um a lot of people didn't agree with it. Ah I don't know why that is, but um, with the Gay population they're quite um judgmental about things like that. So, ah and as through his newsreader friends they thought it was quite incriminating to his um work if he was found out about all his, the way he was and all that sort of thing.

V1: Can you just hold it there. This interview is interrupted at 9.24. Interview resumes at 9.24.

V3: Yes.

V1: Um, no the question that I asked you and that I want you to think very carefully about and try and give me a

concise answer is. Why do you think the disappearance of Ross Warren was a planned event?

V3: I know for a fact he was planning it quite ahead before. Um..

V1: How do you know that?

V3: I was informed by two people who are very close to him.

V1: Who are those people?

V3: One would be the night owner of the night club.

V1: What's his name?

V3: That'd be [REDACTED] 1159

V1: Yes and the other one is?

V3: [REDACTED] 1177. He is still on TV now and then.

V1: What did [REDACTED] 1159 tell you?

V3: [REDACTED] 1159 was just informing me about the difficulties he had financially. He was in quite a bit of debt and that he was thinking of skipping. Um..

V1: And what did [redacted] 177 tell you?

V3: [redacted] 177 was saying he was in quite difficulty with um drug selling with people in Redfern who he was living with.

V1: Right so Ross Warren was living in Redfern?

V3: Yeah he was there for three weeks. And um I actually was told by a cameraman he came into work where I was working, in Government Stores in Wollongong ah if I knew his whereabouts um. He informed me that Ross had moved from Redfern but his car was still there. And um that the people there didn't know his whereabouts.

V1: Now when was that?

V3: That would have been about December.

V1: Okay, when was the last time that you saw Ross Warren?

V3: It would have been January at the Rats party, at the Hordern Pavilion in Sydney.

V1: And that was the time that he left with another person at 3.00 a.m.

V3: He left with actually a twenty one year old boy.

V1: And who was that person?

V3: I wouldn't know by name but I would know by description.

V1: You told me earlier that he left with someone who was meant to be a big drug dealer in Sydney. Is that the same person?

V3: Yes it is.

V1: And you don't know that person's name?

V3: I don't know the name.

V1: What does that person look like?

V3: He'd be thin, dark brown hair rather short. Um very good looking. Um at that stage he was wearing tight blue jeans with a blue and white striped shirt.

V1: Do you believe that Ross Warren is alive?

V3: In all facts, yes.

V1: Why?

V3: One reason, he's done it before, he's acted his own death before. That was for another news company in I'm not sure whether it was Perth or somewhere. Um and two to get out of the debts he was in. I think he planned the whole thing, yes.

V1: When did he do this before?

V3: It was about three or four years ago.

V1: How old is Ross Warren?

V3: About now he'd be about, he'd be in his twenties, I couldn't give you an exact..

V1: When was the last time you heard of anyone having seen him?

V3: Ah it would have been before I came over to Adelaide, I was actually catching the train to Sydney getting ready to catch my coach from Sydney to Adelaide. Um a person called David who actually worked for a newspaper firm um which we just stumbled across it because I mentioned

I had known the boy and that was all he'd said um, but I haven't heard from anybody since.

V1: When was that?

V3: Well I left on the 1st January for Adelaide. Ah it would have been two weeks before that. I got a train up to Sydney.

V1: Two weeks before when?

V3: The 1st January.

V1: You saw Ross Warren on the 31st December didn't you?

V3: Yes that's right, but I was in Sydney for the last two weeks before I went.

V1: When was the last time you heard of anyone having contact or having seen Ross Warren alive?

V3: Having contact um.

V1: You mentioned to me earlier..

V3: Yeah, it would have been..

V1: ..someone by the name of Trish?

V3: Yeah Trish would have seen him around August, August last year.

V1: Earlier on you told me that was February this year that Trish had said that she'd seen him.

V3: Um well I rang her up actually from Adelaide and she said she did hear that he's still around.

V1: At the moment your answers don't seem to be making a lot of sense.

V3: Well, but I mean I'm on medication.

V1: You are on medication are you.

V3: Yeah.

V1: What medication are you on?

V3: I'm on Valium.

V1: When did you have your last one?

V3: That would have been about an hour before youse came round.

V1: About 7.00 o'clock?

V3: Yeah. I'm on three a day.

V1: Do you understand the questions that I'm asking you?

V3: Yeah quite clearly.

V1: You're answers don't appear to be clear to me.

V3: I know definitely he was at that party with me. He was leaving just for an hour to go to the beach with some friends. And um I wasn't living far from there I was living on a beach house which was secluded in the bush with um one of the barmens from a Sydney Club which owns the place. He's actually from Queensland. Ah..

V1: Where do you think Ross Warren is now?

V3: Well when I spoke to Trish last, that would have, she reckons in the Northern Territory.

V1: When was that?

V3: Well I've recently just spoke to Trish about a month ago as well.

V1: And what did she say?

V3: Well she asked if I heard from him. Um I said no. Um I asked her if she knew his whereabouts and um she said that as far as she knew that. She knew as far as that he was planning to go there because um. But um originally he was gunna return to Queensland back home where his parents live in Broadbeach.

V2: Who's Trish?

V3: Trish is um a good friend of mine. She's um hangs around a lot in the Gay scene, she's out all the time.

V2: And how could we get in contact with her?

V3: By phone.

V2: You've got her phone number have you?

V3: Yes I have.

V2: Have you got it with you?

V3: I know it quite well.

V2: Well what's her phone number, in Sydney I take it?

V3: Yeah.

V2: What's her phone number?

V3: It's [REDACTED].

V2: And who does Trish work for?

V3: Ah Ansett Airlines.

V2: Ansett, you told us earlier it was Qantas.

V3: Probably Qantas then.

V2: Well where does she work.

V3: Qantas in Sydney.

V2: In Sydney Airport or Sydney office.

V3: Yeah the main, the main office.

V2: In?

V3: I'm not sure the main office where it is, because I don't go by flights. I usually ring her at home that's..

V2: And you don't know her surname.

V3: ..her home number.

V1: What was the phone number again?

V3: [REDACTED]

V2: Who knows, ah where he is now? Who would know apart from Trish?

V3: The best person to ask. I mean would be [1177] or Jerome Brothers they own an organ store in Wollongong who Ross hanged around all the time.

V2: [1177]

V3: [1177]

V2: Oh the two you've already mentioned?

V3: Yeah..

V2: They own a what?

V3: They down an organ shop in Wollongong, Crown Lane.
[1177] actually um hosts the kids news on T.V. He's
quite well in the T.V. business.

V2: And you're pretty sure they know where he is?

V3: Well [1177] and um Ross used to go together. So I
know for a fact. But um I know with the Jerome
Brothers they're the best friends Ross has got, he was
always out with them.

V2: So when was the last time you saw him?

V3: It was that party in Sydney, January.

V2: New Years Eve.

V3: New Years Eve.

V2: January 1st.

V3: And I left on the next day for Adelaide.

V2: Has he contacted you since?

V3: No.

V2: Have you contacted him since?

V3: I've got no contact.

V2: But he would know how to find you if he wanted to.

V3: Oh he could easily find me if he wanted to.

V2: Through Trish I suppose.

V3: Yeah whatever.

V2: Is there anybody else who could help us with this inquiry?

V3: Your best bet is with that guy or Peter Andre who's a cameraman for Channel Four. Because he said if I've got any queries or if I hear from Ross to give him a call because they are quite best friends.

V2: When you say that guy you mean 1177?

V3: Yeah. Peter Andre's quite known around as well.

V1: And where is Peter Andres?

V3: He's in Wollongong. Wollongong, WIN TV.

V2: Oh he works for the TV station does he?

V3: Yeah at home.

V2: Is there anything else that you can think of that may be able to help us in tracking him down?

V3: I did a check on myself to the person who, where Ross was staying in Redfern that time and they denied he was there at all.

V2: Who was that?

V3: Um I think his name was [1177]. There was a girl and two guys living there.

V2: At Redfern?

V3: Yeah.

V2: You don't know the address in Redfern?

V3: Um no I had the paper clip at home in Wollongong, with the address. Um the only way I can do that is if when I go over to get hold of it, but um. I mean a lot of people know me over there too, which is quite dangerous because I know there's a lot of people who would like to see me shot off that's right.

V2: Why is that?

V3: Um because ah before going out with Ross I used to go out with one of the managers of one of the clubs there which I actually made um. Well they made threats to me and I actually got Police involved in it and ah the club was shut down. And they said if I ever returned um I couldn't walk the streets.

V2: And this is because of your relationship or some other with, or some other problem.

V3: Both, both. Because [1159], the manager [1159] would be. Actually he's another person you could speak to, because..

V2: [1159]?

V3: Yeah.

V2: And where does 1159 fit in?

V3: He was the manager of the night club.

V2: Which night club?

V3: Well I don't know what they call it now, I think it's
Hot Gossip now.

V2: Oh the same one.

V3: It's up the top of Piccadilly Square. But um I haven't
been in Wollongong for that long, it's not funny.

V2: Okay.

V3: But I know it's close. I'm in a dangerous spot if I
leak anything out because..

V1: Well you appreciate how serious our enquiries are?

V3: I know you have to find the guy. I mean he is..

V1: Um at this stage, there's there are fears that he may
not be alive and um..

V3: That could be a possibility. But I mean there's no way because I think the whole thing has been framed up.

V2: But can you tell us specifically why you believe that?

V3: See I'm putting myself in a risk if I say that because um I was living in..

V1: Well this information that you're telling us is confidential, okay so.

V3: Well the thing is I was staying, like I said I stayed in Sydney that whole weekend, the week when Ross was in Sydney and I was living with a person from Queensland who's got his own house away from any other house. It's just on the cliff actually. You've got to go down quite a lot of stairs and that was in, is it Panorama or is it, it's around there anyway. Um and we had..

V1: This is in Sydney or in Queensland.

V2: Yeah in Sydney. And we had the view of where they were staying, the accident where his car was left open and the keys found in the thing and that. I could actually see there was a car that night, doors were open and the keys, but there was no one inside.

V1: Was it Rossi's car?

V3: It was brown I could tell you.

V1: What kind of car was it?

V3: A brown; it was a (can't decipher) what's it called.
(End of side one) It could have been two different
sorts, it could have been a GL or it could have been a
laser.

V2: It was a Ford Laser was it?

V3: Yeah it could have been definitely. I had the view
from the window because there's a big clear view from
where I was.

V2: And what did you see?

V3: I saw two people get out of a car. It would have been
about five, six in the morning. Um right close to the
cliff edge of the beach. Um one went down the rock,
walked down the big steep rocks towards the water. Um
the doors were left open and an hour later because I
was sitting up watching videos with a friend of mine
and ah I looked out again. It had been an hour and the
doors were still open and the lights were left on for

all that time in the car. And ah there was a horn just beeping. There was just, the horn was just going all the time. And ah..

V2: What for the whole hour?

V3: For the whole hour and um I went to bed about seven. Um got up again about lunch time, about one the next day.

V2: Did you go to bed at seven. Was it a.m. or p.m.

V3: A.m. and I looked outside the window when I was getting up and the car lights and that were still open, the doors and that. But I don't know whether that had anything to do with it, but um..

V2: And that's Ross's car?

V3: It definitely looked like his car 'cause it had the WIN TV symbols on it.

V1: Were you concerned for Ross?

V3: I've always liked the boy.

V2: No were you concerned for his safety?

V3: Yes.

V2: That night?

V3: That night at the party I said, I don't want you going,
'cause I said I think something's going on.

V1: And do you think that something did go on now? What do
you think happened?

V3: I didn't appreciate the person he went along with.

V1: Why?

V3: Because I knew he who the guy was, what he was like.

V12: Who is that person, this is confidential, just tell us
who is it?

V3: 1412.

V2: 1412?

V1: 1412.

V3: Yeah.

V2: [I412] ?

V1: Now why were you concerned about Ross staying with
[I412] ?

V2: 'Cause [I412]'s connected into the family business.

V1: Is there some likelihood that [I412] could have
harmed Ross?

V2: Yes there's a possibility. I've had threats from
[I412] myself.

V1: Do you think [I412] in some way has harmed Ross?

V2: That I can't answer because, like I said I wasn't
living. I was actually only five minutes away in a
house from where it happened. That would be drive
wise, if I walked it it wouldn't have been.

V1: Tell me where what happened?

V3: From when I read the news article the next day from
where they said it happened, where the car was found
and all that, I was only, I wasn't far.

V1: You saw the car there that night, that morning?

V3: But I did see the car there that night.

V2: When you said he was involved in the family what do you mean by that?

V3: Well [1159] and [1412] are very close friends. Um..

V1: Is that [1159]?

V3: Yes.

V1: Right.

V3: Ah..

V1: And not [1177], [1412].

V3: [1177] I dunno about him. All I know is he's..

V1: Just so I can clarify that. [1159] is close friends with [1412]?

V3: Very.

V1: Okay, continue.

V3: And um I know [177] took a visit this year over to Sydney, informing that I was over here, which everyone knows that now. Um he's tried to make quite a lot of trouble for me.

V1: Why would he do those things to you?

V3: That's one thing I don't understand because I've done no wrong to him.

V2: Has it got anything to do with drugs?

V3: Ah yes he does deal now and then.

V2: [1412]. You said earlier that [1412] was involved with the family. What do you mean by the family?

V3: I mean people like um, he knows people like Abe Saffron all that sort of people.

V2: Is that what you mean by the family, what I mean, notorious people of ill repute is that what you're saying?

V3: Yeah, the same with [159].

V1: Pardon?

V3: The same with [1159].

V1: The same with [1159]?

V3: That's why I don't mention much about anything.

V1: Ross owed money to people?

V3: Yes.

V1: [REDACTED]?

V3: That was a fact, yeah.

V1: Who did he owe money to?

V3: Ah he owed some to Rod Stringer who was part owner of the club which I'm trying definitely hard to think of the name, what it was before.

V1: Is that the one that is part owned by [1159] or the same one?

V3: Yep.

V1: Okay, you owed money to him who else?

V3: He owed um money to quite a few banks as well.

V1: Yep. Who did he owe money [REDACTED] to?

V3: Ah this guy he was living with in Redfern for a few weeks.

V1: And what's his name?

V3: All I know is Steve someone, I can't recall straight off.

V2: Is it [REDACTED] Steve? Not [177], not [1412] but [REDACTED] Steve?

V3: No, it's [REDACTED] Steve, he was living with a female and another guy as well, there were three. That's quite a rough area 'cause they were living actually um in a street where it's just full of all Aborigines.

V1: What street was that?

V3: Ah it was a main street in Redfern. We, mainly it's only all aborigines who live there. It's um, I can't

recall, um no I can't recall at the moment, I've got it written down somewhere.

V1: How much money did Ross owe [REDACTED]?

V3: He'd be looking about five, six thousand dollars.

V1: Did he owe money for anything else [REDACTED]?

V3: Nothing else [REDACTED].

V1: He wasn't involved in prostitution?

V3: Ah he dealt with some boys.

V1: Would he have owed money in those circles?

V3: Um that I wouldn't know. I know he did have a few people before me, he had a few young people. They'd only been about seventeen, eighteen.

V1: How much money do you think he owed to banks?

V3: I know he took a loan out for a brand new car. Um that I think he took out about thirty thousand. Um and his unit in Corrimal Street, he was actually contemplating to buy it.

V1: He was renting a place and he was thinking about buying it? What was the address in Corrimal Street?

V3: I think it was 197, I know it was just..

V1: And what suburb of Wollongong is that?

V3: That's North Wollongong.

V1: North Wollongong.

V3: It was just about two streets before the beach.

V2: Do you know what name he could be using now?

V3: No I wouldn't.

V2: You said before that he's faked his disappearance?

V3: Oh he has done it before..

V2: Do you know what name he used?

V3: Um no.

V1: Is Ross Warren his real name?

V3: Well there's no trace of it in files or anything and that. Um but ah yes I do think that he wouldn't lie about that.

V1: So last time he went missing what happened?

V3: That was ah I think that was in Perth I think. There was a big readup in the newspaper about how he had done it before. But um I know last time he went back to Queensland to his parents.

V1: Awhile ago you told me you spoke to Trish about a month ago you phoned her?

V3: Yeah I did enquire if she had heard from him 'cause I was worried about it.

V1: And what did she say?

V3: Well she went along with the news article that he was dead, but she doesn't reckon herself that either.

V1: Well has she seen him?

V3: Ah that I don't know, 'cause I didn't stay on long enough.

V1: Would you like to phone her now and ask her?

V3: I could give her a call, whether she'd be there I don't know. She might be able to give me someone who's heard from him maybe.

V1: This interview's interrupted at 9.53 for ah a purpose of a phone call. ..October 1990, and the interview's continuing between Phillip Walter Hoff and [188] [188] you've just tried to ah ring Trish Heineger.

V3: Mm mm.

V1: And there was no answer at that number. Um that phone number, what was that again?

V3: It's [REDACTED].

V1: [188] have you been totally honest with me throughout this interview?

V3: Ah yes I have.

V1: Do you know anything else concerning the disappearance of Ross Warren which you haven't already told me?

V3: The only other thing I can think of is if he's in hiding, there's a possibility apart from the apartment he had in Corrimal Street, Wollongong, he also used to visit a friend down in Bowral which is about a forty five minute drive from Wollongong ah where he used to stay now and then as well. But I'm not positive of the person who that would be. But since I've been in Adelaide, I haven't heard anything from him or I haven't contacted anyone in Sydney apart from Trish.

V1: I think perhaps I should just explain to you that if it is the case that Ross Warren has come to harm and has been killed or seriously injured and ah..

V3: Well they would have found his remains by now.

V1: And you're actively ah not telling us about that and you know about it you are committing an offence?

V3: Yeah I do understand that.

V1: I just warn you of that. Um because it's very important that we try to establish his ah safety or well being.

V3: Well I mean..

V1: You seem quite certain that he is alright?

V3: Yes I do seem quite certain that way.

V1: Explain to me why again that you feel he's quite safe.

V3: The reason being out of the blue I heard from someone who heard from someone else that he was spotted in the Northern Territory this year sometime.

V1: Who was the person that told you that?

V3: Ah a person who knew me quite well, ah..

V1: Yes, what's that person's name?

V3: That would have been Peter.

V1: Peter who?

V3: Andre. I don't know whether he's..

V1: And he's the cameraman at WIN?

V3: Yeah but I'm not positive whether he's working there anymore.

V1: A lot of what you've told me doesn't make sense. And I get a feeling that..

V3: Well I can def, I can definitely prove that I, he was there at that party on January.

V1: But some of the details that you've told me don't make sense and I get the impression that you're either lying to me or you're confused about things. The information as I have it was that he was reported missing..

V3: Mm mm.

V1: In July 1989. You tell me that you started seeing him in November 1989 and went to a party with him on New Years Eve at the Hordern Pavilion..

V3: That's correct.

V1: ..and um..

V3: And a week after that his car was found at whatever beach it was.

V1: A week after that?

V3: Yeah.

V2: A week after what?

V3: That Hordern Pavilion party.

V2: New Years Eve party?

V3: Yeah. Three days to a week it was found. But nobody was in it.

V2: And my information is that that occurred in July of 1989. Can you comment on that?

V3: Well I have not been to any parties in July.

V2: No he disappeared when the car was um abandoned that was in July of '89, that's our understanding.

V3: Well I must..

V1: When did you leave Wollongong, when was the last time you were in Wollongong?

V3: The last time I was in Wollongong would have been January.

V1: This year?

V3: Yep.

V1: And when did you come to Adelaide?

V3: I arrived exactly on the 1st January here. I left on the 31st December.

V2: When do you say that Ross disappeared?

V3: Well I know exactly he was at that Rats party.

V1: When was that?

V3: It might have been this January, it might have been the one before that. But I know he was at the party with me, 'cause I actually spoke to him, he was with Brent.

V2: With?

V3: With Brent a friend of mine.

V2: Well is it January the 1st this year which is 1990 or was it January the 1st the previous year?

V3: It would have been '89.

V1: And when was the last time you saw him?

V3: That party.

V1: So you haven't seen him for a year and a half.

V2: It's not six months ago, it's eighteen months ago
you're talking about now?

V3: Hang on. Sorry I mean..

V2: Sorry nine months ago, it's more than that.

V3: He left with, he did leave with the young boy that
night.

V2: That's January 1st 1989.

V1: And was it a week after that party that his car was
found?

V3: That's, that's when all the news headlines were on and
um that same weekend the Sunday I saw his car at the
beach with the doors left open.

V1: Just after the party or not long after the party?

V3: The party was a Saturday night.

V1: Yeah.

V3: The Sunday I saw the car in the afternoon when I got up. Because we had me and my friend Peter where I was living had the whole view of all round that area. I definitely knew it was his car.

V2: And after you saw his car are you saying then is when you caught the train to Sydney on the way to Adelaide?

V3: Yeah.

V2: January the 1st, 1989?

V3: I left the day after that.

V2: And you have never heard hide nor hair of Ross since 1st January 1989?

V3: All I saw was the taxi pull off near the car that day.

V2: What time was that?

V3: It would have been daytime, near the car.

V2: And you said the horn was sounding or the warning device was..

V3: Yes, that was going all the time.

V2: Why was that do you know?

V3: It would have been about a ten minute walk to get down there.

V2: You don't know?

V3: No.

V2: No.

V3: No. But I mean they didn't find anything on the beach.

V2: Who's they?

V3: I mean the Police who checked it out.

V2: How do you know that?

V3: 'Cause I was working for Government Stores at the same time and I used, I was quite, I got on well with the

the thing with Government jobs, whatever you hear you don't repeat out.

V2: But you said you came to Adelaide straight that day?

V3: Yeah but I mean before that when they were looking for him, the week, that week he was looking for...

V2: What week was that?

V3: ..I didn't leave till the, I got here on the 2nd exactly.

V2: Yeah.

V3: I didn't leave until the 1st.

V2: Right well how did find out this through work if you were in Adelaide? You said..

V3: I found out a few days before.

V2: Before he disappeared?

V3: No. When he went missing the next day 'cause I heard from the Police in Wollongong.

V2: You were saying he disappeared on January the 1st.

V3: No, that's when I left. He disappeared that Saturday, that would have been the 31st.

V1: Alright let's do this simply okay. Concentrate because..

V3: Yeah.

V1: ..I'm starting to get the impression that I'm not believing you okay. Just listen to me and answer my questions.

V3: Yeah.

V1: When you came to Adelaide.

V3: Yeah.

V1: How close to Ross going missing was that? Was it a year or was it a week or a couple of days?

V3: Exactly when I left for Adelaide?

V1: You got to Adelaide on the 1st of January this year.

V3: The 1st or the 2nd I arrived yes.

V1: This year 1990 or 1989?

V3: No, this year.

V1: 1990?

V3: Yes.

V1: So you've been here nine months now.

V3: Nine months only I've been here.

V1: Right, before coming to Adelaide, when was the last time you saw Ross?

V3: It was at the Rat's party.

V1: And when was that in relation to you coming to Adelaide?

V3: I spent New Years and New Years Eve in Sydney before I left. That was the 30th and 31st.

V1: And then you left the next day for Adelaide?

V3: Yes.

V1: 1990.

V3: 1990. The Rat's Party..

V1: The Rat's Party that was immediately, immediately
before you coming to Adelaide.

V3: Yes.

V1: Was Ross at that party?

V3: Yes he was, he was with another guy as well.

V2: In January 1990 this year?

V3: Well you could class it the last day of December.

V2: 1989?

V3: In '89. He definitely was at that party at the Rats
Party and when he saw me there he was wearing dark
glasses and that. He said I'm going out for an hour,
'cause I wanted to go with him and he said no it's not
a good idea.

V1: You told me earlier that you drove up from Wollongong with Ross that night?

V3: Which we did.

V1: Had he packed anything with him?

V3: He had a suitcase in the back.

V1: Do you think that was strange?

V3: Well it's hard to say because a lot of newsreaders go away for the weekend when they have their time off. He was entitled to two weeks off then.

V1: What did the suitcase look like?

V3: Ah it would have been a brown, a very light browned leathered sided with um like a cream colour.

V1: Where do you think Ross is now?

V3: That I wouldn't know, but I've got a feeling, possibility, yes he is in the Northern Territory or he is back at home in Queensland in Broadbeach.

V3: Not with his parents. I know he's got two other brothers, he could be living with them. Or someone could be hiding him I don't know that. I know he was in a lot of debt.

V1: Just for the purpose of completeness, what is your full name?

V3: 188

V2: And how do you spell your surname?

V3: 188

V2: And your date of birth?

V3: ████████

V2: And your address?

V3: ██

V2: And your telephone number at that address?

V3: ████████.

V1: Is your middle name 188

V3: ██████.

V1: This interview's concluded at 10.13 a.m. on Wednesday,
3rd October, 1990. (Tape cuts out)