

## Statement of Phillip ROSSINI

**Product Type:** TEXT DOCUMENTS:Statement

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**Brief Description:** Knows WARREN through work and agrees to meet him on Friday 21/07/1989 at Gilligans Bar, Taylor Square. ROSSINI arrives nearby about 11.45pm and parks his vehicle, noticing WARREN nearby also parking his vehicle. ROSSINI and WARREN then walk to Gilligans Bar where they remain for about 15 minutes. Whilst present WARREN talks to the barman and introduces him. ROSSINI and WARREN then go to the Vault and stay for about half an hour, where WARREN speaks with a group of men (names not known). ROSSINI and WARREN then to the Midnight Shift Nightclub, staying for about an hour. WARREN speaks to five different men. Both leave about 2am, agree to meet the next night. ROSSINI drives off and notices WARREN also driving away, towards Paddington. WARREN stated in the fortnight prior that he was feeling depressed and could "slash my wrists". He has then laughed. WARREN discussed a previous relationship with Ken, and WARREN indicated he did not want to run into him that evening.

### Summary:

- Para 3:** Through employment at Win4, meets WARREN. WARREN discusses going to Sydney on 21/07/1989, and ROSSINI indicates he would be in Sydney. WARREN is given ROSSINI's phone number.
- Para 4:** About 8.30pm or 9pm on 21/07/1989 arrives at [REDACTED] Glebe and calls [REDACTED] and speaks with either Craig or Paul. WARREN has not arrived as yet and message left. Later goes out to tea with Murray BALES and his girlfriend.
- Para 5:** Returns home, receives message to contact WARREN. Contacts WARREN and they agree to meet at Gilligans Bar. ROSSINI drives to Taylor Square, parks near Courthouse and sees WARREN parking his car.
- Para 6:** Walks with WARREN into GILLIGANS, arriving about 11.45pm. WARREN drinks mineral water and introduces ROSSINI to the barman - islander with ear-ring.
- Para 7:** Gilligans closes and both go the Vault, where WARREN speaks to a group of men. They stay for about 45 minutes, WARREN has one beer.
- Para 8:** ROSSINI and WARREN go to the midnight shift, where WARREN speaks with about five men. WARREN drinks iced water.
- Para 9:** Both leave the Midnight Shift about 2am, walk back to ROSSINI's car. They agree to meet the following night, and ROSSINI commences to drive away. He sees WARREN drive towards Paddington.
- Para 11:** About a fortnight prior WARREN states, "I'm feeling a bit depressed, I could slash my wrists." WARREN discussed a previous relationship with a man by the name of Ken.
- Para 12:** At the Gilligans Bar, WARREN states, "I hope I don't run in to Ken."

New South Wales PoliceSTATEMENT in matter of: Place: Wollongong Police StationDate: 26th. July, 1989.Name: ROSSINI Phillip

(Surname in capitals)

Address: [REDACTED], ShellharbourTel. No. [REDACTED]Occupation: Audio Operator

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. The above address is where I reside with my parents. I was born on the [REDACTED]. I am employed as a Audio Operator at W.I.N. Channel 4 Television Avenue, Wollongong. I have been so employed since the 1st. May, 1989.

3. During the course of my employment I met a man I know as Ross Warren. He worked at Channel 4 as a News Presenter and I knew him only casually. On either the 20th. or 21st. July, 1989, I spoke to Ross Warren and he mentioned to me that he was going to Sydney on Friday the 21st. July, 1989. I had mentioned that I was going to Sydney as well and I gave him a contact number where I could be located.

4. I drove to [REDACTED], Glebe and I arrived there about 8.30pm or 9.00pm on Friday the 21st. July, 1989. I rang a Sydney number [REDACTED] and I spoke to someone called Craig or Paul, this was the number Ross had given me earlier, I was informed by this person that Ross had not arrived but was expected later that night. I left a message that I was in Glebe and to contact me if he wanted to. I went out to tea with my sisters' ex boyfriend Murray Bales and his new girlfriend Janet Rapley to the Young Sin Cafe. Murray lives at [REDACTED], Glebe.

5. When I returned home to [REDACTED], there was no person home. I was only there for a short time and

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Murray Bales came in with a message to contact Ross. I then rang him on phone number [REDACTED]. He said that he had been caught up in Wollongong for a while because he had been speaking to people but he didn't name anyone. Then he said, "I feel like going out but no-one here wants to go out, meet me at Gilligans Coctail Bar." He explained to me how to get there. I then drove into the City and parked my car in the lane near the court house in Taylor Square and as I was getting out of my car and walking towards Gilligans I saw him getting out of his car, which was a brown Nissan Pulsar. I called out to him he stopped and I caught up with him and we both walked down to Gilligans. He didn't speak to anybody on the way down.

6. When we got to Gilligans' we went up a flight of stairs to the bar area. We got there at about 11.45pm and we stayed there for about fifteen minutes. As soon as we got there Ross went to the toilet. During the fifteen minutes that we were in the Bar area Ross only drank Mineral Water. The only person he spoke to other than me was the barman. Ross introduced me to the barman but I can't remember his name but he was a black man with a big earring. I think he might be an Islander.

7. After Gilligans' had closed Ross and I went to the Vault which is a bar in the Exchange Hotel which is in Oxford Street. We stayed there for about half an hour. As we went down a flight of stairs Ross spoke to a number of people they were all men. He introduced me to them but I can't remember their names. I didn't notice anything distinctive about them. It was not a lengthy conversation and we made our way to the bar. It was very crowded. We stayed in the Vault for about forty five minutes and during that time he had one beer. He spoke to the people that we had seen on the stairs as we left, but he didn't speak to anybody else as we left.

8. After we left the Vault we walked to the Midnight Shift Nightclub in Oxford Street. We stayed in there for about an hour. During that hour he spoke to five different men.

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He introduced me to some of them but I can't remember their names. I think one person was Bill or something but I can't be sure. During the time that we were in the Highshift Midnight Shift Nightclub we drank ice water.

9. We left the Midnight Shift Nightclub at about 2.00am. We walked back to my car because Ross wanted to have a look at it. I started my car, but before I started it, I had spoken to him about going out the next night and he said, " Alright " or " Okay " or something like that. I drove up to the traffic lights and whilst I was stopped I saw him drive past towards Paddington. That's the last I saw of him.

10. At the time that I last saw him he was wearing blue faded jeans, black shoes, a white skivvy with ' Felix ' written on the collar and a black dinner jacket. He was in good spirits during the night and he was not effected by liquor.

11. About a fortnight ago whilst at work in general conversation Ross said to me, " I'm feeling a bit depressed, I could slash my wrists." Then he laughed. He told me of a previous relationship with a person called Ken and Ken had someone else now and he Ross was just a casual acquaintance.

12. Whilst at Gilligans Ross said to me, " I hope I don't run into Ken." I have never met Ken but I think he is a Maori, he is definitely black.

WITNESSED..... James H. McGrath  
Detective Sergeant  
Wollongong Police Station  
26th. July, 1989.

SIGNED..... Phillip Rossini

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