

# Statement from I409

**Product Type:** TEXT DOCUMENTS:Statement

**Completed Date:** 20 Jun 2001

**Brief Description:** Statement from I409 taken regarding deceased WARREN. I409 was a boyfriend of WARREN's who dated him around the time that WARREN disappeared. Statement never taken from him in original investigation.

**Summary:**

- Para 4:** First time recalls seeing WARREN was early 1988 at a Channel 7 Studio party. I409 had a girlfriend at that time called Sue (he can't recall her surname)
- Para 6:** I409 was living at [REDACTED] Paddington with two other flight attendants from Qantas Annie ROGERS and Murray BRETHERTON.
- Para 8:** WARREN would ring and arrange social outings with I409 as friends.
- Para 9:** Attended dinner party in Balmain held by I98 (mutual friend of WARREN's and I409's) All gay males. Realised then that WARREN was gay
- Para 11:** Drove WARREN home after dinner party to unit in Bellevue Hill that WARREN shared with his friend NP250 (unknown surname Ansett flight attendant)
- Para 12:** I409 states that he was heterosexual but was developing feelings for WARREN.
- Para 15:** Over next couple of months WARREN and I409's relationship developed into being an intimate one. Officially dated for approx 6 weeks.
- Para 17-18:** Whilst dating frequented Unicorn bar and Albury Hotel on Oxford Street. Did visit MacKenzie's Point with WARREN. I409 was unaware that it was a Gay Beat until years later.
- Para 21:** WARREN broke relationship off with I409 in early part of 1989 stated that I409 was 'too clingy' and was smothering him.
- Para 22:** I409 was upset about break up as he had never been intimate with a male person before. Didn't contact him after break up. Saw him a couple of times out in Oxford St just nodded hello
- Para 23:** Upset about hearing other flight attendants talk about WARREN just wanting to sleep with I409 because he was straight.
- Para 26:** Mentions only friends of WARREN's he met were I98 NP250 and an ex-police officer who was WARREN's boyfriend at time he went missing. (quit to become a flight attendant)
- Para 28:** Can't recall exactly where he was when WARREN went missing but believes he was away on a flight.
- Para 29:** Does not believe WARREN committed suicide. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Does not know what happened to WARREN.

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**STATEMENT in the matter of:**  
Disappearance of Ross WARREN

**Place:** Paddington  
Police Station  
**Date :** 20 June 2001

**Name:**

1409

**Address:**

Bondi Junction

**Tel. No.:****Occupation:** Flight Attendant**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.

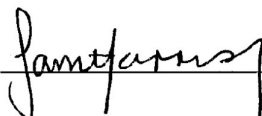
The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable for prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

2. I am 39 years of age.

3. I commenced work with Qantas Airline in September, 1985 as a flight attendant and have worked for them ever since.

4. The first time I ever recall seeing Ross WARREN was in the early part of 1988 at a function held I think at Channel 7 studios in Sydney. Back then I used to do a bit of modelling and extra work on television. I had a girlfriend at that time called Sue, I can't recall her last name. She was a model and television commercials. We would get invited to these functions as 'fillers' to make it look like a lot of people had shown up to the function.

5. I remember Ross WARREN approaching Sue and I and we had a general conversation. I new that he woked for WIN news and a sports presenter. Although he didn't know anything about sports.

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6. At that time I was living in [REDACTED], Paddington. I'm pretty sure it was number [REDACTED] near Trumper Oval. I lived there with two other flight attendants from Qantas one being Annie ROGERS (that is her married name as I can't recall her maiden name then) and Murray BRETHERTON. I believe both of them are still flying with Qantas now.

7. I can't recall exactly how Ross WARREN got our number but he somehow contacted us on the phone. I can't remember if it was Sue's number or mine.

8. Ross would ring up when he was in Sydney and ask me to go to things like a movie premier or other social things like that. I didn't know at that stage that Ross was gay. We were just friends then.

9. About a month after first meeting Ross I was invited to a dinner party in Balmain held by [REDACTED] 198 who was a flight attendant with Qantas. I had only worked with him once before the party. I thought it was a mix gender party but when I arrived there were about a dozen gay males.

10. I saw Ross WARREN there so I felt relieved and not so intimidated as he was someone that I knew. I got to know Ross a lot better that night because I talked to him the whole night because I didn't want to talk to the others.

11. I drove Ross home that night to Bellevue Hill. From looking at the street directory I would say that it was on Bellevue Road. It was a one bedroom apartment which was actually leased in the name of his friend [REDACTED] NP250, I can't recall his surname but I know that he flew for Ansett. Ross used to stay there on the weekends

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when he was up from Wollongong. I recall that the bathroom overlooked cooper park.

12. Ross was drunk that night and I remember going inside to his unit and decided to stay there. We both slept in the same bed but nothing intimate occurred between us. At that stage of my life I was heterosexual but I had started to develop feelings for Ross.

13. I guess at the dinner party I realised that Ross was gay. Sue had mentioned to me that she thought he was gay but I didn't believe it until that night.

14. Over the next couple of months Ross and I saw a bit of each other. I remember going to the Unicorn bar with him which was on Oxford Street. The Unicorn bar was one of Ross's favourite bars to drink in. It was a gay bar.

15. We became intimate after that time and officially dated for approximately six weeks. I told Sue about Ross and I and so we broke up on good terms.

16. In the time that Ross and I dated I stayed at the unit in Bellevue Hill on several occasions. Usually NP250 was away for his job and so we had the place to ourselves.

17. When we went out to bars we would always go to the Oxford Street Strip eg the Unicorn and Albury Hotel. I remember that Ross and I used to drive down to the lookout at MacKenzie's Point which is in between Bondi and Tamarama. We would park the car in one of the streets near there but I can't recall which one. Then we would walk down the stairs, along the path and then sit on the sandstone wall which was beneath the lookout. It was a spot that

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we went to sit and chat. We took some alcohol there as well. I would say that we went there together about three to four times.

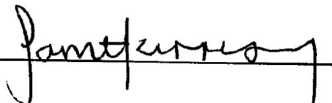
18. I didn't know until years later that the area there was a gay beat. No one ever approached us when we were there together nor did I notice any activity along the area that I now know to be a beat. I had never been there before Ross took me there and it wasn't until years after he disappeared that I went back there.

19. Ross and I also went to the area near the carpark that leads off Ramsgate Avenue. We would just sit, talk and look out over the water.

20. I didn't think that Ross was into the 'Gay Beat' scene because through conversations we had about those areas I remember him being repulsed by that sort of activity. He seemed like an intimate, romantic guy. Everything that we did was always planned like dinner. He always thought ahead to make things romantic.

21. I remember the night Ross broke up with me. It would have been in the early part of 1989. We had been to dinner and when he dropped me home, we had sex in his car and it after that he told me that he didn't want to see me anymore. I told me that I was too clingy and smothering him. (I can't recall the conversation word for word)

22. I was upset. This was the first gay relationship that I had been in. I had never been intimate with a man before Ross. I didn't call him or contact him after that. I saw him out a couple of times but didn't really talk we just sort of nodded to each other.

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23. It upset me to hear from other flight attendants, there names I can't recall, that apparently Ross had told them that he wanted to sleep with me because he knew I was straight.

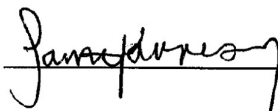
24. I did meet NP250 at the time I was seeing Ross. I would describe him as being caucasian, around 5'10 tall, slim but defined build with light brown to blonde coloured hair and I would say that now he would be in his early forties. He also did some part time modelling for Vivians Modelling Agency.

25. I never got to see his apartment in Wollongong. On a few occasions I saw him work in the studio at WIN in Wollongong and met some of his workmates but I never met any of his friends from down there.

26. The only friends I met of Ross's that lived in Sydney were NP250, I98 and an ex-boyfriend who was a police officer at the time Ross went missing but has since joined Qantas as a flight attendant. I don't know his name. I talked to this guy about three to five years after Ross went missing. One of the other flight attendants pointed him out to me and said something like, 'He's the cop that used to go out with Ross'. I went and spoke to him but he didn't seem to want to talk about it but he told me that the police had finished with the case and put it down to and his exact words were "..because of Ross's lifestyle". I don't recall if he admitted being Ross's boyfriend. He spoke only from an ex-cop point of view.

27. I would describe as being caucasian, over six foot tall, blonde, thin build and he would probably be in his mid to late thirties now. As far as I know he still works for Qantas and the last time I saw him was last year some time.

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28. I'm fairly sure that I was away when they found Ross's car because my mother had saved the clipping from the newspaper. My mother knew about Ross and I. I don't remember where exactly I was at that time but I would have been away on a flight.

29. All I can recall about his disappearance is what people were gossiping about which was that Ross was seen on Oxford Street the night before in his studio makeup ~~wearing~~ and wearing casual clothes. You could always tell when Ross had studio makeup on because he had a scar on one of his eyebrows which was always filled in with makeup to make his eyebrow complete. I don't recall who said this it was just people who were out whispering about what had happened.

30. I also heard that his keys and wallet were found on the rocks at Tamarama and his car was found unlocked also at Tamarama. I later hear that a phone call had been made to SBS in Darwin that it was Ross calling and asked them to tell his family that everything was o'okay and to tell his family that everything was fine. Again, I can't recall who told me that.

31. I always believed that Ross had gone to Tamarama beach not near Mackenzies point. That's where I thought the car was found. I thought that he must have just fallen off the rocks. He wasn't athletic I know that much.

32. I don't believe that Ross committed suicide. The last time I had seen him was when he broke up with me. He was very cool, calm and collected. In the time I was dating him he didn't appear to be a depressed person. I don't know if he was taking any medication or drugs. He never appeared to me as though he used drugs.

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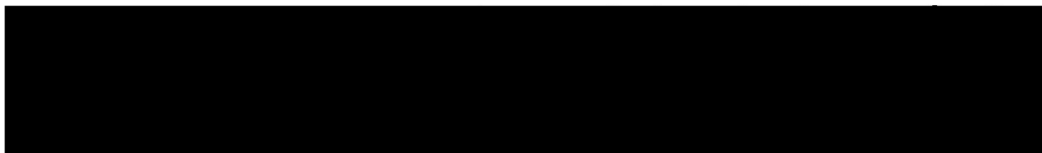
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33. Ross never came around to my place with more than the clothes on his back. He would have driven from Wollongong after work and still be in his suit and studio makeup. He would borrow clothes and toiletry items off me. He never see to have a brief case or bag with personal items in it. He had some clothe and bits and pieces at NP250's place in Bellevue Hill. Ross wasn't a big drinker but he did have a drink when he went out. [REDACTED]



34. I remember that on the night of the dinner party at 198 198's place that someone didn't show up because he was tricked into stopping in his car by some kids in Redfern and they had bashed him. I did go with Ross on one occasion to visit this person. I have no idea of his name. I couldn't say whereabouts in Redfern that it was. 198 could probably tell you.

35. I don't know what happened to Ross Warren. I had always hoped that nothing had happened to him and that he was alive and well somewhere. I haven't heard anything about it from anyone else other than what I have told you.

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*Jamie Harrison*  
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