

Statement of NP250

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Brief Description: Statement of NP250 who is an associate of WARREN.

Summary:

- Para 3:** Informed WARREN had amongst his personal papers, a document with NP250, [REDACTED], Bondi Junction" on it.
- Para 4:** Resided at that address between mid 1989 and late 1990. Lived with Fiona PIPER (now MANNERING), Daniel FRASER and another female.
- Para 5:** Witness is gay, and met Ross WARREN at a gay beat on the Gold Coast in 1983/4. Subsequently became friends and kept in touch.
- Para 6:** States WARREN later moved to Wollongong, and would stay with 2 gay friends in Sydney.
- Para 7:** Would often meet WARREN after finishing work at the Green Park Diner on Taylor Square and have a social drink at the Midnight Shift.
- Para 8:** Was aware that WARREN use to frequent gay beats, but not aware of locations or frequencies.
- Para 9:** This witness went to the Marks Park beat on between 5 and 10 occasions. Is not aware of any violence at this beat. Has not heard of keys being used as a signal at gay beats.
- Para 10/11:** Has no knowledge of how WARREN came to meet his death. Understood WARREN not to be in a relationship at the time of his disappearance.
- Para 12:** Last met with WARREN about 4 weeks prior to his disappearance (which he heard of in the media) and has spoken to him in the interim on the telephone.
- Para 13:** Was aware that Ross was adopted, he was going well with Win4 and was hopeful and getting a start in a major Sydney TV newsroom.
- Para 14/15:** Shown the "NP250" docket and states it is his handwriting on the document. Does not know anyone else who was a close friend of WARREN.

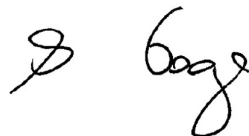
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v4.0STATEMENT in the matter of:
Death of WARRENPlace: Paddington
Police Station
Date : 23 April 2002Name: [redacted] NP250
Address: [redacted] Surry Hills
Tel. No.: [redacted] and mobile [redacted]
Occupation: Personal Assistant

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 41 years of age.
3. I have been informed that found in the personal papers of Ross WARREN was a piece of paper, written on it:
" [redacted] NP250, [redacted] Bondi Junction."
4. Between mid 1989 and the end of 1990, I lived at [redacted] [redacted] at Bondi Junction. I lived there with Daniel FRASER, Fiona PIPER (now MANNERING), and another girl whose name at the moment escapes me.
5. I am a gay man and I met Ross WARREN at a gay beat on the Gold Coast about 1983 or 1984. We became friends and kept in touch, initially I was living in Brisbane with Ross living on the Gold Coast. I later moved to Melbourne and subsequently Sydney about 1986 or 1987 and after that Ross got a job as a weather reporter and news reader on Win4.

Witness:



Signature:



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6. When Ross was in Wollongong he would frequently come to Sydney and stay with two men. I know these men to be gay, but I do not recall their names. I recall that these men were in a relationship with each other. I thought they came from the Bondi area, however, the Redfern area is suggested to me and that may be right.

7. During 1989 and up until Ross went missing I was working at the Green Park Diner, which is at Taylor Square at Darlinghurst. During 1989 Ross would frequently catch up with me when he came to Sydney, and typically we would meet at the Green Park Diner and after work we would go to the Midnight Shift for a drink or two. I do not ever remember seeing Ross being intoxicated, he was only a light drinker.

8. I was aware that Ross continued to frequent gay beats, but I never discussed with him how often or beat locations. I certainly never continued to meet Ross at beats, nor did we attend them together.

9. I knew that Marks Park at Tamarama was a gay beat in 1989, and I had frequented this beat also. I have been to this beat between five and ten occasions. I was never assaulted at the park, and I know of no-one else who was. I have been informed that Ross's keys were found on the southern side of Marks Park, on a rock shelf. I have not heard of keys being used as a "signal" at gay beats between gay men.

10. I have no knowledge as to how Ross came to meet his death.

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11. Prior to Ross's disappearance, I understood that he was not in a relationship with anyone. Ross was conservative about being gay, and told me he did not want to be in a relationship as it may harm his career.

12. I would have last seen Ross about four weeks prior to hearing media reports that Ross disappeared, however, we would have spoken on the telephone in the interim.

13. I knew from conversations with Ross that he was adopted, and that he was happy with his career. He was going well with work at Win4, but he confided in me he was hopeful of getting a start in one of the large Sydney TV newsrooms.

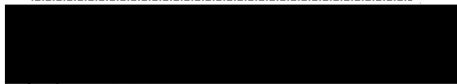
14. I have this date been shown by Detective PAGE a docket and written on the back was the words "NP250, [REDACTED], Bondi Jnct, [REDACTED]". I recognise the docket to be of the type we used at the Green Park Diner, and I recognise the handwriting as mine.

15. I do not know anyone else who was a close friend with Ross WARREN.

Witness:

Signature: 

NP250



Bondi JNET



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'NP250'.

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