

Statement of Michael MATHISON

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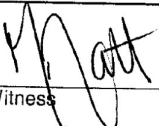
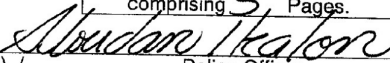
Brief Description: States in late 1988 or early 1989 formed a relationship with Kingi MARSH, and was aware MARSH was already friends with WARREN. Lived with MARSH at Potts Point with another gay couple Brad and [1409]. Stated WARREN was a Wollongong news reader, and came to Sydney about every fortnight and stay with gay friends. MATHISON states that if WARREN came to Sydney he would contact, and suggest catching up. Often they would go to gay venues at Darlinghurst. Recalls phone calls around time of WARREN's disappearance enquiring of his whereabouts. Relationship with MARSH ended after travelling to Malta, and has not seen him since. Did not have any suspicions that WARREN and MARSH were lovers. Gives the opinion that WARREN was depressed about not being in a relationship, and his initial thoughts about the disappearance was that it may be suicide because of that depression.

Summary:

- Para 2/3:** In late 88 or early 89 began a relationship with Kingi MARSH, and through MARSH met WARREN (friendship already existed). Lived with MARSH at Potts Point with another gay couple.
- Para 4/5:** WARREN lived in Wollongong and came to Sydney every fortnight, where he would stay with gay friends. Does not recall WARREN spending the night at his house.
- Para 6/7:** WARREN would try and catch up in Sydney, if they went anywhere it was to a gay venue in Darlinghurst. Recalls receiving phone calls at the time of disappearance enquiring of his whereabouts.
- Para 8/9/10:** Recalls a phone call at work from Ken and being informed of disappearance of WARREN. Later went to Malta with MARSH in 1990, and the relationship ended. Has not spoken to MARSH since.
- Para 11/12/13/14:** Believed that WARREN and MARSH may have been lovers prior to his relationship with MARSH, but did not have any suspicion this relationship continued. States he liked WARREN, but thought he was depressed about not being in a relationship. Thought disappearance may have been suicide because of that depression.

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STATEMENT OF MICHAEL CHARLES MATHISON				
Name of Witness (in full)	Michael Charles MATHISON [REDACTED] Clifton Beach [REDACTED]	Age	35	
Occupation	Assistant Retail Sales Manager – Bonz Crm Lake and Spence Street, Cairns [REDACTED]	Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]	
Police Officer taking Statement:	S K HEATON	Rank & Reg. No.	DET SGT [REDACTED]	Station CAIRNS C.I.B.

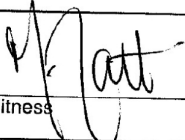
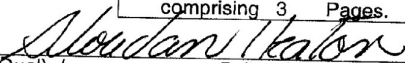
1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in a court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable for prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
2. It was, I believe, either in late 1988 or early 1989 that I began a relationship with Kingi Tyron MARSH who was known as Ken MARSH.
3. Ken was a friend with Ross WARREN before I began a relationship with Ken. I met Ross through Ken. Ken and I were living in a unit at Potts Point in Sydney with another gay couple, Brad and [1409]. Ken and I continued to reside at the same unit until Ross disappeared.
4. Ross lived at Wooloongong and was a news reader for Wooloongong television.
5. About every fortnight Ross came to Sydney and stayed with other friends, who I think were two gay males in a relationship. I didn't know Ross's other friends or where they lived, I don't know if Ken knew the other friends either. I don't remember Ross ever staying over with Ken and I but he may have crashed one night.
6. Every time Ross came to Sydney he would at least phone Ken and I and see if we wanted to catch up. Ross would

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come over and visit or we would go out. If we went out it would be to gay venues at Darlinghurst.

7. I remember that Ken received telephone calls from the couple that Ross stayed with. Those friends asked Ken if Ross was with us. I think Ross was meant to have turned up at their house and hadn't. I believe Ross was meant to have visited us as well but hadn't arrived.
8. I have a memory of being at work, at Budget Chauffeur Drive in Mascot, and receiving a telephone call from Ken telling me about Ross's disappearance.
9. Ken and I went to Malta in August 1990, we both became involved with other people and our relationship ended. I stayed in Malta for a year and a half. Ken stayed for some months I think before he left Malta. Ken and I weren't on speaking terms after we broke up and I didn't have contact with him in Malta.
10. I have never seen or heard from Ken again since our break up in Malta.
11. During my relationship with Ken I often thought that he and Ross might have been lovers at some time prior to my being in a relationship with Ken.
12. I didn't have any suspicion that they continued as lovers, I only believe this because of the way Ken and Ross behaved toward each other. Neither Ken nor Ross told me that they had been lovers. I would be surprised to learn that Ross and Ken had been intimate during the time that I was in a relationship with Ken.
13. I liked Ross, he was a very nice man, and he was kind and gentle. It did seem to me that Ross was often depressed about not being in a relationship.

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