



STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

In the matter of: Disappearance of Ross WARREN

Place: Newtown Police Station

Date: 08 May 2017

Name: Patricia HIESBERGER

STATES:

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that 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 will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything that I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
2. I am 48 years of age.
3. In 1990 I think I was living in [REDACTED] Mortdale and in [REDACTED] Penshurst. The house numbers I do not remember.
4. I met [1414] at school when I was twelve in Coffs Harbour. We were both in the same grade. We were good friends at school and I dated him for a couple of weeks when we were both sixteen. In the last couple of years of school [1414] had moved to Port Macquarie and I stayed in Coffs Harbour. We still kept in touch when he moved. I finished school in 1986 and in 1987 I moved to Sydney for an apprenticeship. [1414] went to Wollongong University where he lived on campus. We remained friends after we finished school. [1414] came out being gay after we finished school.
5. In about 1988 [1414] would start coming up to visit me in Sydney more regularly. He was still in Wollongong University at this time. We would go to nightclubs in Oxford Street. These visits continued into 1990 when [1414] was still at uni. When he would come up from Wollongong, [1414] would always stay at my house and sleep on the lounge.

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6. I think it was late 1989 when I was 21 I remember living in Macquarie Place, Mortdale briefly. [1414] came up from Wollongong Uni again to stay at my place. It was a weekend but I can't remember if it was a Friday or Saturday night. I think [1414] might have gone out with another housemate Gary GRONO or by himself. He definitely did not go out with me that day. I remember around on this weekend [1414] was with a guy called [188]. I do not remember [188]'s surname now but I probably knew at the time. I believe they were in an intimate relationship. I can't remember if [1414] brought [188] with him that weekend or he brought him home when he went out. Due to it being a long time ago I just can't remember.
7. On this weekend sometime, again I can't remember the exact day or time but it was daylight when I think I was at a friend's house. I remember calling my place by telephone. I can't remember who I was calling and for what reason now. An unfamiliar male voice answered the phone. I say unfamiliar because it wasn't [1414]'s voice, it wasn't Gary's voice or the other female housemate Karen SILLS. I was shocked to hear a voice I did not know.

The male voice said something like, "Hello."

I said abruptly, "Who are you? Where is [1414]?"

The male voice said, "My name is [188] and [1414] is getting something from the shops."

At this stage I was a bit angry at [1414] leaving a stranger in my house. I believe Karen and Gary were out this time and believed that [1414] would be home.

I said words to the effect of, "You shouldn't be there by yourself" or "[1414] should not have left you by yourself."

I don't remember [188] replying but I don't remember him being hostile at me. I can remember him being pleasant.

8. I'm pretty sure I'm the one who ended the call as I'm pretty sure I ended it abruptly and I was not nice to him when I spoke due to the tone of my voice.
9. That day I next remember going home at some point in the daytime still. When I got home I can't remember if anyone was at my place. I remember going to the living room where the bar fridge was. On top of this bar fridge was one of my handwritten letters which a friend had

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written to me. I had previously put that letter there myself and the letter was facing up where the writing was showing. When I had got home on this day I noticed that the handwritten letter was face down with the blank side showing. At this time I was very security conscious and didn't like people going through my things. I think [188] may have been at home but I can't remember if maybe he was with [1414] after he went to the shops.

10. I can't remember when exactly but it wouldn't have been around that twenty-four hour time frame, my next memory is telling [1414] about what happened with my letter being read. I can't remember if I spoke to him in person or by phone but I clearly recollect a conversation with [1414]. I remember telling him that I did not trust [188] and that he was not welcome in my home. I told him that I did not trust [188] because he had read one of my personal letters. My recollection was that [1414] accepted what I said. I don't recall [188] ever giving a version about my letter being read or [188] defending himself about it.
11. I don't think I ever saw [188] after again. I can't remember how long [1414] dated him. He was someone I had an instant dislike for him, not only because of the letter but also because I must have known him for a little when [1414] dated him.
12. About six months later in 1990, when I was 21 still, I remember when I was living in [REDACTED], Penshurst getting a call on the telephone from a male Sergeant from Paddington Police Station during the daytime. I don't remember this sergeant's name but he had a older male voice. During this phone call the sergeant asked me about the disappearance of Ross WARREN. I told him that I did not know who he was. The Sergeant informed me further that WARREN was a radio personality and that it was a suspected suicide. He further said to me that [188] said that in a video interview in Adelaide that [188] gave my name in regards to being aware that WARREN faked his suicide and was aware of his whereabouts. I remember clearly saying to the Sergeant, "[188]'s a liar." I then told him about how I met [188] and the letter incident. The Sergeant told me that they thought [188] was a liar as well. The Sergeant said that at some stage he would call me back to get a statement. I never heard from the police again and they did not take my statement.
13. When I got this phone call, I did not know who Ross WARREN was and it was when I asked my friends at the time a couple of them knew who he was. I did not hear about him on the

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news when he disappeared. Before getting the call about Ross WARREN, I had never resided in the Wollongong area. I had only visited [1414] at Wollongong University when I stayed on campus. I probably went out into Wollongong with [1414] but I never encountered a Ross WARREN. I did not go to any gay nightclubs in Wollongong. When I was in Sydney I would often go out to gay nightclubs clubs in Oxford Street. I never encountered anyone by the name of Ross WARREN in Sydney at these clubs. In photos that I have seen of Ross WARREN, I don't ever remember meeting him.

14. Detective RULLO informed me that in [188]'s interview in Adelaide he said that I last saw WARREN in August 1989. I have never met Ross WARREN.
15. Detective RULLO informed me that in [188]'s Adelaide interview, [188] called me up from Adelaide and that I had said that WARREN was still around. [188] has never called me from Adelaide and that conversation never happened. I did not know anyone in Adelaide in 1990.
16. Detective RULLO informed me that in [188]'s Adelaide interview he said when he last spoke to me that she thought that WARREN was in the Northern Territory. This conversation never happened and is a hundred percent false. I have no idea where Ross WARREN is.
17. Detective RULLO informed me that in [188]'s Adelaide interview he said that he spoke to me about a month before the Adelaide interview and that I had asked if [188] knew the whereabouts of WARREN and that he replied "no", and that [188] asked if I knew WARREN'S whereabouts and that I had said that WARREN was going back to Queensland to be back with his parents in Broadbeach. Again I never had this phone conversation with [188] either. I had no reason to discuss someone I did not know with someone I did not have contact with.
18. Detective RULLO informed me that in [188]'s Adelaide interview that he said that I was a good friend of [188] and that I frequented the gay scene all the time. [188] was never a friend and I have never rung him and he has never rung me. I disliked him from the moment I met him. At that time I did frequent the gay scene alot and go out alot.
19. Detective RULLO informed me that in his [188]'s Adelaide interview [188] said he knew my phone number at the time quite well being [REDACTED] and he would usually ring me at home and that I worked in the Sydney airport or Sydney office for Qantas. He would only know my

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phone number if he had got it from my friend [1414] when he was dating him. Again I can't remember if this was my number at the time but I wouldn't be surprised if it is. I don't remember ever getting a phone call from [188]. I have never given [188] my personal phone number where I resided. I did work at the time as an apprentice mechanic for Qantas at the Sydney jetbase.

20. Detective RULLO asked me why would [188] make these allegations in his interview in Adelaide about me. I think it is for revenge when I first met him and banned him from my house and to try and waste my time. Any claims that [188] has made about me knowing the whereabouts of Ross WARREN after his disappearance are totally false. Any claims that I was a good friend with [188] are also false.

21. About 4.30pm on Monday 8 May 2017 I attended Newtown Police Station and made this statement.

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