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STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

In the matter of:

Disappearance of Ross WARREN

Place:

Broadbeach Police Station

Date:

27 June 2017

Name:

Terry MOORE

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 72 years of age.
- 3. I commenced working for WIN in 1967 and worked for them for thirty years. The roles I had at WIN were journalist/presenter, and news director of WIN covering NSW. I am currently retired.
- 4. At the time of Ross WARREN'S disappearance in 1989 I was employed by WIN TV as a News Director in the News Department. Ross WARREN commenced at WIN TV about a year before he disappeared in 1989. Ross did not directly work under the News Department as he was in the Production Department. The person in charge of the Production Department at the time was a Mr. David LANGSFORD who was the Production Manager. I believe that from Monday to Friday's Ross would start work about 10.00am or 10.30am and finish work at 6.30pm or 7.00pm however I can't be sure as Ross did not work directly under me. Ross WARREN'S duties in the Production Department were to produce commercials, appearing in commercials and conducting voice over's for commercials and other promotions as I recall.
- 5. Where Ross would come under the News Department was as part of his work duties was when he had to present the weather from Monday to Friday for the 6pm local news bulletin, and when he had to present the Sunday evening local news at 6pm. All news bulletins seven days

a week concluded at 6.30pm. The Monday to Friday news bulletin was local content news, sport and weather. Ross would present the weather at 6.25pm as part of this bulletin. For his Sunday news reading, Ross would commence work at 3pm conduct pre-reading of the copy of the news/weather, have make-up applied and then present the news. The Sunday news bulletin would involve local, national and international news with a brief documentary. On Sunday's Ross would finish work at 6.30pm.

- 6. When Ross was working under me in the News Department, I did not know Ross personally well. The only times we really spoke to each other was in the newsroom when it was time to present the weather and news.
- 7. As to friends or associates that Ross had at WIN these included the following persons. Mary FRANKS, who was the Monday to Friday 6pm newsreader. She knew Ross well. I can remember in the early part of the week following Ross' disappearance, Mary was very upset that Ross was missing and could not read the news for two nights. Other people at WIN that were friends with Ross were Michael REDMAN, who was gay and a film editor/tape editor. I believe he was a good friend of Ross. The television industry has a number of gay persons. I can remember employees such as Michael REDMAN along with other gay employees at WIN TV generally stuck together. There was no issue, in fact quite the reverse as it was well accepted even though it was publicly made known people were gay.
- 8. With regard to friends of Ross outside of WIN, I was aware prior to Ross disappearance that Ross would travel regularly to Sydney. I believe that he would travel to Sydney to meet family but it was well known that he would travel to Sydney. I have no idea where he would stay in Sydney. I did not know of any persons that Ross was friends with outside of WIN.
- 9. With regard to any of Ross' personal relationships, I am not aware of what personal relationships he was in. I never saw him bring any company to work functions. I was aware that Ross was gay due to him going to Sydney on a regular basis and that Ross was not openly gay. I became aware from the beginning that he was gay due to his mannerisms.
- 10. I am not aware of Ross taking any drugs. I did not know much about Ross' private life. At work Ross would never appear under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

- 11. I was not aware of any problems Ross may or may not have had. At work he was the type not to make trouble and get along with everyone. He appeared quite happy. Ross was a well regarded employee at WIN. Ross was quiet and a professional person. He was a competent person and did his job. Ross was a shy but friendly person. In terms of his personal life, I was not aware of any personal problems that he had with his personal life.
- 12. The last time I saw Ross was in the news room on Friday evening for the 6.00pm to 6.30pm news bulletin. Ross appeared to be well and observed to be the same shy, friendly and quiet person that he normally was. I saw Ross present the weather at 6.25pm and at 6.30pm at the conclusion of the news bulletin Ross left the news room. This was the same routine he followed. I don't remember seeing Ross anywhere else in the WIN studios after the news. It was common that once the 6.30pm news was completed, it was usual to see many WIN employees finish work for the day and it was always a big rush to leave especially being a Friday evening. I did not see Ross drive away that day because I went back to the news room to file paperwork. I do not know the car he had at the time he disappeared.
- 13. On Friday 21 July 1989 or that week before his disappearance, I was not told by Ross where he was going or his plans for the weekend of 21 July 1989 to 23 July 1989.
- 14. About 4.00pm or 4.30pm on Sunday 23 July 1989 I was at home with a work colleague deputy News Director, Jeremy LASEK who was visiting. At this time, the on duty journalist, whose name I cannot recall, called me at home to advise that Ross had not attended work for the Sunday News. As it was a priority for someone to do the news for that night, I organised immediately for Jeremy LASEK to attend WIN and read the news for the Sunday evening. I remember feeling that it was unusual for Ross not to attend work as he was dependable. After the news was read I started to think about where Ross could be and to ascertain his whereabouts. I don't remember having phone conversations trying to locate Ross as we had covered our crisis for the Sunday news and thought that it would better to follow up on the Monday.
- 15. I would describe WIN'S response to Ross' disappearance as one of concern. I remember the two days following disappearance, the news room aired a limited story about his disappearance for a couple days only. We only ran it for a couple of days as there was not

much known about what happened to Ross. At the time, the local Wollongong newspapers were critical of WIN not running further extended stories about Ross' disappearance.

- 16. On the Wednesday or Thursday after WARREN'S disappearance, I recall being contacted by police. I do not remember the name or police station they were from. They asked me to assist with the identification of a body at Glebe Morgue. I recollect that I was told by police that a body had been located in the southern side of Sydney harbour and police wanted to see if it was Ross WARREN. I don't believe it was the coastal area of Sydney but in the harbour area but I can't remember where exactly the body had been found. I attended Glebe Morgue with David LANGSFORD, Ross' boss in the Production Team. LANGSFORD however remained in the car as he was hesitant about going to the Morgue. I did not see the actual body but viewed the deceased body on a CCTV monitor with police. I only saw the head and shoulders of the dead body. I told police the body was not Ross as the person appeared to be older, bigger and the face fatter. Ross was shorter and had a thinner face than the person I saw.
- 17. I believe it was the Thursday or the Friday following Ross' disappearance that I, Kerry KINGSTON, David LANGSFORD and other executives who I can't recall met with Ross' parents in an executive office. I can't recall what was exactly discussed but we expressed our understanding and sympathy to them. I recall that they were nice people and they probably would have asked questions about Ross but I can't remember specifically. I can't remember if Ross' parents took any of his property from WIN as that would have been in the Production area. Again at this time we did not know what happened to him. I did not attend Ross' unit with his parents and can't recall where he lived. I had never been to his address before he disappeared.
- 18. As to the view of WIN about what occurred with Ross WARREN, it was the opinion that Ross had attended Sydney and that something had occurred in Sydney to him. This was the general assumption at the station.
- 19. I am not aware of Ross' career ambitions. He was a good all rounder in the media industry. WIN at Wollongong was highly sort after as it was uniquely positioned close to Sydney where most journalists wanted to go. There was usually a turnover of about twelve to eighteen months

when people would move on. At that time at WIN there was no competition between Ross and the other presenters and they got along.

- 20. I am not aware of Ross going to Prime on the Friday before he disappeared. I have not heard this at WIN at the time of Ross's disappearance.
- 21. Detective RULLO asked me if I knew whether Ross prepared a showreel before he disappeared. I was not aware that he had prepared or was preparing one. It was common for journalists and presenters to make a show reel anyway.
- 22. I was shown four photographs of persons but I do not know or recognise any of these persons. I have signed and dated that I viewed these photographs.
- 23. On Tuesday 2 May 2017 and Wednesday 3 May 2017 Detective RULLO contacted me by telephone. We discussed about Ross WARREN working at WIN after his disappearance.
- 24. About 6.00pm on Tuesday 27 June 2017 I attended Broadbeach Police Station and provided this statement.



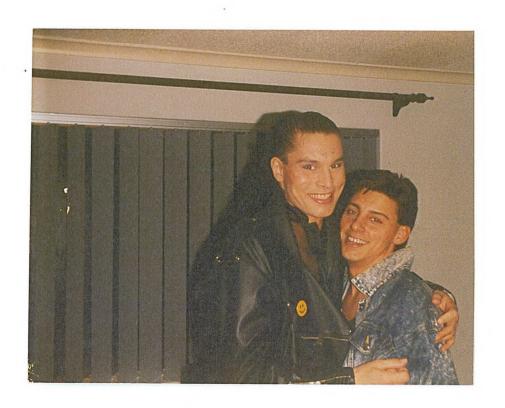
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