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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Place: Bondi Police Station

Date: 24th November, 1989

Name: 1403
(Surname in capitals)

Address: [Redacted] Bourke Street, Darlinghurst Tel. No. _____

Occupation: Public Servant 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.

2. 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 to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which i know to be false or do not believe to be true.

3. My date of birth is the [Redacted]

4. I have known John Alan RUSSELL for about 13 years. I call him Johnno. He is my best friend as I have lived with the family and him off an on over that period of time. I was involved in a homosexual relationship with johnno when we first met but that finished as soon as it started. We have remained friends ever since.

5. I usually saw Johnno about twice a week. The last time being on Wednesday the 22nd of November, 1989. I met Johnno at his brother's, Peter's place. Johnno and I then went down the Bondi hotel about 7 or 7.15pm that night. We sat in the bar that goes into Curlewis Street. We sat and talked about building a house on John's old mans farm at Wollombi, near Cessnock, because his grand father just died and he and Peter were going to inherit about \$100.000.00 each. We were talking about what he was going to do with the money and how there were happy times ahead. John actually said, that as he was leaving Sydney, he was going to travel around Australia, build a house on his old mans property and then lend me a desposit for a home, about 10 or 15 grand.

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The whole conversation revolved around that, how good things looked and he was in very good spirits.

6. At the Hotel we were both drinking Powers beer, in middies. I left about 11 or just after so, in that time I would have had three a hour so maybe twelve to fifteen during my time at the hotel. I left to catch a bus back to Darlinghurst, when I left John moved up the bar and started talking to the barmaid and still had a drink.

7. John was shouting me because it was the day before my pay day. I guess John would have started out that night with maybe forty or fifty dollars. When I left he would have had about ten or fifteen dollars left because he said, 'I can't stay much longer because of the money'.

8. when I last saw him John was wearing a pair of faded blue jeans with both knees torn, and a red sloppy joe with beer motifs on it.

9. I found out about John's death when Peter rang me this morning. That was a shock, also knowing that John had gone to the rocks at the south end of Bondi beach because I didn't think he was into that sort of thing. I have heard that area is frequented by homosexuals and that it is dangerous to go there because of possible bashings and health factors.

10. There was no reason for John to hurt himself in anyway because he was looking forward to the best time of his life everything was looking up for him.

10. I was supposed to meet John on Thursday 23 November, 1989 for dinner with friends at the Legion club in Charing Cross. When he didn't show I wasn't really concerned because John is unreliable but I did think it was unusual because he wanted to borrow money from me.

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12. During the time I knew John he was a social drinker and he didn't touch drugs, he just wasn't interested.

13. In paragraph seven where I said about how much money John had on him I said fifty or sixty but I'm not sure. Also about when John said he was leaving the Hotel he only intoned it he didn't actually say it was because of the money

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WITNESS: *S.J. Dunbar*
S.J. Dunbar
P.C. Constable

SIGNED:

Witness: Signature:



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