

Statement of Peter RUSSELL

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Brief Description: The statement of Peter RUSSELL, brother of John RUSSELL, states that the deceased left home about 6.30pm on 22/11/1989. This witness states that the deceased left with [1403] to attend the Bondi Hotel. The deceased was previously in good spirits. Peter RUSSELL states that John RUSSELL lost his wallet the previous friday and would not have had his wallet on his person.

Summary:

- Para 3:** States he is the brother of John RUSSELL and they both resided at [redacted] Ocean Street, Bondi. States his brother was employed as a barman/yardsman and was best friends with [1403]
- Para 5:** States on 22/11/1989 John RUSSELL and [1403] left home about 6.30pm to have a couple of beers at the Bondi Hotel.
- Para 6:** States John was in good spirits, and had chosen a kit home he was to build on his fathers home. The home was to built from an inheritance.
- Para 9:** States John was not a heavy drinker and did not use drugs.
- Para 10:** States on the Friday previously, John left his wallet in a taxi and was without a wallet at the time of this incident.

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Bondi Police Station

Date: 24th November 1989

Name: RUSSELL Peter
(Surname in capitals)

Address: ██████ Oakley Road Bondi Tel. No. ██████

Occupation: Yardsman. 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 punishment if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

3. I am the brother of John RUSSELL and we have resided together all of our lives. Recently we were living at ██████ Ocean Street Bondi and we moved out of there on the 11th of this month and into ██████ Oakley Road Bondi. I am aware that he was a barman at the Bronte Bowling Club and one day a week at the Double Bay school. I have known 1403 for a period of about ten years and I would say that he was 1403 best friend.

4. John was in the habit of going out and staying out and not letting me know where he was and this would only be for an evening and he would always be back the next day.

5. On the evening of Wednesday the 22nd November 1989 I was at home with John when 1403 came around and this would have been about 6.00pm They left before me about 6.30pm to the Bondi Hotel to have a couple of beers. I then left home and this was the last time that I saw John.

Witness: ████████████████████ Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

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6. I was aware that on this evening John was in good spirits and he was not depressed at all. In fact he was looking forward to coming out of Sydney and going to live on the farm with his dad and he had already picked out the kit home that he was going to build.

7. I am aware that my brother was a homosexual. He was not extremely active in this area. I am not aware of any current relationship that he was involved in.

8. At no time has John ever spoken of committing suicide and he did not get depressed easily. He was a happy go lucky person.

9. John was not a heavy drinker and he was not in the habit of using drugs that I am aware of. He was strongly against drugs.

10. I am aware that last friday night he lost his wallet in a taxi and he had actually changed banks and he was waiting on his new Personal Identification Number to arrive from the bank. He would not have had a wallet on him.

11. When John left home on Wednesday he was wearing a pair of jeans which were ripped on the knees and a red jumper.

WITNESS..... SIGNATURE.....

D. Owens.
Detective Constable 1/c
Bondi Police Station, 2026.
24th November, 1989.

Witness: Signature:



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