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STATEMENT in Inquest t	matter of: ouching the	death of		Place:	Bondi	Police Station.	••••••
John Alan			•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	Date:	26th	December, 1989.	
Name:	STINSON.	Rodney V	/incent.	*******************************			
Address:			Newtown:	2042	•	Tel. No	
Occupation:	Employment	Analyst.				101. NO	

- 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. 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.
- 2. My date of birth is the
- 3. For the past two years I have gone to the asrea area south of Notts Avenue, and around to Mackenzies Bay. I am Gay I train in that area, and I mix with other Gay persons who frequent that area.
- 4. Approximately 3 weeks ago I*m not sure of the exact date, I was in the area south of Notts avenue, and I saw a person who I know from that area. I have known him for the last 4 or 5 months. I don't know his name. He was standing on the footpath which runs around the Bay and was a few metres north of the Fletcher street, steps.
- 5. I would describe this person as being about 35 years old, 5ft 8 inches tall; slim build; auburn hair(has been see dyed blonde and more recently red) medium length; Anglo saxon, heavily tanned; wearing casual clothing.
- 6. I said to him, "Has there been any trouble recently."
 He said," Not really but there was a lot of shouting going on a few days ago, probably a bashing but I don"t know."
 At that time I was not aware that any person had been found dead at the bottom of the cliff so I didn't question him any further.

Witness: O. h. holler Signature: Signature: Rodney Stinson

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STATEMENT (continued) in matter of: Inquest touching the death of John RUSSELL.

Name: STINSON. Rodney Vincent.

- 7. On the afternoon of Christmas Eve, Sunday the 24th December, 1989, I spoke to a friend at homewar and he said to me, "A friend of my named John had been murdered at Bondi rocks."
- About 8pm on sunday the 24th December, 1989, I was over at the area south of Notts avenue, I was running along the footpath and as I approached the steps which lead up to Fletcher street, I saw the same person who had given me the previous information as described in paragraphs 5 and 6. He was sitting on the steps talking to someone else I didn"t know and I said to him," I heard that a chap had been murdered and it happened a few weeks ago. I remember you told me something. What do you remember from the night." He said, " Not much, I was talking to someone and we heard a lot of shouting, but we didn't see anything." I said," Did you hear anything that they yelled or could you tell how many voices there were." He said, "I couldn"t tell." I said, "Why don't you phone the Police and tell them what yuouyou know." He said, "There isn't much to say." I said, "It would help them if they knew there was a lot of voices, it would mean there was a group." He said, "No." Itold him he could phone in and say he didn't want to leave his name because of work but he didn't want to.
- 9. About 2 months ago, this same person as describedin paragraphs 5 and 6, told me that , a middle aged (craxy orluny) man had tried to push him off the path and over the cliff near Fletcher street, stairs. The guy apparently wouldn't take 'no' for an answer and got violent.
- Over the past two years I have not witnessed any vill violence in the area, but I go early in the night too which might make a difference. The path is fairly isolated and not well lit, and is a known meeting place for gays, and I am very aware of the potential for violence in such a place as this. Sergeant Ingleby showed me a number of photographs of John Alan RUSSELL and after viewing them I can say Idon't know him and have not seen him in the area in question previously.

WITNESS ... A.M. Ingleby.

Rodney Stinson.

Police Station, Bondi. 2026.