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

Name: STINSON, Rodney Vincent.
(Surname in capitals)

7. On the afternoon of Christmas Eve, Sunday the 24th December, 1989, I spoke to a friend at home and he said to me, "A friend of my named John had been murdered at Bondi rocks."

8. 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 you 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." I told 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 described in paragraphs 5 and 6, told me that, a middle aged (crazy or luny) 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.

10. Over the past two years I have not witnessed any 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 I don't know him and have not seen him in the area in question previously.

WITNESS *A.M. Ingleby*
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Sergeant.

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Witness: 26th December, 1989. Signature: