

New South Wales Police

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STATEMENT in the matter of:

Death of John RUSSELL

Place: Paddington

Police Station

Date : 31 May 2001**Name:**

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Address:**Tel. No.:****Occupation:** Unemployed**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.

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

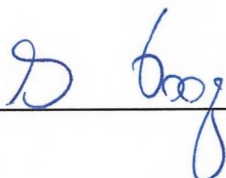
2. I am 44 years of age.

3. Further to the statement I made on the 24th of November, 1989 at Bondi Police Station in relation to this matter -

a. The night after I was drinking with John at the Bondi Hotel, there was to be a send off for John at the Legion Club at Charing Cross as John was about to leave Sydney and live in Wollombi and Tweed Heads with relatives. John helped organise the send off and was in good spirits and was looking forward to the future.

b. I am not able to estimate how much money John would have had on him when I left the hotel.

c. I do not know the barmaids name who was speaking with John as I left the hotel. I am not able to describe her.

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d. I am gay myself and have friends in the gay community. No one I know has informed me of being assaulted in the Tamarama area as a result of being at the gay beat at Marks Park.

e. At the time I left the hotel, John was moderately effected by alcohol but was not drunk. He was in control of his physical actions.

f. John was a happy-go-lucky person and was in good spirits normally. I am not aware of him being depressed around this time.

g. I know of no person who held a grudge against John.

h. Shortly prior to me leaving the hotel, John said "I can't stay much longer because of the money". My understanding was that John did not have much money on him at the time I left the hotel. I do not know how much coin John had on him from buying shouts of beer, I do not specifically recall John tipping the bar staff with coin on this night but that was his usual practice.

i. At the time of John's death, he was living at North Bondi and John did not state whether he was going home or going elsewhere after the hotel. He indicated he was leaving soon. I am able to say that Marks Park in Tamarama is in the opposite direction if he was to walk directly home from the hotel.

j. I knew John from (approximately) 1976 to 1989. At no stage did I see him display aggressive behaviour. Generally, I would see John socially a few times a week.

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