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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in the matter of: Robbery upon 1116

Place: Kings Cross Detectives

Office

Date: 28 December, 1993

Name: George Norman GRACE

Address: Woolloomooloo

Phone:

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 to prosecution if I wilfully have stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
- 2. I am 19 years of age.
- 3. Shortly before 3am on Thursday the 23 December, 1993, I was sitting at the top of the stairs which link Victoria Street and Brougham Street, Wooloomooloo, behind 'Harry's Cafe de Wheels', with my Fiance, Leah COOPER. We had been to a cafe in East Sydney and got a lift to Kings Cross, and, after having walked around for a while, we made our way to the stairs near 'Harry's'.
- 4. We had been sitting on the stairs for about 10 minutes when I noticed a group of 5 males walk from behind us, past us, down the stairs. I thought at first that we were going to be mugged, but then I noticed that they were quite well dressed, so I no longer felt threatened and continued with my conversation with Leah.
- 5. The first male who was walking in front of the group I would describe as; Islander appearance, 19 to 24 old, 180cm tall, medium muscular build, medium to dark complexion, collar length black hair in dreadlock curley style, wearing; a shirt with a collar, denim baggy jeans, a baseball cap with the peak facing the front with possibly either a 'Chicago Bulls' or the 'New York Yankces' emblem on it, I'm not quite sure.

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- 6. I would describe another of the males as; Meditteranean appearance, 20-24old, 180-185cm tall, thin to medium build, olive complexion, short black hair wearing; semi baggy blue jeans and brown 'dock' shoes. I don't recall what sort of shirt he was wearing. I didn't get a good look at his face.
- 7. I can only describe the other three as; similar in height to the others, similar in build, similar in appearance and similarly dressed to the other two I have described. I cannot recall individual features of these three males. These three were wearing baseball caps with the peak towards the front. I didn't get a look at their faces.
- 8. I lost sight of them when they reached the bottom of the stairs.
- 9. A short time later we walked down the stairs and walked south in Brougham Street to go to my mother's place. I saw the male, who we later found out was bashed, walking quickly down Brougham Streets towards 'Harry's' with the same group of 5 males I saw on the stairs following him about 2 metres behind.
- 10. At the time, I didn't realise it was the same group I had seen on the stairs and I thought we may have gotten mugged, so we quickly turned off into Harnett Street into McElone Street and then down to the Shell service station on Cowper Wharf Road.
- 11. A short time later I had a conversation with some Naval Police who told us that someone had been bashed in Brougham Street. We then made our way to Brougham Street where I saw the male, I had seen being followed by the group of 5 males a short time before, being put in the back of an ambulance. I then spoke to the Police.

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