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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Surry Hills Police Station

Date: 29 December, 1993.

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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 have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
- My age is 38 years.
- 3. I arrived in Sydney from London on the 13th of December,
 1993 on holidays. I have been staying with some friends at
 Paddington since I arrived.
- 4. About 9.00pm on Wednesday the 22nd of December, 1993, I went to the Citris Restaurant in Oxford Street, Darlinghurst with Johnathon BRADY and Julien DARMONDY. We stayed there for a couple of hours having a meal and some drinks. We then left the Restaurant and my friends went home.
- 5. I then went to a bar on Oxford Street but I don't know the name of it. I had some drinks there for about hour and half and then walked to a cafe in Oxford Street and had something to eat. I then walked east in Oxford Street and tried to hail a taxi.
- 6. I kept walking and stopped outside the Darlinghurst Supreme Courthouse on Oxford Street. I was standing near a bus shelter when I saw three males walking towards me. Two stopped and

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stood in front of me and the other one walked past me. shorter of the two males then asked me for a cigarette. I took out a cigarette and handed it to him. The second male then asked me for a cigarette also. I then handed him a cigarette. The taller of the two males then reached under his shirt with his right hand. At this time I thought he was reaching for a knife and I became apprehensive. I then saw that he had a walkie talkie in the waistband of his pants. I then stepped onto the roadway because I was feeling uneasy and wanted to move away from them. I turned around and saw that the two males who had asked me for a cigarette and the other male who had walked past me, were now walking together in an easterly direction along Oxford Street. A short time later, I saw another male in his early twenties about 192cm tall with dark hair walk past me on the northern footpath. He was walking east along Oxford Street. At this point I crossed over Oxford Street and walked east towards Bondi Junction. As I approached South Dowling Street, I saw this male walk past the other three males who were now sitting on a bench on the northern footpath of Oxford Street.

7. I saw the three males then stand up and follow this male along Oxford Street. They were walking east on the northern footpath. I hailed a Taxi, got in and asked the taxi driver to drive east along Oxford Street to where I had last seen the three males. It took some time as we had to go around Greens Park and back onto Oxford Street. As we drove up Oxford Street I was looking down each side street trying to see the three males. As we drove past Glenmore Road I saw the tall male walking into Gipps Street and the same three males walking from Glenmore Road into Gipps Street. The taxi stopped and reversed back, turned into Glenmore Road and then into Gipps Street. I saw that the tall male was lying on the footpath and the three males were punching him about the head and body. The taxi drove

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into Gipps Street and the three males then ran along Gipps Street and around the corner. We stopped, I got out of the taxi and spoke to the tall male who had just got up off the footpath. The tall male and I then got into the Taxi and we took him to his address in Brown Street, Paddington. The taxi driver then took me to where I am staying with my friends in Broughton Street, Paddington. When I arrived home I telephoned the Police and informed them of what had occurred.

- 8. About 1.00am on Monday the 27th of December, 1993, I was standing at the corner of Oxford and Forbes Street when I saw the tallest of the three males who had assaulted the male in Gipps Street, standing with five or six other males on the opposite corner of Forbes Street. This male then shouted "Lets get us a fag" or words to that effect. The group then ran west along Oxford Street and I lost sight of them.
- 9. I would describe the three males who assaulted the male in Gipps Street as being; The tallest male was about 18 to 19 years of age, about 185cm tall, medium build, collar length curly light brown coloured hair, fair complexion, clean shaven, caucasian with an Australian accent. He was wearing a light coloured baggy T shirt, blue jeans or similar. I can't remember what else he was wearing.
- 10. The second male was about 18 to 20 years of age, about 175cm to 177cm tall, slim to medium build, short curly light brown hair, fair complexion, clean shaven, caucasian with an Australian accent. He was wearing a light coloured baggy T shirt, blue jeans or similar. I can't remember what else he was wearing.

11. The third male was about 18 to 20 years of age, about 175cm to 178cm tall, medium build, dark brown collar/length straight

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hair. I am unable to describe him any further or what he was wearing.

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