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STATEMENT in the matter of:

I115

Malicious Wounding

Place: Homicide & S.V.C.A.
Strawberry Hills

Date : 27th April, 1999

Name:

I115

Address:

Blackett

Tel. No.:

Occupation: Cook

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 36 years of age.

3. In the morning of Monday the 27th December, 1993 I was assaulted in Bourke Street, East Sydney, near St Peters Street. I subsequently went to Sydney Hospital where I was treated.

4. On the 12th January, 1994 I went to Surry Hills Police Station where I made a three page statement to Detective MILLIGAN. Today, Detective WATERMAN showed me the original three page statement.

5. This morning Detective WATERMAN came to my home and I went with Detective WATERMAN and my friend, [REDACTED] to outside Surry Hills Police Station. I am profoundly deaf since birth. Since school I have undertaken speech therapy which enables me to lip read and also to use my voice. [REDACTED] is a long time family friend and she is able to interpret for me using sign language.

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6. From Surry Hills Police Station we walked to outside the Flinders Hotel, Flinders Street, Darlinghurst. Detective WATERMAN asked me to show him the way I walked to my friend's home on the morning of the 27th December, 1993.

7. We then walked north along Flinders Street on the western footpath to Short Street. We then travelled west in Short Street to Bourke Street and walked north in Bourke Street on the western footpath. We crossed Oxford Street passing the Oxford Hotel and continued north in Bourke Street.

8. We crossed Burton Street then crossed at the lights to the eastern footpath of Bourke Street then continued walking north. We walked past St. Peters Street and I indicated the spot that I was assaulted to Detective WATERMAN which was outside the church.

9. We then walked to St. Peters Lane and travelled east to Forbes Street where I told Detective WATERMAN something. We then continued up St. Peters Lane which at that point is called Premier Lane to behind [REDACTED] William Street where my friend was living and where I went to after I was assaulted.

10. Detective WATERMAN then asked us to walk up Palmer Street and asked me if I had walked in Palmer Street near William Street when I was assaulted. I have never been in that part of Palmer Street.

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11. We then went to the Photographic Section in the Police complex in Goulburn Street. Detective WATERMAN had asked me to bring clothes similar to the clothes I had been wearing at the time of my assault. I no longer have the clothes I wore at the time of the assault. I threw them in the rubbish because they were full of blood.

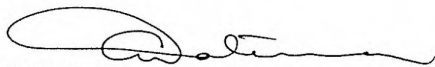
12. I was then photographed wearing a grey sleeveless t-shirt, black shorts, white long socks pushed down, black lace up boots and a black bumbag. When I was assaulted I was wearing a white cotton sleeveless t-shirt, black cotton shorts, white long socks pushed down, black leather lace up shoes and a black bumbag (which I wear to the front).

13. My appearance would have been much the same as to how I look now. I am also wearing the same watch, necklace and earrings.

14. Detective WATERMAN then took [REDACTED] and myself to the Homicide office in Strawberry Hills where he typed another statement. He asked me to tell him what happened on the night I was assaulted.

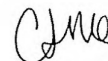
15. On Sunday the 26th December, 1993 I went to my friend's (Craig PARNHAM) home at [REDACTED] Darlinghurst. About 8.30pm Craig and I left his home and walked to the Oxford Hotel in Oxford Street via Forbes Street.

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16. Craig and I had a drink, I had a schooner of Fosters. Other friends came and joined us to drink. They were [REDACTED] and we also said hello to other people. We stayed drinking at the Oxford Hotel. I had about six to eight schooners of Fosters. [REDACTED] is half deaf, [REDACTED] are full deaf.

17. About 11.00pm on Sunday the 26th December, 1993 [REDACTED] and I walked up to the Flinders Hotel in Flinders Street. I had another schooner of Fosters. The guys wanted more to drink, but I had had enough and wanted to go home because we had a 10.00am flight to Adelaide on Monday morning.

18. At the time we left the Flinders Hotel it was about 2.00am on Monday the 27th December, 1993, I think the hotel was closing. We walked up to Short Street and the others crossed Flinders Street to walk up to the Taxi Club.

19. I then walked alone toward's [REDACTED]'s flat in the manner I have already described. The reason I walked down Bourke Street was because there was plenty of vehicle and pedestrian traffic and I felt safer. I think the Oxford Hotel was still open when I walked past, it closes about 3.00am. At the time I left the Flinders Hotel I had drunk a number of schooners of beer, I was moderately affected but was able to walk straight and I was aware of what was happening around me.

20. As I continued in Bourke Street it became very quiet. As I was walking on the footpath I crossed over St. Peters Street which is about 50 metres south of William Street. It was dark and I didn't see anyone around.

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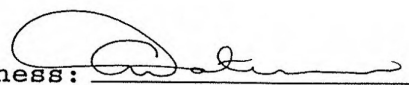
21. The first thing I felt was being hit by a very hard object on the right back of my head. I fell forward, twisting my right ankle. I was in shock I may have blacked out briefly because I was hit so hard. I fell to my knees and I saw two pairs of legs behind him. I pushed up with my hands and turned my head to the right to look back.

22. When I turned I saw the right side of a man with olive skin and black shoulder hair. It was dark and it happened very quick. I was hit again by a hard object to the top right of the front of my head. I was then hit again on the back left side of my head.

23. I was bleeding from my head, I was in lot of pain, my head was throbbing. I was screaming "Help" as loud as I could. I crawled forward three kneeling steps and stood up and staggered forward. I was still screaming "Help".

24. I looked around and they were gone. I couldn't see their mouths so I don't know if they were talking to me, but they didn't try to take any property from me. I believe that only one man was hitting me.

25. After the attack I walked up St. Peters Lane to Forbes Street where two prostitutes offered help. As I was close to Craig's flat I declined and walked up to [REDACTED]'s flat. I washed my hands and arms which were covered in blood, took off my t-shirt and wrapped my head in a towel. Most of the blood was coming from two wounds on the right side of my head.

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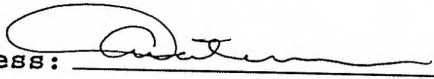
26. I then went to sleep on the bed and some time later [REDACTED] came home, woke me up and called an Ambulance. The Ambulance came and I was taken to Sydney Hospital where I was treated by a Doctor. The Doctor treated three wounds which required a total of ten stitches. My right ankle was also x-rayed but nothing was broken. I was allowed to leave later that morning.

27. I didn't receive any further medical treatment other than having the stitches removed in Adelaide.

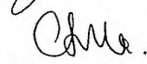
28. Upon my return from Adelaide, Detectives from Surry Hills had left a message for me to contact them. On the 12th January, 1994 I went with [REDACTED] to the Police Station. The Police also had an interpreter present during the taking of the statement.

29. Today, when I read the statement I noticed there were a few mistakes. In paragraph 4 it says we left the Oxford Hotel about 2.00am. As I said we left about 11.00pm on the 26th December. I remember going to the Flinders Hotel and I remember walking towards Craig's flat. The main reason I left was because I was tired and we had a flight to Adelaide.

30. As I have already stated by property was taken from me during this assault, nor, to my knowledge was any property demanded from me. I do not know why anyone would want to assault me and I didn't give any person permission to assault me.

Witness: 

A. Waterman
Detective S/Constable
27th April, 1999

Signature: 1115Witness: 

Carol McGREGOR