

NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE

STATEMENT in matter of: Sexual Assault upon LA ROUSSE

Place: Auburn Police Station

Date: Friday, 7 June, 1996

Name: [REDACTED]

Tel. No:

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Client Service Co-Ordinator

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.

2. I am 31 years of age.

3. I have known Michelle LA ROUSSE for about 4 years. I met her when we worked together at [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I have stayed friends since this time.

4. I have known [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for about 2 years. I met [REDACTED] on a girls night out and was introduced to her husband [REDACTED] at this time.

5. About 2.00pm on Saturday the 11th of May, 1996 I was at home and received a phone call from Michelle LA ROUSSE.

She said, "Something terrible has happened?"

I said, "What happened?"

6. Michelle was crying and upset. She said, "[REDACTED] raped me."

I said, "Oh my God, where are you?"

She said, "I am in a phone box somewhere in Auburn."

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I said, " Are you OK, can you get yourself here or do you want me to come and get you."

She said, " No, I will drive over."

I said, " I will see you in a few minutes."

7. The telephone call ended and Michelle arrived at my home about 10 or 15 minutes later.

8. Michelle walked up to the front door and she came inside. She was crying so I took her into the dining room and held her. She was sobbing and crying for sometime. When she stopped sobbing I said, " Sit down and tell me what happened?"

She said words to the effect of, " ██████ came into the room where I was sleeping. I woke up because I had a pain (indicating abdomen). I said go way ██████ your hurting me. ██████ said, " no you are misunderstanding it is ██████." I told him to go away and he left but then he came back. I told him to get away and said I would scream if he didn't go away. He left but stayed there for a few seconds before leaving."

9. Michelle was crying whilst she was speaking with me. She then told me that she stayed at ██████ the house in the morning whilst his wife left the house. Michelle was minding their kids. She said, " ██████ was carrying on like nothing had happened and I didn't know how to face ██████ (wife)."

10. After she left the house Michelle told me that she was driving around the streets for a while before she rang me.

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11. I then made a telephone call to the Rape Crisis Centre from the phone book. I left a message on the answering machine. I then rang Liverpool Hospital, Westmead Hospital and Royal North Shore. Someone from the Rape Crisis Centre rang back and an appointment was made at Westmead Hospital.

12. About 5.00pm or 5.30pm I drove Michelle to Westmead Hospital. Michelle and I spoke with a female doctor and female counsellor. Michelle was then examined by the doctor.

13. After the examination and counselling I drove Michelle back to my house. Michelle stayed overnight.

14. About 8.15am on Sunday the 12th of May, 1996 I woke up and went into my dining room. I saw Michelle was speaking on the telephone. I then spoke with Michelle and arranged to pickup [REDACTED] from her home. Michelle then made a phone call to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to organise me to pick her up from her home. Near the end of that conversation another call was on the line. Michelle finished the call to [REDACTED] and answered the other call.

15. I saw Michelle start crying whilst she was on the phone. I realised it must of been [REDACTED] and told Michelle to hang up the phone. She immediate put the phone down.

16. Straight away, the phone rang again and I picked it up.

I said, " Hello."

A male answered, whose voice I recognised as being [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and said, " It's [REDACTED] can I speak with Michelle."

I said, " No, you can't she is in no state to speak to you."

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He said, " I just need to talk to her. I don't want her to tell ██████ "

I said, " That is up to Michelle, if she feel she needs to it is her decision."

He said, " I want to talk to her, I will do whatever she wants, I don't want her to tell ██████, I don't want to ruin my marriage."

I said, " You have a big problem, haven't you, you need some help."

He said, " Yes, I know, if she wants I will get counselling, I will do whatever she wants, I don't want her to ruin my marriage."

I said, " It is not us ruining your marriage, your the one that has done the wrong thing."

17. ██████ started crying and kept on repeating, " I don't want you to tell ██████."

I said, " You have done this before, haven't you."

He said, " No, I haven't."

I said, " Do you realise what you have done?"

He said, " Yes, I will go and get help this time, I will go and get help."

I said, " So you have done it before, haven't you."

18. He didn't reply and I said, " Your son was in the same room, what would you have done if he had woken up."

He said, " I don't know."

19. He started crying again and was saying, " Don't tell ██████."

I said, " Why did you do it?"

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He said, " I don't know, something just snaps and I can't help myself."

20. Michelle was in the background and I think she was overheard what I was saying. She started crying and getting hysterical. He kept on saying, " Don't tell ██████ don't ruin my marriage, I will do whatever she wants."

I said, " You should have thought of it before."

He said, " I know."

I said, " It is up to Michelle whatever she wants to do, I will just help her and support her."

21. I then hung up the phone.

22. Shortly after I spoke with ██████ I drove to his home and picked up his wife, ██████ I drove her back to my home and she spoke with Michelle.

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