

**CORONIAL HEARING INTO THE DEATH OF  
CHRISTINA MAE WATSON NEE THOMAS (DECEASED)**

**POLICE TAPE (EXHIBIT 65 - TAPE 5 [consisting of 3 tapes – 1 of 3])**

**EXECUTION OF SEARCH WARRANT ON RESIDENCE OF DAVID GABRIEL WATSON**

Time is 6.15am

Today is Monday 23 April 2007

Attending to 306 Oakley Circle, Hoover to execute search warrant on residence of David Gabriel Watson

Campbell speaking – Noel and Flynn present

Campbell: My name is Gary Campbell, a Detective Sergeant with the Townsville CIB. This gentleman here is Detective Inspector Scott Knowles from the Brisbane Homicide Squad. Now we warn that you don't have to answer any further questions or make any further statements but anything you do ....yeah....yeah well you don't have to answer any further questions or make any further statements as anything you do say or statement you do make is recorded and can be later used as evidence in court to either clear you or convict you of any offence. Do you understand that? You are also entitled to access a lawyer or a solicitor prior to discussing this matter with us any further. You are also entitled to contact or access a support person if you wish to do so before you discuss this matter with us any further. Do you understand that? Do you understand that Gabe?

As has already been explained to you by Special Agent Gauger, this is a search warrant and we are looking for a number of items.

If you do wish to access a lawyer, bring it to our attention and police will make efforts to give you access to a phone.

Gabe: Ok.

Campbell: Gabe would like to call his lawyer now. Whereabouts is the telephone?

Gabe: Oh, my cell phone is to the right of the bed on the charger.

...Townsville, are searching at my house .....

Campbell: That's correct.

Gabe: So how.....

Campbell: Alright the court case in relation to Mike Ball is in relation to safety breaches under the Work Health and Safety Act. Alright. Why we are

here is, we are actually investigating the actual death of Tina and the causation of that death.

Gabe: So.....(on the cell phone)

Campbell: Scott can you maybe check with Greg that the house is cleared so that we can give Gabe access to his telephone.

[Someone]: Boxed Gabe, all the papers and stuff, have you got something.

Campbell: In the interview with the lawyers from the Old Republic, there is a reference to her insurance paperwork.

Gabe: It's all boxed up.

[Someone]: No worries.

Gabe: It's all boxed up over there.....

[Someone]: How old is he?

Gabe: Turned 4.

[Someone]: She's in good nick.

Campbell: Do you want to come into your room and give your lawyer a ring?

Just tell your lawyer he can't come into the house, he can stay outside, once the house has been searched he can then.....

Gabe: Call Austin. Tell him he can't come in my house but to come to my house. I have Australian authorities, Heleena (?) authorities and FBI and I am handcuffed right now, so tell him, yeah, he says they talked to the Old Republic people but, I'm not sure why, I mean they are packing up my computer and, the ones that are like a year old. You know, tell him to get over here cause, you know, I've got a feeling that he's going to look into this more cause my guess is that there were conversations with the Thomas' that led to this while I was away. So I figure that .....house yet. Oh some dude from the FBI. Ok.

Campbell: Come back out to the lounge.

*(extremely low talking – not clear)*

Telephone ringing.

Gabe: Hello, yeah. He says that I'm not arrested, he says that I'm free to go, you know, handcuff, .....dudes, FBI dudes and little CSI ....with boots. I don't have any idea. Somewhere I haven't seen it. Hoping at some point....

*(talking in the background)*

[Someone]: Found in the kitchen...

Gabe: Basically he said that he would copy everything.....I'm sure he .....ok  
bye. *(Not clear as there were others talking in the background at the  
same time)*

Campbell: From my understanding Gabe, is when your lawyer turns up, um, he can't  
come inside the premises. I will take the cuffs of you and you can go  
outside and talk to him if you like, ok.

*(talking in the background)\**

Gabe: Straight down the hall, that bedroom over there, there should be a black  
and white case, yeah it should be a soft black case....ah no.

*(talking in the background)*

[Someone]: I left your book here.....

[Someone]: Ah that's....

[Someone] Yeah.

*(talking in the background)*

Campbell: Just after we pulled up.....well we will take you outside, we can't stop you,  
and you can go and sit in your car I suppose.

Gabe: Yeah but *(very soft)* the Thomas', the camera stuff.

Campbell: The what?

Gabe: The Thomas' are jealous, if you have me on camera or something. ...

*(very soft and unclear)*

Campbell: They have no control over me now, I didn't even know that they would turn  
up.

*(very soft talking in the background, unclear)*

[Someone with  
an American  
accent]: I'm going to give you, I have a copy of the Warrants ok, ah, now I have to  
talk to you so that you can talk to them at all.

Campbell: I have already read him his rights and his lawyer is on his way here.

[Someone with  
an American  
accent]: Who is your attorney?

Gabe: Um Bob Austin.

[Someone with an American accent]: A civil attorney isn't he.

Gabe: Yeah.

[Someone with an American accent]: Ok. Did he represent you in the civil deposition, is that the same guy.

Gabe: No.

[Someone with an American accent]: No. And...when he comes though, he can talk to you outside and we will take those off. Like I say, you are free to go, ah....

Gabe: But I probably wouldn't want to.....

[Someone with an American accent]: There is a copy for you but um, that's the original to show the signature of the Judge with the bumpy stamp and its been filed in court....did you explain any of that, how the, the previous work or anything?

Campbell: No I didn't get into the specifics.

[Someone with an American accent]: Which you can discuss with your attorney.

*(very soft talking in the background – not clear)*

[Someone with an American accent]: Gabe does somebody live here with you?

Gabe: I live alone.

*(soft talking in the background – not clear)*

Campbell: What's the company name of Bob Austin's law firm?

Gabe: It's just Robert L. Austin.

Campbell: Who is the some guy called Mr Belt or something?

*(soft talking – not clear)*

[American

accents]: We will have to rely on you guys a lot for, working as a team, we can come up with boxes.....(*not clear*)....

Campbell: If we can have a quick look at it...

[American accent]: Sure.

[Someone]: Don't matter to me, its up to you guys.

(*something to do with the computer – not clear – a lady's voice is present, plus about 5 different male voices in the background*).

### End of Tape 1

### Start of Tape 2

(*low talking in the background*)

[American accent]: .....so (?) like (*very low and unclear*) ....like it's current stuff obviously, I mean there's only maybe.....yeah ok....

[Aust accent]: That would be interesting to have a look because apparently he tried to take the ring off her body just while she was buried, so, check out and see if he's claimed it or not.....

Campbell: This folder is really interesting, it's got him visiting or appears to have him visiting dive sites, (*unclear*) .... I think so really go through all the papers plus there's also some other dive sites I didn't know about.

[American lady accent]: (*unclear*) ... out the front

[American man]: Ahha.

Campbell: Take the folder.

(*very low talking in the background*)

[Aust accent]: It's got ah, 3 or 4 of Tina.

[American male accent]: One in (?) (*very soft and unclear*).....

[Aust accent]: Yes please....

[American lady accent]: Found the camera.

Gabe: The FBI guy here somewhere, ah, these 2 right here are all security guards I think.

Campbell: .....step outside. My name is Gary Campbell, I'm from the Townsville Police.

Austin: Mr Campbell, I'm Bob Austin.

Campbell: Um, the FBI agent in charge, I'll just give him a call, but from what he's told me, I think you should actually step outside the house, we'll get Gabe uncuffed and he can come out and speak with you.....ok.

Austin: Why?

Campbell: Well that's the procedure that the FBI follow during the execution of warrants.

Austin: You tell me ..... warrant .....

Campbell: We will get that right for you sir, but if I could just ask you to step outside.

*(unclear lots of voices in the background)*

Campbell: *(unclear)*..... actually charged. If you just step outside for us please gentlemen.

Yes.

Gabe: ..... the computer, are you taking the computer.

Campbell: Yes.

Gabe: Ok now you notice that the big power (?) computer, had it for years, they are still taking it, so I will be left with no computer.

Campbell: Yes, that would be the case in the short term.

Austin: What is the short term?

Campbell: Well I don't have a specific time, we have to maybe talk to the technical people and see what's involved in reviewing what's on them.

Gabe: Ok now if I had, is there somewhere, cause I use mine for work, you know that's my office....

Campbell: Excuse me Greg.....

Gabe: so I'm basically shut down...

Campbell: Excuse me Greg, that's Mr Waton's attorney and his father, Gabe would like to go out and talk to them. Can we take the cuffs off so Gabe can step outside.

Greg ? :            Yep.

Campbell:           Come down this way and you might want to bring that paperwork with you.

Greg ? :            We can keep them off, you know, if you are pretty compliant.

Gabe:                Do you have any idea what kind of time frame they are going to have that CP, the big computer.....

Greg ? :            That I don't.

Gabe:                Is there anybody.....

Greg ? :            Actually what, here....

Gabe:                Anyone, because I work out of that office most of the time. That's my work computer, it's got all my quotes and everything. I don't have any back up for it.

Campbell:           As soon as we can get a time frame to you, we will. Ok. I don't believe Greg is a computer technician and neither am I. As soon as we can get some feedback to you.....

Gabe:                I was just wondering cause that's what the majority of this is, I just thought somebody might know ahead of time, you already took it...

Greg ? :            Oh, I will say that um...

Gabe:                Are you thinking a week or is it something that .....

Greg ? :            It may not come back. It depends on what is found on the computer, ok. Since that it is the original computer, if there is anything found that is evidentiary, then it's retained. We will work all that out, again we don't train these people, you know....

Gabe:                Wow, that's, I guess that's what....

Greg ? :            You know the short answer is, I don't know. I can't tell you today.

Campbell:           If you wish to come back inside Gabe, just come to the door and knock and one of the officers will be here at the door here.

[American male accent]:   You don't need me.

Campbell:           The lawyers, apparently and the police, just showed up there next to the black 4WD.

[American male accent]:   Oh ok.

Campbell: and this is his father here, and I suspect that is his wife and mother over the road.

[American male accent]: ....think she is the neighbour over the corner...

Campbell: Yep.

[American male accent]: .....start in the basement.

Campbell: Excellent.

[American male accent]: He's laminated the article, why would he do that?

Campbell: I don't know. It's still going. Um, we found a number of emails upstairs too from dive sites which is interesting, really interesting I think.

[American male accent]: Ok, we again.....

Campbell: One of your guys found what's a video cassette that's got dive (?) Tina on it.

[American male accent]: Yeah they did.

Campbell: That's good.

Campbell: Obviously guys, if he tries to come back in, just keep him away.

[American male accent]: Yeah.

Campbell: Cause he's the guy in charge.

[American male accent]: We don't want to taint the search thing. He can leave. If he wants to get in his truck and go, well let him go. He is not under arrest.

Campbell: I've told the attorney and the father that they can't come inside if they wanted to. He's got to shift them outside.

[American male accent]: You know he's probably never been in a search warrant. He is ah, free to come in and restrict it....

Campbell: What's the time there sorry, 7.10 ...terminating tape, Mr Watson has left the building.

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