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Date of Statement: June 20, 2006

Name of Person Making Statement: Paula Snyder

Location of Statement: 7260 Briarcliff, Fort Myers, Florida 33912

Nature of Statement: Queensland, Australia Coroner's Inquest into the Death of Christina Thomas Watson

Law Enforcement Officers Present: Detective Sergeant Brad Flynn, Helena, Alabama Police Department on behalf of the Queensland, Australia Police Service

Mrs. SNYDER has been SCUBA diving over 20 years. SNYDER holds a NASDS open water certification, an Advanced Open Water Certification with PADI, and Nitrox with PADI.

Mrs. SNYDER confirms she was a passenger on the Spoilsport on October 22, 2003

Mrs. SNYDER stated that during the dive safety briefing on board the Spoilsport, the dive staff informed them of the current along the Yongala. SNYDER stated "We knew that there would be a current in advance. The dive team told them that there would be 3 flags to indicate the currents, a green, a yellow, and a red. A green flag, they said you would never see that green flag. On occasion you will see a yellow flag but generally see a red flag which means you will encounter a current."

Mrs. SNYDER stated that she met Mrs. WATSON the night before the boat left Townsville. She remembered how adorable she was. Snyder stated "They were a striking couple, they were just beautiful"

When asked about the current, Mrs. SNYDER stated she said they "were taken out to the bow of the boat, so they would not have to swim against the current and so they could drift with the current back to the dive platform. The current was "pretty intense but nothing that we had not seen before."

Mrs. SNYDER stated that all previous correspondence and information provided to Detective Sergeant CAMPBELL was correct.

Mrs. SNYDER stated that after she and her husband learned what had happened to Mrs. WATSON, she went to offer her condolences to Gabe WATSON. She said WATSON "looked dazed." She asked WATSON if she could do anything and "he said he needed a hug and I gave him a hug". SNYDER stated that she continued to try to console WATSON while Dr. DOWNIE attempted to resuscitate Tina on the Jazz II.

Mrs. SNYDER said that when she asked WATSON what happened, he said "Tina was too heavily weighted and she had panicked and had reached out and knocked his mask and regulator off. Once he got his mask and regulator back in place, he looked at her and told her to inflate, but she wasn't paying attention. She was sinking down. He said he

made the split second decision at that point whether to stay and try to save her or go and get help and he decided to leave her.”

SNYDER stated that WATSON “wasn’t crying a lot while they were in the hallway” SNYDER stated that “When Dr. DOWNIE came in and said he couldn’t save her, they all broke down. John (DOWNIE) just broke down and when John started crying, all of us started to cry. Then Gabe asked John if he could see her (Tina) and they made the arrangements to take him over.”

When the Spoilsport got back to the dock in Townsville, SNYDER stated that Wade (from the Spoilsport) asked her to stay with WATSON when they went ashore. SNYDER stated that she was with WATSON throughout the rest of the night until they dropped him off at his hotel.

SNYDER stated that while they were at the Police Station, WATSON said he was “glad they got to spend the first week in Sydney” and that “the first week belonged to her and the 2<sup>nd</sup> week belonged to him”. SNYDER stated that she encouraged WATSON to call his parents while they were at the Police Station, but WATSON continued to refuse. SNYDER stated that WATSON said that wanted to wait until later in the day to call his parents so he would not wake them up. SNYDER stated that “He said that he didn’t want to call Tina’s family because her father worked out of town and he didn’t want to take a chance of no one being with her mother when she found out”.

In between interviews at the Police Station, SNYDER said that WATSON would constantly play with Tina WATSON’S Auburn bracelet John had placed on his hand on board the Jazz II. SNYDER also stated that WATSON kept complaining about his ears hurting throughout the time she was with him. SNYDER also stated that WATSON “was adamant about wanting to stay on the dive boat that night. I can’t imagine wanting to be back on that boat.”

Mrs. SNYDER stated that “the people from Mike Ball came in and told him that they were dumping off his stuff”. SNYDER said that WATSON’S demeanor immediately changed at that time. SNYDER stated that she kept trying to convince him to call his parents during the breaks from the police interviews, but WATSON continued to refuse.

SNYDER stated that when she finally convinced WATSON to call his parents, she remained in the room at his request. She overheard WATSON tell his father “No dad, I’m not kidding”. SNYDER states that WATSON told his father that that he “tried to help her and when he did, he had a terrible problem with his ears and it disoriented him a lot.” SNYDER said that WATSON then talked with talked to his mother. “He didn’t talk too much about Tina, he talked more about his ears” SNYDER said “He told his father that he wanted him to call Tommy (THOMAS).” SNYDER stated that WATSON “still continued to talk about the condition of his ears.” SNYDER told WATSON to ask Dr. John DOWNIE about his ears. DOWNIE told Mrs. SNYDER “I don’t know what to tell him..its not my area and maybe he should go to the emergency room or something”.

SNYDER stated that WATSON was advised on what items belonging to he and Tina the police were keeping.

SNYDER stated that she dropped WATSON off at the Holiday Inn in Townsville late that night with two of the Mike BALL representatives.

SNYDER stated that she began making entries into her journal the day they left Ft Myers for her trip and she will provide police with copies of her journal entries.

SNYDER has not had any contact with WATSON since. Several weeks later, she called WATSON since she was worried about him. She stated that she called his cell phone and left a voice mail for him. His mother called her back the next day and she stated that "Tina's parents were not taking it well. And that they were being stubborn about Gabe and Tina's wedding gifts and that they were holding Gabe's belongings." SNYDER stated that she offered to call the THOMAS' but WATSON'S mother was adamant that she not call them.

After discussing it with her husband, SNYDER stated that they decided to call the THOMAS' anyway. She stated that they called the Birmingham News and requested to know what funeral home had coordinated the funeral. SNYDER stated they called the funeral home and asked them to please give their name and numbers to the THOMAS family and the funeral home agreed. She stated that Mr. THOMAS' contacted her by phone several hours later and they spoke in depth about the incidents surrounding Tina's death.



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STATEMENT OF WITNESS



Occurrence #: \_\_\_\_\_

Statement no.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 21/04/2007

**Statement of**

Name of witness: SNYDER, Paula Jean

Date of birth: 22/11/1949 Age: 57 Occupation: Home Maker

**Police officer taking statement**

Name of police officer: CAMPBELL, Gary Colin

Rank: Detective Sergeant Reg. no.: 6690

Region/Command/Division: Northern Station: Townsville Criminal Investigation Branch

**Statement:**

Paula Jean SNYDER states:

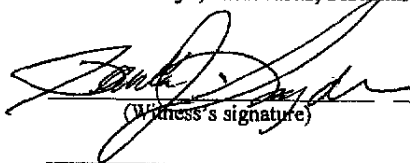
I am a married woman, 57 years of age, and reside an address known to police.

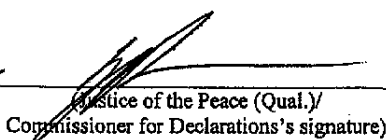
My husband is Kenneth Keith SNYDER III. We have been married for 36 years. I know Virginia MILSAP and Douglas MILSAP. Virginia is known to me as Ginger. Douglas is known to me as Doug. They are close friends of ours and we have known them for 27 years in August this year.

I met Christina Mae THOMAS @ WATSON. I was introduced to her by the name of Tina. I have met David Gabriel WATSON. I was introduced to him by the name of Gabe.

I have scuba diving for over 20 years. I hold a NASDS (National Association Scuba Diving Schools) open water certification. I have an Advanced Open Water Certification from PADI (Professional Association Dive Instructors) and a Nitrox Certification with PADI aswell.

I have completed 300 dives in open water. I have scuba dived in Australia, Caymans, St Lucia, Jamaica, Florida Keys, Honduras, Roataan, Virgin Island, off shore from Florida, Bahama's among other places.

  
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I have dived in a variety of conditions from Green to yellow to Red. Green conditions in general terms mean calm conditions. Yellow conditions in general terms means slight currents, not quite as good visibility and proceed with caution. Red conditions in general terms means you may have strong current, water may cold and visibility may be limited and you really have to pay attention.

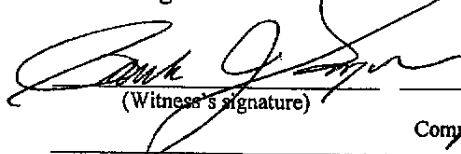
On Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2003 my husband Kenneth and I arrived in Townsville. We were accompanied by the MILSAPS. This was our annual scuba diving holiday but one which we were all looking forward to. This was our ultimate dive trip, to go to the Great Barrier Reef.

On our arrival we had our dinner at a restaurant on the side of the harbour next to where the 'Spoilsport' was anchored. There were several other passengers having dinner there aswell. Just as we were getting ready to get on the 'Spoilsport' Gabe and Tina. This was the first time we had met or seen them. They told us that they had already had a meal somewhere else.

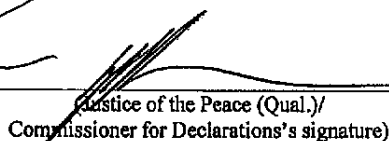
We all boarded the 'Spoilsport' and got our luggage to our rooms and got settled. There was then a reception in the main salon. There were introductions where we were first introduced to Gabe and Tina formally. They introduced themselves as being from Alabama. I remember they introduced themselves as being from Birmingham more specifically. We talked about football and Kenneth asked Tina whether she was a fan of the Tide or a War Eagle. Tina introduced herself as being a War Eagle and I remember this stuck in mind, she was so cute.

We then got a safety briefing. The main briefing was from Wade SINGLETON but I can not remember who else gave information. I can not remember the specifics of the main briefing but it included life jackets, safety procedures, life boats etc and diving in general. There was going to be a specific briefing before each dive on each day. In relation to the main briefing I considered it to be very thorough and it was just as good if not better than most other briefings I have had on most other dive boats around the world. This also included opening the floor to questions and repeated that if you had any questions to ask.

There was some socialising however we in our group were quite tired from the travelling and we retired for the night.



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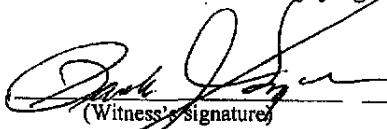
I was asleep by about 9.30am and I work up the next morning probably around 7am. We had breakfast and then commenced checking our own personal dive equipment. This was our first dive so we were checking everything and getting everything out of our dive bags. We were told that we had come to the 'Yongala' wreck site first as there were some divers that had to do some work at the site.

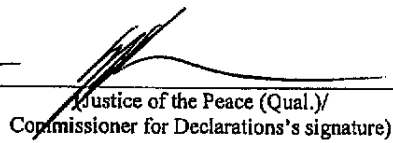
The staff then commenced a specific pre dive briefing. This was conducted by Wade SINGLETON on the back deck of the 'Spoilsport'. This briefing covered the entry points, what the dingy would do, what to expect underwater, that the currents would be strong and that it was a red flag dive site, recommended a path of travel along the wreck due to the conditions, on exiting the site by entering the dingy or coming back along the rope towards the 'Spoilsport'. This briefing was an oral presentation, plus a map which outlined the wreck, which was on a board. The map included the entry and exit points of the wreck and I think it had the direction of the current. They advised it could change and to proceed with caution.

We were told during the briefing that we would be dropped at the bow of the wreck and to drift along with the current to the stern so you would not have to fight against the current. I found the crew in general to be professional but felt a bit rushed. For example on entering the dingy I felt a bit rushed and uncomfortable getting down the back of the 'Spoilsport' and into the dingy.

After the briefing was finished we entered the dinghy. We were not out in the first dinghy but we were not the last either. The four of us went as our own group that being the MILSAPS and SNYDERS. I felt a little anxious for the first dive as I was still a little bit tired. I was not afraid but still a little bit tired but once I got in the water I was fine. Before going in the water I was conscious of Gabe and Tina being on the back deck getting ready but I could not comment on their state of mind, their equipment or anything like that.

The four of us entered the water at the drop line at the bow of the wreck. They may have been another couple of divers entering at the same time from the same dingy but I do not recall. On entering the water I have descended down the drop line. Right away I noticed that the water was cold and that the current was brisk and definitely a red flag dive site. I didn't feel that I was endangered, I would have gone back up if I thought it was to much. The visibility was about the length of two cars. I did find it a challenging dive but one that I was enjoying.

  
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It was like a fantasy land down there, the size of the fish was incredible. We then went along the length of the wreck. I found the current took me along the length of the wreck with ease. I did not find that the current was pushing me off to the side of the wreck. The current was strong and you had to kick and swim if you wanted to stop or slow to look at something.

On reaching the end of the wreck we commenced ascending on that drop line. I found that during my safety stop that the current was swirling me around a lot while I was hanging onto the rope at that location. On reaching the surface we returned to the 'Spoilsport' by moving along the rope that went from the drop line to the rear of the 'Spoilsport' itself. We hand over hand along the rope.

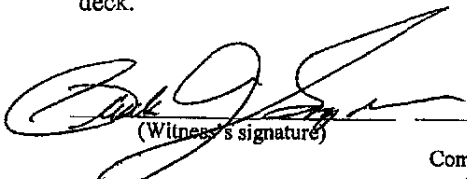
On getting back on the boat I attended to my gear. I was shifting some stuff around to make myself more comfortable. Some of it I was taking off and some of it I was shifting around. As at that point we were thinking of having a second dive.

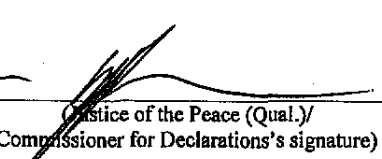
I was on the back deck when Ken my husband said to me that something was not right with Gabe. Ken has pointed to Gabe and I then observed Gabe on the back deck. When I first observed Gabe he looked dazed, he had no diving gear on but had his wet suit on. I do not know where the MILSAPS were at this stage.

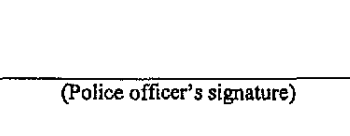
Ken went over to Gabe and there was some conversation between the two but I was not aware of what they said. I then moved closer and heard Ken tell Gabe, "Listen John is going to be doing everything he can for Tina".

I said to Gabe, "Is there anything I can do for you".

Gabe has said, "I need a hug, I need hug". I then gave Gabe a hug and he hugged me back. I thought that this kid needs a hug. I held Gabe like he was my own child. I had not seen Tina at this stage. I then sat with Gabe for a few seconds on the back deck. Gabe then got up and left and I believe he went below deck.

  
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I then went with Ken up onto an observation deck. I then saw what appeared to be Tina on the rear deck of another boat. I saw several people bent over something which appeared to be a body. There was a flurry of activity and I could also hear communications going back and forth between the two boats. These communications were updates on Tina's conditions and increasing time periods. I remember one of the statements were 19 minutes. I turned to Ken and said, "She is not alive is she". Ken told me, "No she is not".

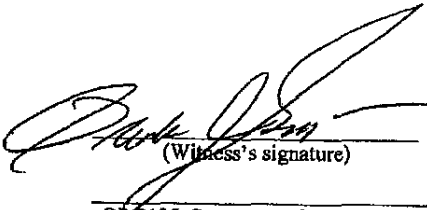
I said to Ken, "Do you think Gabe is hearing this."

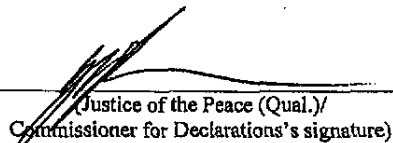
Ken has then said, "You better go find him and see if he is okay."

I then went to find Gabe. I went to the back of the diving deck and Gabe was not there. I then opened the door which took you to the cabins. Gabe was standing and leaning against external wall of a cabin in the hallway. Ginger MILSAP was there at some point. I do not remember if she joined me on the back deck or if it was in the hallway outside the cabin or later on. Ginger may have moved in or out of our presence on a couple occasions.

When I spoke to Gabe he spoke in the present tense about Tina and it appeared to me that he had not heard the communications between the two boats. Gabe was crying and started telling me what happened.

Gabe said to me, "She panicked going down, she was to heavily weighted, she knocked off my mask and tried to grab my regulator, I tried to get her to inflate her BC shortly before she panicked, she was sinking, her arms were outstretched upwards, she was looking up, I was looking into her eyes, she blinked, I just hoped that she didn't think I was leaving her there to die and that she knew that I was going for help, I had to make a split second decision whether to stay and try and save her or go and get help and I decided to leave her and go and get help and come back."

  
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Gabe indicated with his arms upwards when he was referring to Tina with her arms outstretched upwards. I had the impression from Gabe's words that Tina was still conscious when he left her. I was thinking at the time when Gabe told me this that Tina may have panicked but Gabe, you panicked more and left her there. His words were like a dagger in my heart, as soon as he left her, her chances without him were gone,

Gabe seemed to be in a trance, he kept going over it and repeating the same lines. Ginger was here at one point. I can be certain of that. I felt certain at that point that Tina was dead but I didn't have the heart to tell him.

Around that time Doctor John DOWNIE came into the hallway. Gabe said to him, "Tell me she is okay, do you have good news". The look on DOWNIE's face was off a person who was distraught, who had really fought a battle and lost. DOWNIE said, "I did everything I could to save her".

Gabe then said, "You're kidding right John."

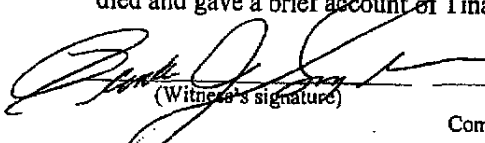
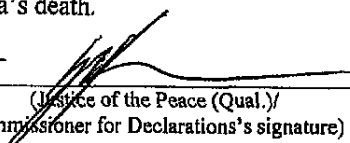
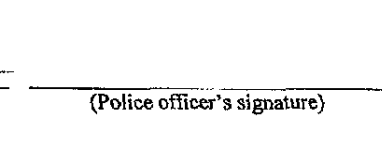
DOWNIE then said, "No I am not".

I remember that we all grabbed each other and fell to the floor crying. There was Gabe, DOWNIE, myself and possibly Ginger. We were all crying. I do not know how long we were there like that.

A short time later Gabe said, "Can you take me to her".

DOWNIE said, "Can you give me a moment and I will take you to her.

DOWNIE then took Gabe away and I assume Gabe went to the rear of the other boat. I remember being with Ginger and we went and found Ken and Doug. Ken told me that there was a meeting being called in the saloon. The four of us went to the salon and Wade made a short statement. Wade stated that Tina had died and gave a brief account of Tina's death.

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Wade advised that we would be returning to Townsville with Tina. Wade advised that we could continue our dive trip or cut short our holiday. Wade advised that there would be a second meeting as we got closer to Townsville.

During the second meeting Gabe gave a speech but I can not remember what he said. I think that this was during a meal as well but I can not be sure. I can not comment on any possible socialising by Gabe as I was not in the salon the whole time but while I was there I did not observe and such incident.

As we pulled into Townsville I was tapped on the shoulder by Wade and he told me that Gabe had asked if I would be his support person. I did not know what this meant and what was involved but I said I would. When we got into Townsville a number of police and other officials came onto the 'Spoilsport'. They took Tina's body away and some time later Gabe and I were taken to the Townsville Police station together.

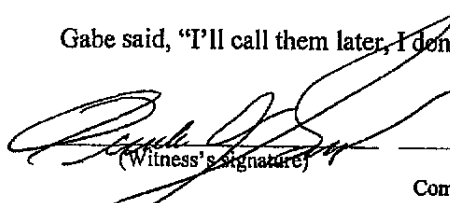
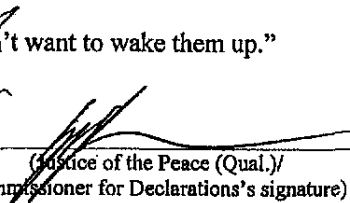
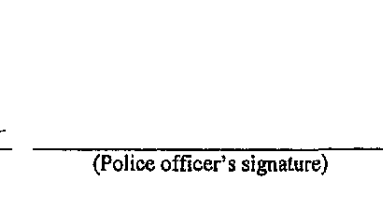
When we got to the police station we were taken to a sofa and we sat there for a while. While we were seated there Gabe started telling me about his trip to Sydney and their honeymoon.

Gabe said, "We had so much fun on our wedding, I'm glad we spent our first week in Sydney as that was her part of the honeymoon. We did everything she wanted to do, we saw a Midnights Summer Dream, she went to the zoo and had a picture of herself with a koala. I am scared to death of telling her family, I don't know how I am going to tell them, Tommy travels a lot, and I don't want to call and tell her mom without Tommy being there."

Gabe also said, "The second was my week, I was really interested in doing the dive, Tina had got certified but I was really looking forward to it, Tina wasn't nervous but she loved the city stuff".

I said, "You need to call somebody, you should call your parents, you need to call somebody, you need to call your parents".

Gabe said, "I'll call them later, I don't want to wake them up."

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I said, "You need to call somebody, you need to call her parents, you need to call your parents." I was really concerned at that time, your parents can give you guidance, and Gabe didn't seem to be wanting to speak with anyone. I just thought that Gabe was in shock.

I then said to Gabe, "You probably don't need me any more, you don't need me from here".

Gabe said, "No I need you here, I would like you to stay with me." This may not be a direct quote but it was in that context.

A short time later Detective Kevin GEHRINGER arrived and Gabe and I went with him and GEHRINGER started taking the statement from Gabe. This statement was where GEHRINGER was sitting at a computer and typing onto it while talking to Gabe. There were several breaks during the statement.

During one of the breaks Gabe said, "I want to stay back on the boat tonight, I don't have anywhere to stay tonight, do you think they would let me stay on the boat."

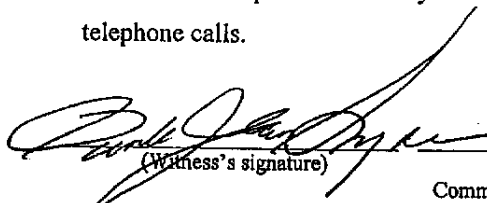
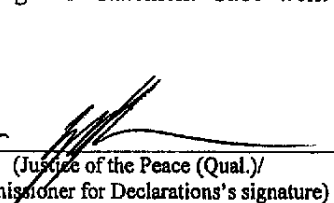
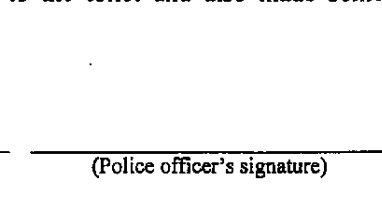
I found this comment strange but I said, "I will go and ask Wade and see what he has to say."

I went and found Wade in the police station and said, "Gabe wants to stay on the boat tonight, he has asked me to ask you".

Wade said, "Well I'll ask somebody, but I think we are going to head back out and I don't think that will be possible."

I then went back and said to Gabe, "I have spoken to Wade and he will talk to somebody."

Later and still part of the way through the statement Gabe went to the toilet and also made some telephone calls.

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When Gabe went to make a telephone call I said, "Well I'll leave you alone to speak with your parents".

Gabe said, "No I want you to stay with me",

I then went into an office while Gabe made a telephone call to someone who I assumed to be his father.

I could not hear both sides of the conversation but I did hear what Gabe said.

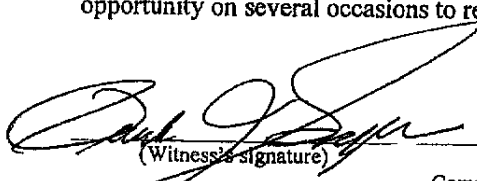
Gabe said, "Hey dad, Tina's gone, we went for a dive, Tina didn't come back, no dad I'm not kidding, I'm not kidding, can you call her dad's cell phone and tell him what happened". Gabe didn't talk to much more to his dad. It then appeared that he was speaking to his mother.

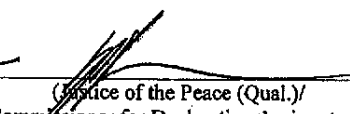
Gabe said, "Hey mom, I tried to help her, I went up to fast and it bothered my ears and disorientated me, my ears are really hurting, I am really in pain, I am really in pain, go to the hospital".

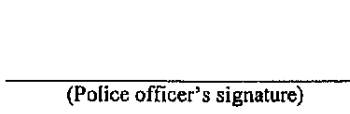
After the telephone call Gabe told me that his dad would talk to Tina's parents and that his mom was going to try and come to Australia. When Gabe was talking to his mother he seemed to primarily talk about his ears and not about Tina. Gabe repeated several times about the pain in his ears. Gabe also complained to me about his ears. This was the first time he talked about his ears to me. I did not recall him saying to GEHRINGER about his ears during the first part of the statement. Gabe was quite insistent about his ears, it became evident out of the clear blue sky that his ears had become an issue, and it was at this point that I told him I would go and find DOWNIE.

I found DOWNIE and he looked inside Gabe's ears. DOWNIE said, "I can't see any problem, I am not saying that you don't have a problem it's not my expertise and if you continue to have problem go to a hospital or an ear specialist." I do not recall any response from Gabe about that.

We then went back to where GEHRINGER was and continued with the statement. Gabe was given the opportunity on several occasions to read over his statement to see what he had said.

  
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Gabe did this and I thought the statement was very well done. On going back to continue the statement with GEHRINGER I do not recall Gabe bringing up that his ears were a problem.

Andrew from Mike Ball Dive came up and said, "The Mike Ball group are bringing your and Tina's gear here, we are not paying for your accommodation, we are not refunding your trip, we have nothing further to do with this matter."

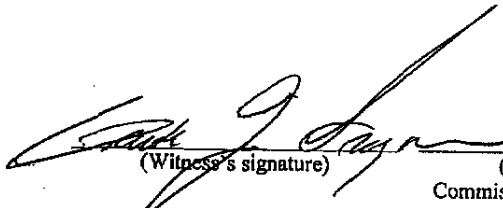
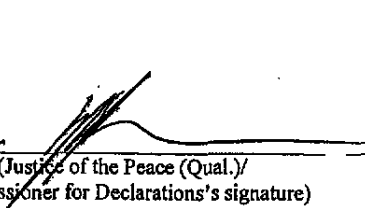
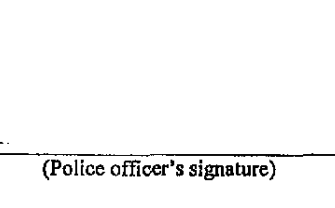
I was stunned on this abrupt and harsh statement. I think Gabe was to. Andrew delivered this professionally but there was not doubt as to the Mike Ball position and that Gabe would not be staying on the 'Spoilsport' that evening.

In my opinion Gabe seemed to become more tuned into reality and surroundings after that and become more curt and methodical in his responses to GEHRINGER. Gabe also seemed to become angry.

Andrew came back a short time later and stated that there had been a change and that Mike Ball Dive would be giving all the help he needed. I do not know what happened to change their minds but it was apparent that someone had talked to them and made them aware that this was not the proper way to handle the matter. This change seemed to occur in ten or fifteen minutes. This assistance included accommodation, grief counselling and other assistance.

The statement was later finished. When the statement was finished Gabe and I were downstairs waiting to go to the hotel and the boat. Gabe was handed a piece of paper listing what items the police were keeping for evidence and what they were returning. One of the pieces of paper was pink and I think there was a yellow one aswell. Several items were returned to Gabe. I remember saying to Gabe, "You should check with the police so you know in your own mind what they have and what your have."

Gabe moved away from me and spoke to someone who I do not recall but I assumed was associated with the police. There was an issue between Gabe and this person about the dive computers. Gabe wanted them back at the time and there were harsh words but I do not recall what was said.

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A short time later I left with Stan and Craig from Mike Ball Dive, Steve the chef from the 'Spoilsport' and Gabe. We then drove to the Holiday Inn where Gabe, Stan and Craig were dropped off. I gave Gabe a big hug and told him that I would be praying for him. Steven and I then returned to the 'Spoilsport'.

Later that evening or the next morning the 'Spoilsport' left port and we continued with the dive expedition. We returned to Townsville several days later.

When the boat docked I was shocked to see Gabe and a woman who I later learnt was his mother. On reaching shore I spoke to Gabe. Gabe said to me, "I just want to let you know that I am okay, the officials and the police department have been wonderful and we have got Tina onto a flight, we are still waiting for the body to be released and we are going back in a couple of days, I need to get everyone's emails so I can keep in touch."

I later saw someone hand a list of emails to Gabe and I also said, "Are you sure you are okay, is everything is alright"

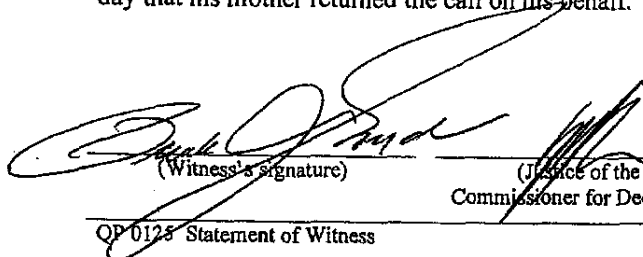
Gabe said, "Yeah".

I said, "I will touch base with you once we get back to the states."

We and the MILSAPS left a short time later as we had to go and pick up our rental car.

I have not seen Gabe or his mother since then.

Several weeks later when we were back in the states I called Gabe and left a message on his voice mail. I rang to see how he was going and to let him know that I was concerned for him. I think it was the next day that his mother returned the call on his behalf.

  
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I asked Glenda how Gabe was going. Glenda said he was having a tough time and she then went into a detailed explanation about how Tina's family were holding back the wedding gifts and that Tina's mom was crazy, that Gabe was spending time with his friends and that they were consoling him, and that he would call me back when he was a little more pulled together.

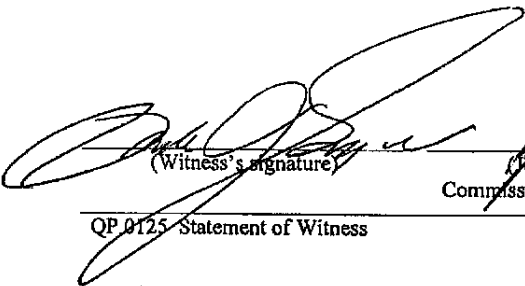
Glenda also told me that the Mike Ball Dive people tried to get Gabe drunk on the night of the death. I asked Glenda for the telephone number of the mother of Tina but Glenda was adamant that I could not have the number or to call her. The telephone call was terminated and I never heard back from Gabe or Glenda.

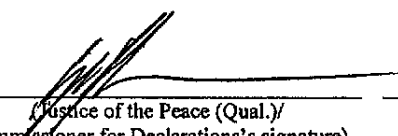
Ken and I wanted to give the parents of Tina the opportunity to speak with someone who was on the boat prior to the death of Tina. We contacted the Birmingham newspaper and located the funeral home. We contacted them and left our contact details for the parents of Tina.

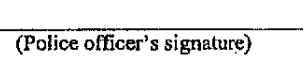
We later spoke with Tommy THOMAS and I also met Tommy THOMAS and we talked about Tina and the time that we met her.

I wished to say that prior to leaving Florida I commenced making notes in a journal. I made notes each day of the highlights of the day up to and including the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 2003. They are not an exhaustive record but cover a number of incidents or conversations that occurred between myself and any number of other persons.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2006 I was interviewed by Detective Sergeant Brad FLYNN of the Helena Police Department. This interview occurred at Gingers home address. This interview was conducted on camera.

  
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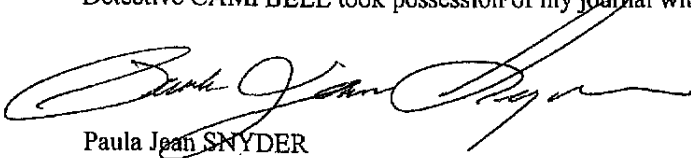
  
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On Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2007 I went to the Helena Police Department and spoke with Detective Sergeant CAMPBELL. I provided this statement to Detective Sergeant CAMPBELL. I also showed Detective CAMPBELL my journal.

Detective CAMPBELL took possession of my journal with my consent.

  
Paula Jean SNYDER

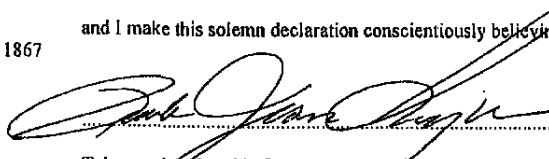
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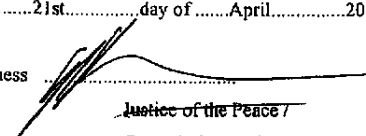
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- (2) I make this statement knowing that if it were admitted as evidence, I may be liable to prosecution for stating in it anything I know to be false.

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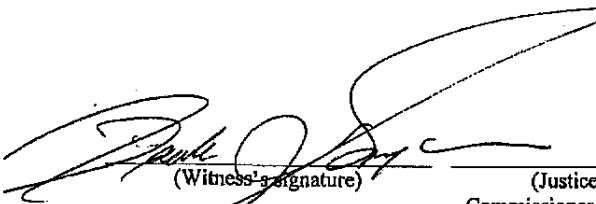
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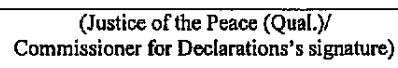
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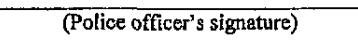
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