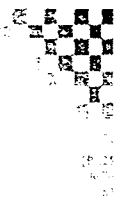




QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE  
STATEMENT OF WITNESS



Statement No. One Date 22/10/2003

Statement of:

Name of witness: Stanley John STUTZ Date of birth: 28/11/1972 Age: 30  
Occupation: Doctor

Police officer taking statement:

Name of police officer: Ian TAYLOR Rank: PCSC Reg. No: 9822  
Region/Command Division: NORTHERN Station: TOWNSVILLE JAB

Statement commenced at the JAB office, Townsville 22/10/2003 @ 1610 hrs.

I Stanley John STUTZ state,

1. I am a qualified Medical Doctor in emergency medicine and I obtained my specialist degree at the Albany Medical Centre, Albany New York. I obtained my Medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania.
2. I reside in Townsville and work at the Townsville Hospital. I live at 6A - 7 The Strand. My mobile phone is 0407170415. My home number is 0747 240706.
3. I have an open water divers licence through PADI. I have had my license since May 1993.
4. I have been diving with the Tropical Diving company since yesterday to obtain my Advanced Open water Divers qualification.
5. I recall the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2003.

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 Justice of the Peace: *[Signature]*  
 Commissioner of Districts: *[Signature]*  
 Police Officer: *[Signature]*

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6. At about 7:15am I boarded the Jazz 2 diving vessel with the Captain. We departed Townsville and headed to Nelly Bay Magnetic Island to pick up another 7 passengers and 4 crew members.

7. We then headed out toward the Yongala dive wreck.

8. When we arrived I think there were another 2 dive boats there as well. I think the Spoilsport was there and another dive boat.

9. We all had a dive sometime about noon but I'm not sure of the exact time.

10. The group of us from Jazz 2 were all descending down a line to about 30 metres down. My buddy diver was Neal. Neal was in front of me. He and I were some of the last descenders in the group. Our diving instructor's were Robert and Casper from Jazz 2.

11. Visibility was very good. There was some current in the water as I let go of the safety line momentarily on the way down and remember having to swim back a bit to grab it again.

12. I had just past the 5 metre mark and I saw a bunch of divers coming up toward the surface. At about 20 feet away from me in this group of divers, I also saw a diver in front of another diver. I will refer to them as diver 1 and diver 2. They were not from Jazz 2.

13. I think diver 2 was cradling the diver 1 behind the divers back but it happened so fast I'm not sure. They appeared to be both stationery.

14. I then saw them both split apart. I saw diver 2 go to the surface really quickly. I saw diver 1 begin to sink toward the sea bed.

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Justice of the Peace (Qld)  
Commissioner of Declarations

Police Officer: *[Signature]*

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15. I'm not sure how much time lapsed but I saw another diver come back down. I think it was another diver other than diver 2.

16. We had all descended a few metres when I saw the other diver go straight down to the bottom. By the time I had passed the 10 to 15 metre mark the other diver had started to come up with diver 1.

17. They were all wearing basic black wet suits.

18. The diver that descended really quickly ascended with Diver 1. It looked as though he had her in a bear hug. Diver 1 did not appear to be moving or responding.

~~19. We continued descending to the 30 metre mark. I think my depth gauge was reading 27 metres.~~

20. We sat on the bottom for about 10 minutes doing some drills with the Advanced course.

21. We then headed across to the wreck. I saw one of the divers in our team pick up a divers belt from the floor.

22. He brought the dive belt back to our safety line.

23. We finished our dive and headed back to the surface.

24. I think my total dive time was 38 minutes.

25. When I surfaced my instructor Robert asked me if I was a doctor.

26. I said 'Yes' and I headed over to the back of Jazz 2 and handed my flippers up. I got up the ladder and aboard the rear deck.

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Witness

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Justice of the Peace (Qual)  
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27. Someone took my tank off. I handed my mask to someone.

28. On the back right hand side of the dive boat there were a group of persons around a diver.

29. I got closer and could see the diver was female with blonde brownish hair.

30. I could see someone doing chest compressions on her and someone ventilating her with a bag valve mask I think.

31. I asked "What's going on"

~~32. There was another physician attending the girl. He was also American.~~

*herose very aggressive*

33. He told me words to the effect of "She's been pulseless for about 40 minutes, her pupils are fixed and dialated, She's had 5 rounds of epinephrine and 2 rounds of lidocaine. She's had IV access in her right EJ. That line blew and she's had another line in her left EJ."

*a powerful heart stimulant*

*Professional first aid kit*

*medicine to control bad rhythm*

34. He also said words to the effect of "She's had 2 needle decompressions"

*- drawing off nitrogen bubbles - or to extract excess pressure*

*ET External jugular = neck*

*if you don't carry gradually the nitrogen can build up under pressure & reabsorption the lungs become very brittle*

35. I said something like "Has she had any return of pulses"

36. He said "No"

*still resuscitatable*

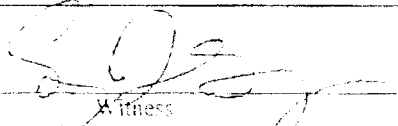
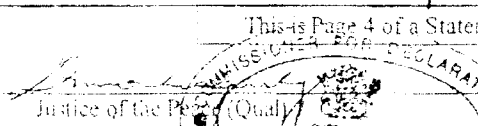
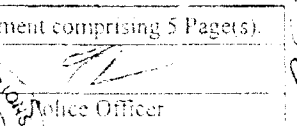
*severely neurological impaired consistent (brain death)*

37. I felt for her carotid and femoral pulses, but there were none. Her pupils were fixed and dilated and she had no spontaneous respirations. Her skin was blue and mottled and she had lots of emesis around her mouth.

*not breathe on her own - signs of brain injury*

*venit*

*drawing sea water can be hard to keep - bring out not only water but product*

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38. I was told they were doing CPR on her for about 40 minutes on the boat deck without any return of pulses so we agreed to end the resuscitation and call the time of death.

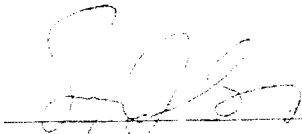
39. I stood up and people kind of cleared away.

40. I and another diver moved the deceased to where no one could see her and someone put a towel over her.

41. I asked around to some of the divers if they were all right.

42. We all headed from Jazz 2 to Spoilspert via smaller boats.

~~43. I was at Spoilspert for about an hour or so and we headed back to Jazz 2. When I got back the deceased wasn't there.~~

  
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Stanley STUTZ

**OATHS ACT 1867 (DECLARATION)**

I, Stanley Jshu Stutz do solemnly and sincerely declare that

(1) This written statement by me dated 22/11/13 and contained in pages numbered 1 to page number 5 is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and

(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.

and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1867

Stanley Jshu Stutz Signature

Taken and declared before me at St. Helier

this 22nd day of October 2013

Witness [Signature]  
Justice of the Peace (Commissioner of Declarations) (Please State)

