



QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE  
STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement no.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 25/04/2012

Statement of

Name of witness: MCHUGH, Toni Cheri

Date of birth: 05/02/1971 Age: 41 Occupation: Property Manager

Police officer taking statement

Name: PEARCE, Luke

Rank: Detective Senior Constable Reg. no.: 18792

Region/Command/Division: Metro North Station: Indooroopilly  
Criminal  
Investigation  
Branch

Statement:

\*\*\*\*\* ADDENDUM STATEMENT \*\*\*\*\*

Toni Cheri McHUGH states:

1. This statement is given in addition to the statement which I provided to Detective Senior Constable Luke PEARCE on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2012.
2. On Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2012 I attended the Indooroopilly Police Station and had a conversation with Detective Sergeant Stephen FOXOVER and Detective Senior Constable Luke PEARCE. During this conversation I provided them additional information as outlined below in this statement.
3. I advised the Detectives that Gerard had contacted me via telephone in December of 2011 and it was at this time that our relationship was re-established. Gerard stated during this phone call that he wanted to meet with me to talk. We arranged to meet later that day at the Gailey Road Fiveways coffee shop. I cannot recall the exact date of when this meeting took place.
4. I later attended the coffee shop and met with Gerard. This conversation related to Gerard telling me that he still loved me and that he was sorry for everything that had happened. Gerard told me that he wanted to stay in

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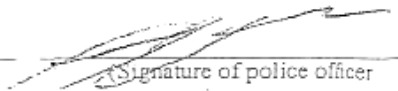
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touch with me and indicated that things were not going to change in regards to his marriage to Allison. I took this to mean that he was not planning to leave Allison in the foreseeable future. We both agreed that our relationship was not going to be of a sexual nature.

5. Over the Christmas and New Year period Gerard and I had limited communication via phone and email. These conversations would relate to our day to day lives including work, our children and how we were in general.
6. I recall that in February our relationship had progressed to an intimate sexual relationship. I can only recall two occasions between February 2012 and April 2012 that Gerard and I had physical intimate contact. I believe that the last time was in March 2012 at my address in St Lucia. I cannot recall the exact date or details surrounding these meetings.
7. During this period Gerard and I would meet every couple of weeks at a coffee shop. We often attended a coffee shop at Kelvin Grove and once met at a coffee shop at Sinnamon Park. I cannot recall the details of these coffee shops or the exact dates we met, however we only met during daylight office hours. We would always attend these coffee shops and sit and talk inside.
8. The last time Gerard and I had met in person was mid march when we met at my address in St Lucia. During this meeting Gerard and I discussed how hard it was for us to remain in contact. We acknowledged that our continuing relationship was having a major impact on both of our lives and we agreed that we would no longer maintain a physical relationship together until such time that we were able to maintain a committed relationship where he was no longer married to Allison. Gerard stated that he needed time to focus on keeping his business afloat and out of financial distress, as he stated that without that he would not be able to provide anyone with a future. After this meeting I was under the impression that Gerard and I were still in a relationship together, however just not of a physical nature.
9. After this meeting Gerard and I would only have daily contact with one another via phone and email. Once again these conversations entailed our day to day lives and issues.

  
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10. I also advised Detectives that at the time that Gerard and I had initially ended our relationship in October of 2011 I recall Gerard telling me that Allison had given him somewhat of an ultimatum.
11. Gerard explained that Allison had indicated to him that he had to choose between her and myself and that if he made the wrong decision that I 'wouldn't be pretty' for him.
12. I recall Gerard taking this ultimatum to mean that if he had chosen to leave Allison that she would take away his daughters and potentially interfere and take control of his business assets. Gerard outlined that he did not want this to occur and stated that he was concerned for Allison's state of mind and wanted to look out for the interest of his daughters.
13. I recall that after Gerard contacted me in December 2012, we had a conversation in which he had disclosed that he had hoped for us to be in a committed relationship with one another by the end of 2012. He stated that he wanted to ensure that he was financially secure and in a financial position to be able to afford to leave Allison and commit to our relationship.
14. I was aware that after this conversation that Gerard was implementing changes within his business that would assist the business financially. I know that Gerard had saved money on additional staff costs by not hiring a senior property manager and I know that Gerard was doing everything he could to ensure sales of his listed properties. Other than this I had no other knowledge of how Gerard was going to better his financial status.
15. I recall during another of our conversations in which we discussed our future together, I had suggested to Gerard that he should consider obtaining legal advice in regards to divorce - I remember Gerard saying that he could not afford a lawyer to provide this advice. We also spoke of what the arrangements would be with his daughters after he had separated with Allison and I knew he hoped to have an arrangement similar to my and my ex-partners where he would have them every second week. We also were aware that this may not happen for some time and that we may not reside together post separation for quite some time.
16. Prior to Allison's disappearance I was under the impression that Gerard and I were in a relationship and that we were actively discussing our future

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together and that would hopefully be in a committed relationship by the end of 2012.

17. I also advised the detectives that on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2012 at about 5pm I had received a phone call from Ben BASSINGTHWAITE.
18. I know Ben from when I was employed with Century 21 and we had worked together for about 3 years. For this period of time Ben was employed as a director within the property management division. I would say that I consider Ben to be a friend. I am aware that Ben is no longer employed within Century 21 and believe that he is now a police recruit.
19. Ben had contacted me after hearing of Allison's disappearance. Ben was aware of the relationship between Gerard and myself and he wanted to check on my welfare. I was very upset during this conversation and Ben was trying to console me and tell me that everything will be ok. He also told me that it wasn't my fault and that I shouldn't be feeling as if it was my fault. Nothing else was discussed during this conversation.
20. I also advised the detectives that Gerard does not have any property that belonged to him at my residence in St Lucia.
21. Since providing my initial statement to police I have not heard from nor spoken to Gerard.


  
Toni Cheri McHUGH

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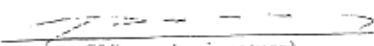
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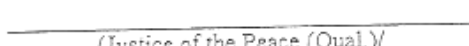
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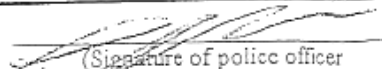
- (1) This written statement by me dated 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2012 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 4 is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
- (2) I make this statement knowing that, if it were admitted as evidence, I may be liable to prosecution for stating in it anything that I know is false.

.....Signature

Signed at Brisbane this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012

  
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