



QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE
ADDENDUM STATEMENT OF WITNESS



Statement No.:		Date:	04/11/2004
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Statement of:

Name of witness:	Wade Andrew SINGLETON	Date of birth:	24/6/1969	Age:	35
Occupation:	Trainee Paramedic				

Police officer taking statement:

Name of police officer:	Gary Colin CAMPBELL	Rank:	Detective Sgt.	Reg. No.:	6690
Region/ Command/ Division:	Northern	Station:	Mundingburra Criminal Investigation Branch		

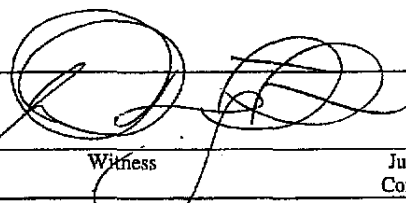
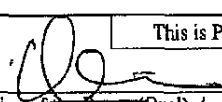
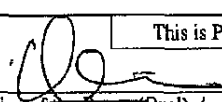
Wade Andrew SINGLETON states:

I have previously provided a statement to police in relation to the death of Tina WATSON. I provided this statement on the 22nd day of October 2003 in Townsville. I have been approached by police making further inquiries and am able to state the following.

I have no knowledge of any speech or oral statement made by Gabe WATSON in the saloon bar of the motor vessel SPOILSPORT on the 22nd day of October 2003 in the hours following the death of Tina WATSON.

I have no knowledge of Gabe apparently joining in on a card game on the motor vessel SPOILSPORT on the 22nd day of October 2003 in the hours following the death of Tina WATSON.

In paragraph 25 a fellow crewmember informed me that Gabe had resurfaced in part because he had put his batteries in his dive computer the wrong way. Gabe confirmed this later but not at that point on the back of the SpoilSport. Gabe confirmed that in the tender on the way to their second dive and also later when we were in his cabin after the death and he was telling me what had occurred. When this conversation occurred in the cabin there was only Gabe and I present. In relation to the dive computers it was policy on the vessel that if a customers dive computer malfunctioned we would hire them a short-term replacement dive computer. If a customer did hire one of our dive computers after there's malfunctioned we would also recommend that they not dive for 24 hours due to the fact that of previous nitrogen loading. This was because our computers would have no record of the customers recent dive history. We did sell some batteries but they were not dive computer batteries.

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In paragraph 49 of my previous statement I referred to Gabe stating that Tina tried to grab the regulator and mask of Gabe. My impression of this statement was that she had tried to grab his regulator and mask however that she had not succeeded in doing so. During this conversation Gabe made no mention of having made an attempt to go back and grab her once he had left and she started sinking. During this conversation Gabe made no mention of having problems with his ears or having difficulty in equalising his ears.

In the wheelhouse in the hours following the death of Tina WATSON I did have a cursory glance at Gabe's dive computer however I don't recall reviewing the actual dive profiles.

I have previously drawn a dive site map, which I believe is attached to the file held with Mike Ball in Cairns. I have today been shown another dive site diagram marked in part "Diagram 1" and "Queensland Museum & Yongala Moorings"

To the best of my recollection I am able to say that the motor vessel "SPOILSPORT" was moored on mooring point 905. I have marked the diagram to that effect. To the best of my recollection I am able to say that the motor vessel "JAZZ2" was moored on mooring point 904. I have marked the diagram to that effect. To the best of my recollection I am able to say that the motor vessel "ADRENALIN" was moored on mooring point 903. I have marked the diagram to that effect.

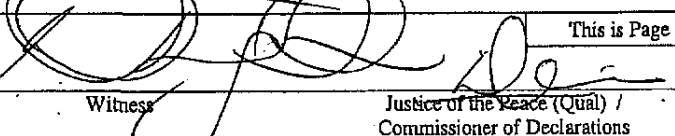
I have marked with a cross surrounded by a circle where I located Tina. This is an approximate location. I have also written the word "Tina WATSON". I have also signed this diagram with my name and dated it aswell.

I AM NOW ABLE TO PRODUCE THAT DIAGRAM

On the return to Townsville following the death I filled out a PADI dive incident report, a WPHS incident report. A copy of the dive incident report was also forwarded to the office of Mike Ball Dive in Cairns.

I AM NOW ABLE TO PRODUCE THAT PADI DIVE INCIDENT REPORT AND THE WPHS INCIDENT REPORT


The following is my opinion on some questions put to me by Detective CAMPBELL. Gabe's emotional reaction to the death of his wife seemed quite natural and appropriate under the circumstances. However I do not see myself in a similar situation leaving someone who is close to me, however everyone reacts differently. Gabe also made a comment to me on our return to Townsville in the hours following the death. Gabe did state that he would prefer to return to the vessel that night and spend the night onboard. Again in similar circumstances I would not wish to go anywhere near the vessel again.

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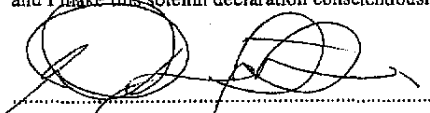
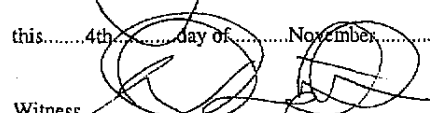
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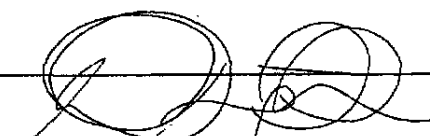
On the 4th of November 2004 I went to the office of the Brisbane Homicide Squad with Detective Sergeant CAMPBELL and provided this addendum statement.



Wade Andrew SINGLETON


Oaths Act Declaration

OATHS ACT 1867 (DECLARATION)	
I, <u>Wade Andrew SINGLETON</u> do solemnly and sincerely declare that:	
(1)	This written statement by me dated 4/11/2004 contained in pages numbered 1 to 3 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	
 Signature	
Taken and declared before me at <u>Brisbane</u>	
this <u>4th</u> day of <u>November</u> 2004.	
Witness 	
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Wade Andrew SINGLETON

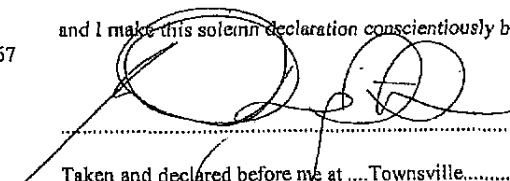
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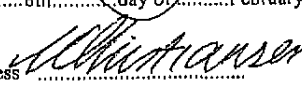
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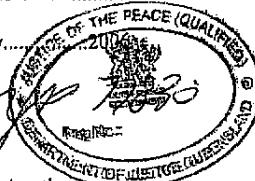
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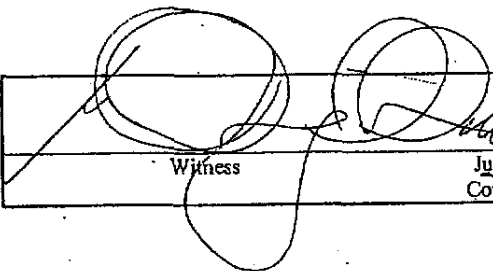
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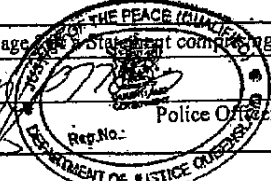


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Statement No.:		Date: 30/08/2007
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Statement of:

Name of witness:	Wade Andrew SINGLETON	Date of birth:	24/6/1969	Age:	35
Occupation:	Trainee Paramedic				

Police officer taking statement:

Name of police officer:	Gary Colin CAMPBELL	Rank:	Detective Sgt.	Reg. No.:	6690
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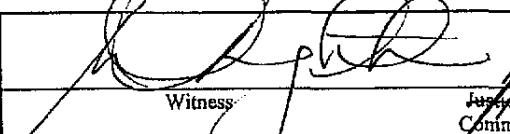
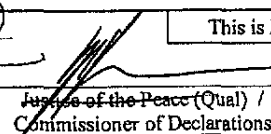
I have previously provided a statement to police in relation to the death of Tina WATSON. I provided this statement on the 22nd day of October 2003 in Townsville. I have previously provided additional statements to police on the 4th of November 2004 and the 8th of February 2006. I have been approached by police making further inquiries and am able to state the following.

By prior arrangement in mid 2006 I met with Detective Sergeant Gary CAMPBELL at the Brisbane office of the Queensland police and provided a briefing to several police divers. This briefing was in relation to my observations on the 22nd day of October 2003.

On the 18th of September 2006 I was flown to Townsville.

On the 20th of September 2006 I accompanied the police divers and CAMPBELL on an Australian Customs Vessel to the 'Yongala Shipwreck'. I was one of the first persons into the water scuba diving and I able to make the comment on the conditions underwater compared to the conditions underwater at the 'Yongala Shipwreck' on the 22nd day of October 2003. When I say the conditions this includes current direction and strength, visibility, and surface conditions. I can say that the conditions are similar to the day of the death of the deceased. I am able to say that I was able to identify the point to within a metre or two to where I located the deceased and this location was identified to a police diver.

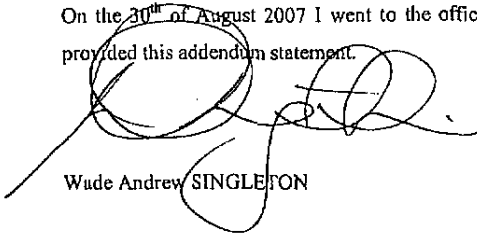
On the 21st of September 2006 I accompanied the police divers and CAMPBELL on an Australian Customs Vessel to the 'Yongala Shipwreck'. I was one of the persons into the water scuba diving and I able to make the comment on the conditions underwater compared to the conditions underwater at the 'Yongala Shipwreck' on the 22nd day of October 2003. When I say the conditions this includes current direction and strength, visibility, and surface conditions. I can say that the conditions are near identical to the day of the death and if anything the current may have been a little stronger today over the top of the wreck.

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On the 30th of August 2007 I went to the office of the Brisbane Homicide Squad with Detective Sergeant CAMPBELL and provided this addendum statement.



Wude Andrew SINGLETON

Oaths Act Declaration

OATHS ACT 1867 (DECLARATION)

I Wade Andrew SINGLETON..... do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

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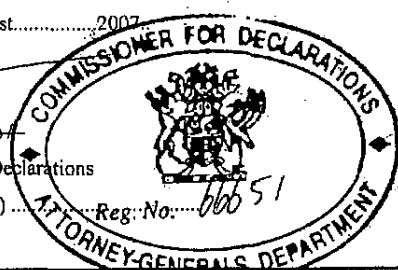
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Taken and declared before me atBrisbane.....

this.....30th.....day ofAugust.....2007

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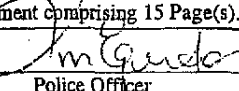
Name of witness:	Wade Andrew SINGLETON	Date of birth:	24/06/1969	Age:	34
Occupation:	Trip Director/Dive Instructor				

Police officer taking statement:

Name of police officer:	Louisa May EGERTON	Rank:	PC Senior Constable	Reg. No.:	8970
Region/ Command/ Division:	Northern Region	Station:	Townsville Criminal Investigation Branch		

Wade Andrew SINGLETON states,


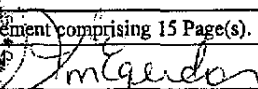
1. I am a 34-year-old single man currently residing at 50 Bainbridge Street, Heatley. I have lived there for four weeks. I am employed by Mike BALL Diving Expeditions as a Trip Director and Dive Instructor. I have been working for him since 1994. I work intermittently for the company and have this time been with him for ten months. When not working with the company, I venture out doing other things from financial planning, hotel management, security and university studies.
2. I have been a dive instructor since 1994. I hold a Master Scuba Diver Trainer certification, which consists of an open water scuba instructor's ticket and a number of specialty instructor ratings. I attained this through Quicksilver Dive in Port Douglas, a PADI affiliated organisation.
3. To maintain the certification, I have to remain in teaching status which means you are paid up with annual insurance and receive quarterly training updates. During the off years, except for last year I maintained my teaching status by paying my insurance. Last year, I was in non-teaching status and I completed an online seminar and update to renew it in February 2003. When the status was renewed, the PADI organisation sent me a sticker with an expiry date to attach to

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my training card. The card I have shows a sticker with an expiry date of 31 December 2003.

4. I would say that in my job capacity, I am a capable and experienced dive instructor. I am good at my job and I am respected amongst my peers.
5. I am aware that if my training status were removed for any reason I would be notified in writing by the PADI organisation. Training status would be removed if insurance wasn't paid, or if you had been found negligent in your actions as an instructor. In any case, I have not been notified of any change to my training status or been involved in any litigation of any nature regarding my actions as a dive instructor.
6. My job as Trip Director and Dive Instructor with Mike Ball Diving Expeditions involves many things. It includes an administrative role, in that I choose dive sites, choose daily itineraries, and assess diver ability to match conditions, manage crew and oversee the running of the entire expedition. I would say that I am in joint control of expeditions with the captain, but if vessel and civilian safety is an issue, the captain of the vessel has the right to make the final decision.
7. The expedition that we were running was a seven-day expedition, which involves travelling out to three destinations, namely the Great Barrier Reef, the Yongala Wreck and the Coral Sea on board the Spoilport. The expedition involves living on board the vessel for seven nights. On this particular expedition, we boarded last night at 8:00pm at the Quarterdeck Marina and were due to disembark on Tuesday the 28th of October 2003 at 3:30pm at the Quarterdeck Marina. The expedition is predominately for scuba divers but persons without certification can still attend. There are no selection criteria as to who can come on the trip, those not scuba diving certified could swim and

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snorkel at their leisure. Divers are informed that some of the dives can be difficult. It is well known that the Yongala Wreck is classed as an advanced dive and divers should be confident in their abilities before attempting to dive it.

8. The boat Spoilsport is a 100-foot aluminium built catamaran specifically built for scuba diving. It can cater for 29 passengers and eleven crew. It is basically a four to four and a half star resort on the water providing luxury accommodation and meals for those wishing to scuba dive. It is to my knowledge 14 years old, being built in 1989.

9. On this expedition, we had twenty-five passengers, twelve crewmembers and three commercial divers on board. I am one of those twelve crewmembers. The captain of the vessel on this expedition was Gavin DOCKING. He is our relief captain, doing one week in three on the vessel. The other captain is Mike MAXWELL. As far as the other crew are concerned, there were two engineers, one first mate, chef, hostess, two dive masters, one videographer, two expedition volunteers and myself.


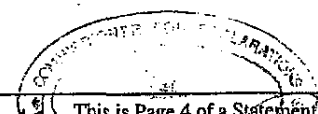
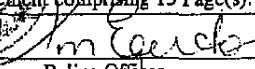
10. Before we leave port, the passengers check that their bags are on board and I personally interview each passenger. I interview them with regard to checking diving certifications, dive history, check insurance and medical evacuation details and to inquire as to any concerns they may have with regards to their diving and a basic assessment of their abilities as a diver. I also check medical conditions with regard to diving, whether they are diving on air or nitrox and to check certification on that and whether they have their own dive computers or if they have to hire them from us.

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11. During this interview, the subject of buddies is considered. If the person is travelling with a companion, they basically have a buddy and I concentrate more on their diving ability rather than their buddy pairing. If they are travelling alone, I attempt to match them with a buddy of similar ability and interests. If it were two inexperienced divers, I would recommend strongly to those persons, to participate in an orientation dive. It is based on their abilities, their comfort level and the dive site.


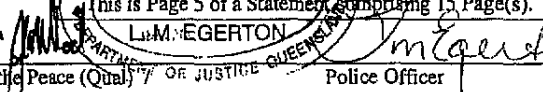
12. I remember interviewing Gabe and Tina WATSON. They were from Alabama in The States. I remembered that Tina produced an open water certification card that had been obtained in the last twelve months. She had not done a night dive and had done eleven dives in the last twelve months. I think that they were all done in the States before she came to Australia. I discussed the dive matters with them and I remember advising them that due to her not having done a night dive before, her first one would be completed with one of our dive instructors. I also suggested to Tina to have an initial orientation dive with one of our instructors. I recommended this simply because she had done a low number of dives. She advised me that she felt confident in her ability to dive without an instructor and that she would take one for a night dive. They had their own equipment and used none of the equipment from the expedition except for weights, which is standard. She stated that she had no medical conditions or injuries and I felt that she was clear to scuba dive with us. I do not recall when her last dive was made. They both completed a questionnaire, which covered their history of dives and medical matters and an indemnity, which was signed and handed to me. I have the form with me. Tina did not sign the form in front of me.

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13. Tina appeared to me to be a healthy woman. She was 26 years old, slim and had an outgoing bubbly personality. She had no physical abnormalities to inhibit her diving.
14. After we set off from the Quarterdeck, I gave a Welcoming and Introduction Briefing to all the passengers on board. This was given at approximately 9:30pm last night. This introduces the passengers to the crew and generally welcomes everyone on board. At this introduction briefing, I remember that I gave Tina and Gabe a bottle of Champagne as they were on their honeymoon. They made a joke of it, and I asked them if they would like to put it in the fridge. Tina asked Gabe if he would like a drink and he declined. I think that they took the bottle with them to their room because I didn't see it after that.
15. The skipper then gave a Vessel Safety Briefing. I then gave a General Boat Briefing. This briefing included information such as general outline of the vessel, general itinerary for the week, itinerary for the following day and general boat and house keeping rules. The boat and house keeping rules includes information on bar times, drinking of alcohol before diving, air conditioning systems on board the board, toilet systems on the boat, smoking areas, wet areas on the boat, meal times and diving policies on the boat.
16. Last night, I was the last to retire and it was about 11:00pm. This is also the time the bar closes. When I did retire, there was nobody else up and we had experienced no problems with the passengers or crew except for one small matter involving a passenger that was unhappy with the accommodation.
17. I was asleep at the time, but I was advised later in the day that we arrived at the wreck site at approximately 2:00am in the morning.


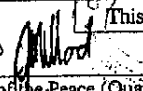
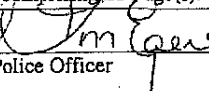
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE QUEENSLAND

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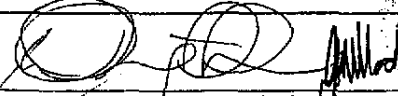
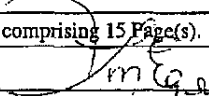
18. I can recall certain events that occurred today, Wednesday the 22nd day of October 2003. It was a sunny, clear day with relatively calm surface on the water. I chose the Yongala wreck as a destination today for two reasons. One the weather was good and secondly, we had commercial divers on board to assess the moorings and they needed to go out today so they could return today to the mainland on another vessel. The only adverse condition at the site today was that there was a strong current. We catered for this by informing the passengers that we would transfer them to the far end of the wreck by tender and they could simply drift back with the current toward the stern of the wreck and therefore back to the Spoilport.

19. After breakfast at 7:30am, I conducted a Dive computer and Nitrox Dive and Procedures Briefing. This is followed by a General Diving Safety Procedures Briefing, which was attended by all passengers and new crewmembers. It took place on the dive deck. This covers recommended diving stipulations, maximum depth limits, safety stops, decompression limits, buddy diving and lost buddy diving procedures, diver signals to and from the vessel, equipment required for diving, water and alcohol consumption with regard to diving, entry and exit techniques from both the tender and vessel, dive log registration and signatures before and after diving, nitrox registration procedures, dive deck diving times and air consumption monitoring and air limits to have when exiting the water. This briefing was conducted using a Procedures Manual and is not required to be remembered. I read from this Procedures Manual during this briefing. It took approximately 25 to 30 minutes to complete. A roll call is conducted before commencing this briefing to ensure that everyone is in attendance. In this case, one person was missing but she was a non-scuba diver. Her name was Grace HARRIS.

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20. The vessel runs an open dive deck policy. This means that the dive deck is open between specific times, which depend upon the dive site, and the conditions on the site at the time. This allows the diver to dive at their discretion inside that window of opportunity. On this particular day it was open at the conclusion of the briefings until 12 o'clock midday. There is a mandatory 20-minute surface interval between dives with a recommendation to allow an hour between dives.
21. From there, I gave a briefing on the dive site, the Yongala Wreck. It includes what they will see, the conditions of the dive site, the best way to dive the site in these conditions, buddy diving and basically how we would conduct the dive. It is also at this stage that we will take the orientation divers aside and give them a separate briefing. There was six orientation divers recorded, to be split between two dive masters. Simon SMITH and I were to conduct these dives. Five of them turned up and Tina was the one that was absent.
22. I then went down to the dive deck to inquire if Tina was attending the orientation dive, and both her and Gabe were there. They stated that they were not attending this orientation dive as was mentioned the previous night, but would attend the night orientation dive. Tina reminded me of this in that she said that she would hold my hand during the orientation night dive. I said, "You don't have to wait, enjoy your dive." I then hugged her.
23. When I had this conversation, both Gabe and Tina appeared to me to be in high spirits, and seemed eager to go for a dive. They did not appear sick, anxious, nervous or affected by liquor or anything else.
24. I went back upstairs to the orientation divers and Tina and Gabe prepared for their first dive of the day. I know that they were going for a dive because they were putting on their wetsuits and gearing up.

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25. I didn't have much to do with them from this point until they were attempting to do the dive again. One of the dive crew, I can't remember who, told me something. They said that the first dive had been aborted for only Tina and Gabe because Tina had been under weighted and had had problems descending. Gabe had computer problems. It had been found that Gabe had put the batteries to the computer in the wrong way and it did not work. They had only gone six foot under the surface before getting back on board.
26. It is my experience that on the first dive, many divers experience issues with their weights. Different water temperatures, changes in their weight, different wetsuits and their thicknesses all effect the weight requirements. So when I heard that Tina had been underweight, I did not find this abnormal.
27. I saw them on the dive deck and I think that it was about 10am. I was getting ready with my group to go diving and I heard another dive master suggest to Tina and Gabe to try to get down again. They seemed happy to do that and I saw them kit up again. They had been out of the water for about 40 minutes.
28. The lookout on the Spoilport was Bryan FOTHERINGHAM. He is one of the dive masters/instructors on the vessel but his particular role for that dive, was that of lookout. I knew by radio communications that I heard whilst on the dive deck, that Bryan was performing his task as I could hear him requesting tenders for divers. I did not however, specifically look for him before descending on my dive.
29. I then boarded the dive tender, a rubber inflatable boat with my three divers and Tina and Gabe. Craig, the engineer was driving the tender and he took us to the accent/descent line at the bow of the wreck. Craig was the driver of the tender to be used in the transferring of passengers and in the case of emergency

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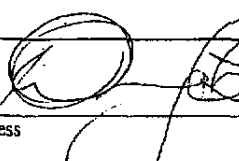
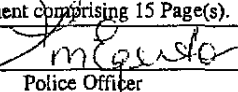
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situations. From there, everyone entered the water. This was done by all divers performing a backwards roll. While I was attending to my divers on the surface, Tina and Gabe commenced their descent.

30. I then descended first in our group; Tina and Gabe were below me and I did not see them again at this point. I was looking up at my group watching them as they came down with me. We got to the bow of the wreck, which is about 45 feet or 15 metres, and once our divers appeared comfortable, I led them down over the deck side of the wreck. From there, we viewed a couple of sea snakes. At the time, I was paying particular attention to Dawn, an American lady on the dive, who was having problems with her buoyancy.

31. We had been diving for about 5 minutes and we were at about 25 metres or 75 feet when I saw a diver laying on the sand about ten metres off the wreck to my left. I saw that it was woman by her shape and hair and she was lying on her right side and appeared to be viewing the fish above her. I looked above her to see what she was looking at and to see the whereabouts of her buddy. I did not know at this time that this woman was Tina WATSON.

32. I then looked back to her, and noticed that her position had not changed. There were no bubbles coming from her regulator. I then swam straight over to her, leaving the orientation group behind. As I approached, I noticed that it was Tina. I could not see Gabe anywhere. I then grabbed her to lift her off the bottom and at the same time signalling to Claudia, an expedition volunteer, who was in the orientation group, to watch Dawn and Gary. I saw that Tina's eyes were open and her mask was on. Her regulator was still in her mouth and there was no air in her buoyancy jacket. There appeared no movement or response from Tina as I approached her. I then began to ascend to the surface.

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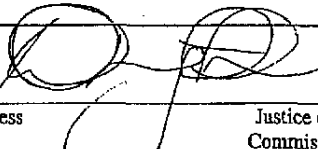
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33. I ditched my weight belt to aid my ascent with her and I held her regulator in her mouth as we were ascending. I purged her regulator to aid her in her breathing. You do this by depressing the purge valve on the front of the regulator. As I was ascending, I saw a diver from another vessel, from Jazz 2, about five or six feet from me and he signalled to me asking if I was okay. He did this by a standard hand signal. I assumed that he was a dive master from the Jazz 2 because he looked to be leading a group on the Jazz 2 dive line.

34. I shook my head to signal 'no we weren't', and continued my ascent. Upon reaching the surface, I signalled that I had a problem. I did this by standard distress signal, which is to wave your hand above your head. I signalled this toward Spoilsport and at the same time, turned to see that I was beside the vessel Jazz 2. I did not look for Bryan the lookout, but I did signal to the Spoilsport.

35. I think it was the captain of Jazz 2, I think his name is Bart, entered the water and swam toward us. He aided me in swimming Tina back toward his vessel. The distance would have been about ten metres. Once back to his boat, Bart jumped onto the dive pontoon and held Tina by the shoulder straps of her gear, whilst I discarded my scuba equipment. I just unbuckled it and let it go. I saw the driver of the tender collect my dive jacket and I did not see it again until I got back to the mainland.


36. I jumped on the dive pontoon, and we removed Tina's scuba gear. I did not notice at that time, anything strange about her equipment. With the assistance of other crewmembers, we brought Tina onto the boat and laid her on her back and commenced CPR. At no time between the times I saw Tina on the bottom of the wreck to the time her equipment was removed from her body, did I see any abnormalities in her equipment or the position of her equipment.

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37. Crew members aboard to assist were Bart, the captain of Jazz 2, Larna, a crew member of Jazz 2, Uzi, the videographer from SpoilSport, myself and I believe there was one other diver, I can't remember his name. He was a commercial diver.
38. We undid her wetsuit to get to her chest. Uzi commenced mouth-to-mouth resuscitation after checking her pulse. I commenced compressions for CPR. During mouth to mouth there was a yellow fluid, foam and a small trace of blood coming from her mouth. I did not notice any blood on her body, cuts in her suit or injuries, abrasions or bites on her at all.
39. We did this for about five minutes, and then Doctor John DOWNIE who was a passenger on board SpoilSport, and Craig, the engineer from SpoilSport, arrived on Jazz 2 and DOWNIE took command of the situation. I knew that he was a doctor from our interview the night before. A pocket mask was then used to continue mask to mouth resuscitation with the aid of oxygen. This continued without any response from Tina or indication of a pulse. Doctor DOWNIE requested medical supplies from SpoilSport such as iv's, medications and syringes. During this, Uzi was continuing resuscitation as I was continuing CPR compressions while Doctor DOWNIE was injecting medication. He told us everything that he was doing and was making requests for medication. I watched while he administered two doses of medication intravenously. During this time, I noticed a commercial diver on board, Paul CROCOMBE and he was attending to oxygen supply and delivery.
40. Craig was the radio mediator between Doctor DOWNIE, the captain of spoilsport and the doctor at Townsville General Hospital. He was also taking notes as to times and incidences. He then re-laid to us that it would be an hour before the Air Ambulance would be available to attend to our situation.

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41. Rebecca, the hostess on board Spoilsport, arrived on board Jazz 2 and she acted as lookout, to direct all Jazz 2 divers toward the Spoilsports tender to avoid them coming on board. The tender was then to take them to Spoilsport.
42. He then said that he was going to puncture her chest to relieve any fluid or air in her lungs. He then placed a syringe into her chest near the left hand lung. The result was not what was desired. The right one was then tried; again not getting the results he was after. At this stage, I was relieved from CPR compressions by the commercial diver. I then started to continue taking notes of what was happening. I took over this job from Larna. Three more doses were administered to Tina of Epinefrin.
43. At that stage, another person was swimming toward the boat. I inquired as to the identity of the person coming toward us and was informed that he could assist, as he was an emergency doctor at the Townsville General Hospital. I now know him to be Doctor Stanley STUTZ.
44. DOWNIE introduced himself to STUTZ and informed him of the situation and proceedings. STUTZ inquired as to how long CPR had been commencing, and he was told approximately 45 minutes. He asked if we could locate a pulse on Tina and we said we couldn't. Both Uzi and I checked the Carotid artery and felt no pulse. Doctor STUTZ then reached into Tina's wetsuit and he said that there was no pulse in her groin either.

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45. STUTZ's opinion that after that duration of time, he would have announced the person deceased. This was agreed to by DOWNIE and also by a doctor at the Townsville General Hospital. At this stage, DOWNIE administered two doses of what he called Liticane. This was administered by iv through the vein in Tina's neck. CPR was commenced for a couple of more minutes and then both doctors pronounced Tina deceased. It was at about 11:21am.
46. Before I left Jazz 2, I personally looked at Tina's equipment and checked the level of air in the tank and found it to show that it contained 2000psi. I also looked at air valve to see if the valve was open and it was. I had a quick glance of the jacket to see if it was damaged and it wasn't. I then placed it into the tender myself and returned with it to Spoilsport. The only part of my gear that came back with me was my fins and mask. I went back with the driver and Bart.
47. I placed Tina's gear in the wheelhouse and was handed Gabe's computer by another dive master and put that with it. Uzi and Rebecca remained with Tina on Jazz 2 while Bart and I returned to Spoilsport to confer with the Captain on the procedures to be followed next.
48. The Captain informed me that he had been in contact with the Police on shore, and was waiting for their decision as to movement of the body and the vessel that would be doing the transporting. I spoke with Craig, the operations manager of Mike Ball Diving Expeditions as to decisions to be made with regard to the trip.
49. I then saw Gabe in the hallway outside his room with Doctor DOWNIE and Paula SNYDER and Virginia MILSAP other passengers. I spoke with Gabe and told him that I was going to call all the passengers to the saloon to advise them of the situation. At this stage, Gabe told me what had happened with his dive with

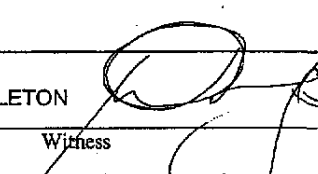
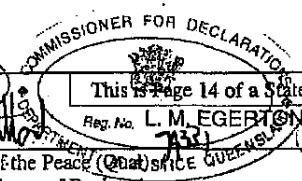
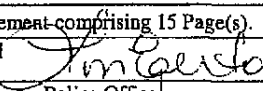
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Tina. He said that they had gone down to approximately 45 feet and had commenced their dive along the wreck. At some stage, Tina had signalled that she wanted to turn around and head back and Gabe had said that her eyes were wide open. They turned around to start heading back and Gabe grabbed her hand to help her swim back. As he was swimming back with her she appeared to relax, and then shortly afterwards, she tried to grab his regulator from his mouth and also to grab his mask. At some stage Gabe was unable to continue to tow her and released her and saw her sink quickly to the bottom. Gabe then ascended and told the crew in tender of the situation. After this conversation, Gabe requested that he be allowed to go to Jazz 2 to see Tina and I said that that would be arranged.

50. Doctor DOWNIE, Gabe and myself went to Jazz 2 in the tender to see Tina. We spent approximately 8 or 9 minutes there while Gabe was with Tina. He was definitely distressed in that he was crying and he removed her hair band from her hair. We then sat there for about 2 or 3 minutes before Gabe decided he wanted to return to Spoilport. We did so and I then proceeded to the saloon and informed the passengers of the situation. I did not see Tina again.

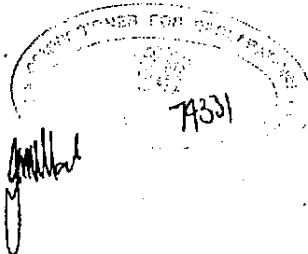
51. The Jazz 2 passengers that were aboard our vessel were transported back to Jazz 2 and we commenced our journey home to Townsville. I would have been approximately 12:30pm when we departed the wreck. On the way home, lunch was served and I informed the passengers what would happen once we returned to Townsville. I completed paperwork and attended to statements on the trip back. Whilst doing this, Gabe and I spoke and asked him about his dive profiles and how I could access them from his computer.

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52. We arrived in Townsville at approximately 5:10pm. I drove to the Townsville Police Station where I provided this statement.


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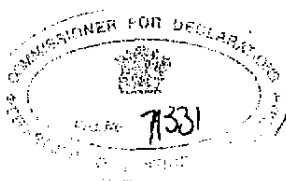
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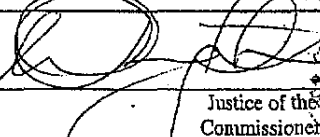
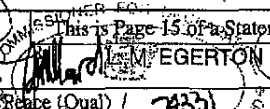
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