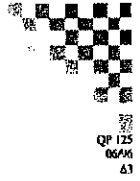




QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE
STATEMENT OF WITNESS



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Statement of: **Adriana SHERMAN**

Name of witness:	Adriana SHERMAN	Date of birth:	27/12/19452	Age:	50
Occupation:	Executive				

Police officer taking statement:

Name of police officer:	R.A.GODFREY	Rank:	PCC	Reg. No.:	10942
Region/Command/Division:	Northern/Townsville	Station:	Townsville JAB		

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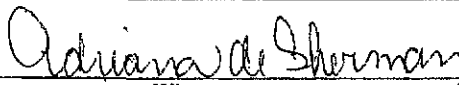
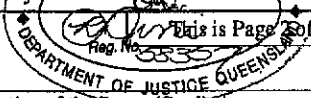
1. I am a 50year old married female. I currently live in Guatemala. My current postal address is 10000 NW 17th Street no 102, Miami FLORIDA, USA, 33172. I currently live at 3 Avenida 10-90 Zona 10, Guatemala City, Guatemala, 01010. My email address is asherman@intelnett.com.
2. I arrived in Australia on the 5th October 2003. My husband arrived on the 20th of October 2003, with my daughter, Jacqueline. My other daughter Jamie came from New Zealand on the 12th of October 2003. We travelled as a family to Townsville on the 21st October 2003. My husband booked for my family, to go on a weeklong dive trip with Mike Ball Dive Expeditions on the Spoilspport. I am an experienced diver and have done about 65 dives. I have an advanced open water certification.
3. We boarded Spoilspport at 8.30pm on Tuesday the 21st October 2003. We travelled out to Yongala wreck overnight.
4. We had breakfast around 7.30am on Wednesday the 22nd October 2003. I remember Tina was sitting beside me at breakfast. I don't remember any conversation but saw her talking to Gabe. She seemed relaxed and happy. We were anchored out near Yongala wreck. The briefing commenced at 9.15am, and this was mandatory for all persons that were on the boat.
5. The briefing went for about half an hour or so. Wade conducted the briefing. He started with all the safety measures, all of the hand signals, where the crew was going to be, how to get to and from the wreck, there were some

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different options, either by the inflatable or using lines, maximum depths, times in the water, and then the specific details of the wreck, current conditions for example water temperature, currents, what we were going to see, how to best do our first dive on the wreck. I totally understood what he was saying, it was very thorough. He answered questions any of the guests asked.

6. After the briefing we got our dive equipment on and boarded the rubber inflatable boat, which took us to the dive site. It was about 10.00am at this time. I think we were one of the last dinghies out if not the last. In the boat I was in was with my family, (my husband and two daughters) and Gabe and Tina, Michael and John. We had had breakfast with Gabe and Tina. I remember commenting to my husband, how loving they were with each other. I remember seeing Tina help Gabe put on his fins. My daughter, ~~Jamie, was also helping Tina with Gabe's fins. They both seemed relaxed~~ and helping each other.
7. Michael and John got in the water first, they were buddies. My husband and daughters and myself got in the water next and started to descend. I had to go back up to the surface for more weights. My daughter Jacqui also was having trouble getting down, so she also decided to go to the surface. Jacqui and I went to the surface and then Jamie also came up to see why we had returned to the surface. I saw Gabe and Tina, in the water on the surface, alongside the boat. Gabe said his computer wasn't working properly. The crew guy gave me some weights and then we went down. I took a while to descend and didn't see Gabe and Tina, so I know they didn't get straight back in the water. That was the last time I saw Gabe and Tina at the dinghy.
8. We did our dive, my husband, daughters and myself. The dive was 44 minutes to a maximum depth of 90 feet. There was a current, but I didn't experience any problems with this whatsoever, and we were briefed in relation to this, and knew what to expect. The water temperature was 77 degrees Fahrenheit. It felt a little chilly to me by the end of the dive.
9. I could see a crewmember, on the sun deck, in an orange identifiable jacket keeping an eye on everyone; this was explained during the briefing. When we came back to the surface, we swam back to the Spoilsport, using the lines

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laid out between the buoys and the boat. We took off our equipment, dried off and I stayed on the deck, as I was still a little cold. I stayed in my wetsuit, as I thought we'd be going back out again. The girls stayed out sunbaking and my husband changed. We were all relaxing.

10. I then heard the news from one of the other divers, I think Michael, that something was wrong with Tina. He told us that they were trying to resuscitate her on the other boat. We didn't know anything else about what was happening. I didn't see anything else in relation to what happened to Tina. The last I saw her was when she was near the rubber inflatable and she seemed perfectly normal.

11. About an hour and a half later Wade gave a briefing about what happened, around noon. The crew then advised that we were going back to Townsville.

12. After arriving in Townsville the Police came to the Spoilsport and transported me back to the Townsville Police station, where I made this statement.

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Oaths Act Declaration

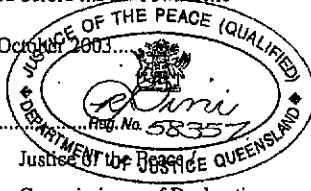
Adriana de Sherman OATHS ACT 1867 (DECLARATION)
I, ~~Adriana de Sherman~~ *Adriana de Sherman* do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

- (1) This written statement by me dated 22.10.2003 and 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

Adriana de ShermanSignature

Taken and declared before me at Townsville
This 22nd day of October 2003

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 Justice of the Peace (Qualified)
 Commissioner of Declarations
 Other (Please State)

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