



QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE  
STATEMENT OF WITNESS



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Statement of:

Name of witness:	Neil JOSLIN	Date of birth:	6/3/1976	Age:	27
Occupation:	Truck Driver				

Police officer taking statement:

Name of police officer:	A C SMITH	Rank:	PCSC	Reg. No.:	7608
Region/ Command/ Division:	NORTHERN	Station:	CIB		

*STATEMENT OF NEIL JOSLIN TAKEN AT TOWNSVILLE COMMENCING AT 4.15PM  
ON 22/10/2003.*

I am a citizen of the United Kingdom and at the time of this statement being taken I am a visitor to Australia on a 12-month working visa.

I arrived in Australia on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2003 and I am due to leave Australia on or before the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2004.

I do not know the deceased person.

I recall Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of October 2003 my girlfriend Lianne ENGLAND and I were in Townsville and were staying at the Coconuts resort at Magnetic Island.

Lianne and I caught the motor vessel "Jazz 2" at 7.30am from the wharf at Magnetic Island to go to the Yongla wreck on a dive day.

The trip took two hours and during the trip the staff of the vessel conducted a full safety briefing and I also filled out a PADI liabilities form before diving.

I have previously completed a PADI course, open water certificate.

When we arrived over the wreck it was about between 9.30am and 10.00am and I prepared to do a dive and Lianne stayed on the boat.

A was a part of a group of six divers who were supervised by instructor Rob WEBSTER.

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**CONTINUED STATEMENT OF: N JOSLIN**

We entered the water and when I reached about 10 metres I observed another diver assisting another diver to the surface. The assisting diver appeared to be holding the regulator in the mouth of the other diver and the other diver appeared to be lifeless.

The conditions on the wreck were excellent for diving with the water being calm and there was at least 15 to 17 metres of vision under water.

I did not recognise these people and I believed at the time that they were from the motor vessel "Spoilsport" which was moored about 20 to 30 metres from the vessel that I arrived on.

We completed our dive, which had a total time of 34 minutes, and when we surfaced we were directed to an inflatable and instead of being taken to the "JAZZ2" we were taken to the "SPOILSPORT".

When we arrived on the "SPOILSPORT" we were directed to the top deck and I did not see anything further of the incident.

*N Joslin*

N JOSLIN

**Oaths Act Declaration**

**OATHS ACT 1867 (DECLARATION)**

I, Neil JOSLIN solemnly and sincerely declare that:

- (1) This written statement by me dated 22/10/2003 and contained in pages numbered 1 to 2 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.

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

*N Joslin*

NEIL JOSLIN Signature

Taken and declared before me at TOWNSVILLE this 22nd day of October 2003

Witness *[Signature]*

Justice of the Peace /  
Commissioner of Declarations  
Other (Please State) .....



*N Joslin*  
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