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**STATEMENT**

Section 82 Criminal Procedure Act 2011

Statement of: Constable Joshua TAYLOR \_\_\_\_\_ Age (*if under 18*): \_\_\_\_\_

Date statement taken: 10/12/2024 \_\_\_\_\_ Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Mount Wellington Police Station \_\_\_\_\_

I, Constable Joshua TAYLOR, state:

1. That is my name.
2. I am a member of the New Zealand Police, holding the rank of constable, with the QID of JTZD20
3. On Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2024, I was working a day shift with the Mount Wellington Public Safety Team Section One. I was working in a marked Police car. I was working under the callsign NMI11 with Constable Josh FALLEN.
4. At about 6:40am, I was dispatched by Northern Communications to a serious assault job at 9 Manukau Road, Epsom, Auckland. This location is better known as the No.9 Hotel.
5. Job details read, 'male assaulted female – weapons unknown' and later 'Ambulance requested as well – victim is epileptic'.
6. Whilst on route, the females' details were put into the job text. This consisted of her name and date of birth. I queried the details through my police mobility device and found a match, detail being:
  - Name: Melissa HOLLIMAN (Known as Melissa BIRD)
  - DOB: [REDACTED] 1972
7. I viewed the photograph associated to the profile of BIRD.



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8. I arrived at the No.9 Hotel at about 6:45am. I walked through the entrance and was guided by a staff member towards the downstairs kitchen/dining area. I looked out into the outside smoking area and saw two females. I recognised one of the females as being BIRD due to the photograph I had viewed.
9. I approached BIRD and could visibly see blood drops over her clothing and blood running from her left ear. She mentioned pain to her left ear and turned her head so I could view it. I observed fresh blood inside of the ear.
10. BIRD advised me she suffered from seizures, so I called for an Ambulance over the police radio.
11. I continued to speak with BIRD, and she advised me her partner had strangled her, hit her, kicked her and boke a number of her belongings including a laptop and jewellery.
12. I informed Constable FALLEN of what BIRD had told me.
13. At about 7:07am, I was shown into the hotel room where BIRD stated she was staying and where the assault had taken place.
14. I began taking a series of photographs of the scene, being Room 110. I observed pieces of jewellery around the room. I took photographs of these.
15. At about 7:18am, I observed a box cutter, which was in the closed position on the floor. I took photographs of the box cutter and seized it as an exhibit. I placed it inside of an exhibit bag which I placed into the back of my patrol vehicle.
16. At about 7:35am, I continued talking photographs of the scene. I started on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor were BIRD's room was located, down to the ground floor and along the road to the males vehicle, which was still parked on Manukau Road, Epsom.
17. At about 7:51am I began taking photographs of the damage to BIRD's property, this included jewellery, a laptop and an iPad. I took further photographs of Room 110 and observed blood on the duvet, which was on the floor.



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18. I continued wider scene photographs throughout No.9 Hotel.
19. At about 9:25am, I obtained the males details as follows:
  - Name: Kaz FRAIDER
  - DOB: 16/12/1979
  - PRN: 34066257
20. I seized FRAIDER's belongings left in the room, for safe keeping as the hotel was about to check out the room.
21. At about 10:13, I entered all of the property I had seized into the Police system PROP and transported it to the Auckland City Hub.
22. This concludes my involvement in this matter.

I confirm the truth and accuracy of this statement. I make the statement with the knowledge that it is to be used in court proceedings. I am aware that it is an offence to make a statement that is known by me to be false or intended by me to mislead.

Signature

Date

28/01/2025