



NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE
STATUTORY DECLARATION



PROMIS No.:	IJIS Case:	Date: 29 February 2024
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STATEMENT OF:					
Name of Witness:	MEACHAM KING				
Date of birth:	OVER 18 YRS	Place of birth:	AUSTRALIA	Age:	
Occupation:	POLICE OFFICER				
Home address:	PETER MCAULAY CENTRE				
	Phone:		Mobile:	Fax:	
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Postal address:					
Work address:					
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Subject of statement:	Comments made in Kumanjayi Walker coronial inquest				
SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:					
TRG Xmas party explanation					

DATES UNAVAILABLE:
2-21 April, 23 May to 3 June

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

OATHS, AFFIDAVITS AND DECLARATIONS ACT

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, MEACHAM KING, of an address known to police, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I write this statement in relation to comments made by former police officer Mr Zach Rolfe in the Northern Territory (NT) Coroners Court on Monday 26 February 2024 in the inquest into the death of Kumanjaya Walker. The comments in question were made in relation to the annual TRG Christmas party that is held at the end of each year.
2. I have previously provided a statement on the 28th February 2024. I provide this additional statement to address further issues that has arisen.
3. I have received a request in the following terms:
We understand that each year for the Nuggadah award the winner would receive a certificate. None of the certificates from 2013 to 2022 when the award was changed to the Voldermort award have been produced. Could you please produce all the certificates that were given to the recipients each year by the TRG group when the awards were announced.
4. As mentioned in my earlier statement at paragraph [18], the Nugeda award changed name in 2022 and is now called the Voldermort award.
5. When I first joined TRG in 2003, I recall that certificates were given to the winner of awards. The certificate was a piece of paper with the title of the award and the name of the recipient.
6. I have seen these certificates in the past but from memory, we haven't awarded certificates for over 8 years. I don't know where any of these certificates could be now so I am unable to provide them. I have never been a recipient of the Nugeda/Voldermort award.
7. I have been provided page 5134 of the transcript of proceedings. I am aware that Mr Rolfe gave evidence that he has heard of an award called the 'Goonarda' award and that he knew it to be called the "Coon of the year award."
8. I have not heard the Nugeda award ever being referred to as the 'Coon of the year award' other than by Mr Rolfe. The Nugeda award has never been known as the 'Coon of the year award' in the TRG.

This is page 1 of the statutory declaration of MEACHAM KING.

Declarant

Commissioner for Oaths (NT)

I will be available to give evidence if required. I will be unavailable for 2-21 April, 23 May to 3 June. I understand that the contents of this statement may be disclosed for defence purposes.

and I further declare that:

(a) (i) I have attained the age of 18 years;

AND


(b) (i) I have read this statement before signing it;

and I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the OATHS, AFFIDAVITS AND DECLARATIONS ACT, conscientiously believing the statements contained in this declaration to be true in every particular. I acknowledge that a person who wilfully makes a false statement in any material particular is guilty of a crime and liable to imprisonment for 3 years, (*section 119 Criminal Code*). Furthermore, a person who does anything to a Statutory Declaration that results in it becoming false or misleading, is liable to a penalty of a fine or imprisonment, or both (*section 27 Oaths, Affidavits and Declarations Act*).
Maximum penalty: 400 penalty units or imprisonment for 4 years.

DECLARED AT DARWIN THIS TUESDAY 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.



MEACHAM KING

BEFORE ME 
NAME S/C ERIN SIMONATO 2794
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TELEPHONE PMC

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS (NT)