



NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE

STATUTORY DECLARATION

PROMIS No.: 8422494

IJIS Case:

Date: 08/02/2018

STATEMENT OF:					
Name of Witness:	Lee Bauwens				
Date of birth:	██████████	Place of birth:		Age:	49
Occupation:	Police officer				
Home address:					
	Phone:	██████████	Mobile:		Fax:
	Email:				
Postal address:					
Work address:	Alice Springs				
	Phone:		Mobile:		Fax:
	Email:				
Subject of statement:	Assault by Edrick Rambler				

POLICE OFFICER TAKING STATEMENT:					
Name of Police officer:	Shaun FURNISS	Rank:	S/Sgt	Reg. No.:	1630
Station:	Alice Springs	Phone:	██████████		

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:
Attempting to apprehend intoxicated driver after a MVA, male resisted and repeatedly stabbed officer with a pair of scissors.

DATES UNAVAILABLE:
15 - 22 March 2018
7 - 22 April 2018
30 June - 23 July 2018
1 - 14 October 2018

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
OATHS, AFFIDAVITS AND DECLARATIONS ACT

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, Lee Bauwens, of an address known to police, do solemnly and sincerely declare that :

1. The above details are true and correct.
2. I am currently a Police officer holding the rank of Acting Senior Sgt at the Alice Springs police station. I am currently the watch commander to Patrol Group 5.
3. On Wednesday the 7th of February 2018 I was rostered Evening shift, my shift started at 3.00pm and was due to concluded at Midnight. I was wearing a full police uniform and accoutrements. I did not have a Body Worn Camera.
4. At approximately 5.45pm I went mobile in a fully marked police car, being a Holden Commodore sedan call sign 300. At approximately 6.10pm I heard an "any unit call" for a motor vehicle accident at the corner of Basso Road and Stuart Highway.
5. Unit 651 containing members Jason Hunt and Mitchell Hansen indicated that they would attend. I also indicated to comms that I would also attend and assess.
6. At approximately 6.17pm I arrived at the scene, 651 was also in attendance. It was obvious that no vehicles were in the area. Members in 651 pointed out to me that a traffic sign opposite Basso Rd had been freshly knocked over. I advised the unit that I would go and have a patrol around looking for the damaged car. I then drove up towards the Coles Express Truck Stop.
7. As I pulled into Dalgety Road a motorist who was parked at the intersection waved me to stop. I stopped and while in the vehicle asked what was wrong. He stated to me that there was a badly damaged car driving around the Coles Express Truck Stop and the driver appeared to be very drunk.
8. I would describe the motorist I spoke to as a male Caucasian possibly red hair and beard, aged in his 40's, driving a possibly green older model Holden Jackaroo, but I

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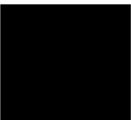
cannot be certain. I advised communications at 6.17pm that the vehicle was likely to be at the Coles Express Truck Stop.

9. At 6.18pm I arrived at the Coles Express Truck Stop turning right from Dalgety road. As I approached the service station I observed a dark green two door Hyundai parked at the bowsers the car was facing north so I could only see the back. There were no other cars in the service bays at that time. There were no number plates attached or displayed. There was only one occupant in the vehicle, a male in the car and he was in the process of climbing out the driver's side window. I continued to drive up to the car and the male climbed out and walked towards the service station counter.
10. I parked behind the vehicle and walked up to it and around to the front. I observed the front of the car had significant damage to the right front corner, the motor was also running at the time.
11. The male from the vehicle was continuing to walk inside the building to the service counter. I would describe him as an aboriginal male with black hair, mid 20's, medium build, shorter than me, wearing a black shirt with thin red stripes around shoulder and shorts.
12. I followed the male into the shop and observed him to be near the counter. As I approached him he turned and looked back in my direction. His face appeared dazed. From his facial expression it looked like he was under the influence of alcohol. I did not see anything in his hands which were down by his sides. At this point I formed the belief that the male could be intoxicated and was the driver of a motor vehicle possibly a leaving a crash scene.
13. I said words to the effect "Come out with me mate" and at the same time I put both hands on him in an escort hold. Being one left hand on upper arm and right hand on wrist. This was only applied very lightly, more to guide him and escort him out of the shop due to his likely intoxication.
14. The male mumbled something like "no" and pulled away. The male then turned around to me face on and instantly started throwing punches to my head region with left and right fists. This happened so fast I immediately attempted to defend myself. I raised my left arm up to fend of blows that were raining upon me.

15. At the same time I started to throw interference blows to the males head area with my right hand. I recall this situation happening for some time, I can't recall how long but it seemed several blows were exchanged.
16. I recall raising my left arm up in front of me to fend off the blows, I recall it was a strange way to strike me with a bare hand in a stabbing motion. His punches were up and over his shoulders at me, striking me about the head, arms and upper torso. At this stage I had no idea the male had a pair of scissors in his hand. I did feel strikes on my arm but no pain.
17. I made the decision that my reaction was not stopping the situation, at the same time I could not get to my radio or taser, I recall yelling to the service station operators to "Call for police backup!".
18. I then attempted to move back to create distance so I had room to get the taser from my belt. As I moved back near the fridge area of the store, the male continued to advance very quickly and continued to strike me with his fists. At some point I lost balance and struck a display in the shop area. This from memory made me drop to the ground on a knee. As this happened the male continued to strike me. I recall a blow to the back of the head from a fist and a thud to my right shoulder.
19. I had time to release my taser and took a quick shot at the male who was still continuing to attack me. The taser was deployed and the male moved back, I observed that both the taser prongs were not connected to the male properly as he did not appear to be stunned or incapacitated in any manner. He continued moving away from me backing up and then turned and walked towards the sliding door of the store.
20. I moved up and followed the male to the front door where as he was waiting for the door to open. I attempted to drive stun the male in the chest are on his left side. I deployed the taser at least two times in this manner. Drive stun is pushing the taser directly to the body with no cartridge.
21. The door then opened and the male made a move out of the shop, at this time unit 651 attended and were walking up to the male. I ran up the male and grabbed him from behind reaching over with my right arm around his neck and upper shoulders and assisted members HANSEN and HUNT to ground stabilise the male.
22. It was at this point I was made aware that the male had a pair of small silver scissors in his right hand when he exited the store.

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23. I then looked at my arm and noticed that it was bleeding. Further inspection revealed that I had a stab wound to my left shoulder and several scratches to my face and arms. My shirt was also ripped in several places across my upper back and shoulder and arm areas. HUNT then took photos of my injuries at this location.
24. The male was then taken into custody, arrested for assault police, and placed into the police cage. I remained and assisted with the scene. I informed superiors of the incident by telephone. The male was taken to Alice Springs Hospital as we had grounds to believe he was involved in a motor vehicle accident.
25. The vehicle was not needed for forensics and was pushed to the side of the service station.
26. I then returned to the station and briefed the Duty Superintendent Bob RENNIE of the situation, and liaised with the Shift Sergeant Andrew DUNNAGE regarding investigation delegation.
27. I then attended Alice Springs Hospital for treatment. I received minor lacerations and scratches requiring no stiches, the stab wound to my shoulder was cleaned at a depth of about 1cm. I had a tetanus shot and received anti biotics.
28. Sgt Joedy KITCHEN and Constable David YOUNG attended the Alice Springs Hospital and seized my ripped and blood stained shirt from me. I advised them that I was fine to make this written statement.
29. As a result of the assault I feel pain in my shoulder, my right arm is also sore from scratches and minor cuts. My head is also sore. I am afraid that the wounds my get a serious infection from the scissors as they are often used for disgusting and filthy procedures.
30. As the male was striking me I suspected that I could be getting stabbed due to the action of the males striking consistent with stabbing. But due to adrenalin I did not feel any pain at that point. I now know this male to be Edrick RAMBLER.
31. On reflection I realise that I could have died if struck in a vital area. I want this male to be prosecuted in court and receive a lengthy gaol term worthy of attempting to end my life while performing my role as a Police Officer.
32. At no time did I give permission to Edrick RAMBLER to assault me in any way.

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I will be available to give evidence in Alice Springs when required. I will be unavailable for dates indicated . 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;
- (iii) ~~I have not attained the age of 18 years but have attained the age of 49;~~



AND

- (b) (i) I have read this statement before signing it;
- (ii) ~~I have had this statement read to me before signing it.~~
The statement was read to me because of the following reason/disability:



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. 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 ALICE SPRINGS THIS 8 DAY OF FEBRUARY , 2018



Lee Bauwens

BEFORE ME





Shaun FIRNISS

NAME

TELEPHONE



COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS (NT)

Description-	Assault Police – Sergeant BAUWENS Police Shirt
<p>Photograph 1</p> <p>Police Shirt worn by SSgt Lee BAUWENS at the time of the assault.</p> <p>Photo index created by: DC1/C David YOUNG 3140 07/02/2018</p>	
<p>Photograph 2</p> <p>Police Shirt worn by SSgt Lee BAUWENS at the time of the assault.</p> <p>Photo index created by: DC1/C David YOUNG 3140 07/02/2018</p>	

Description-	Assault Police – Sergeant BAUWENS Police Shirt
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<p>Photograph 3</p> <p>Police Shirt worn by SSgt Lee BAUWENS at the time of the assault.</p> <p>Photo index created by: DC1/C David YOUNG 3140</p> <p>07/02/2018</p>	
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Photograph 1:

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HUNT 07/02/18.

S/Sgt Lee BAUWENS





Photograph 2:

Photo taken by member
HUNT 07/02/18.

Left Forearm



Photograph 3:

Photo taken by member
HUNT 07/02/18.

Left Tricep





Photograph 4:

Photo taken by member
HUNT 07/02/18.

Right Shoulder



Photograph 5:

Photo taken by member
HUNT 07/02/18.

Left Shoulder



Photograph 6:

Photo taken by member
HUNT 07/02/18.

Right Ear



Photograph 7:

Photo taken by member
HUNT 07/02/18.

Top of Head



Photograph 8:

Photo taken by member
HUNT 07/02/18.

Left Index Finger



Photograph 9:

Photo taken by member
HUNT 07/02/18.

Right Cheek





Photograph 10:

Photo taken by member
HUNT 07/02/18.

Weapon - Scissors



Photograph 11:

Photo taken by member
HUNT 07/02/18.

Damaged Vehicle



Photograph 12:

Photo taken by member
HUNT 07/02/18.

Damaged Vehicle



Photograph 13:

Photo taken by member
HUNT 07/02/18.

Damaged Sign





Photograph 14:

Photo taken by member
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Damaged Sign

