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STATEMENT

I had previously supplied police with two statements in relation to the murder of Victor PEIRCE. I have also given evidence in relation to that matter. I am making this statement to clarify a few things that I said in my statement and during evidence.

I have previously stated that I was living at [REDACTED] Street at the time of the PEIRCE murder and on the day after the PEIRCE murder when I met with Andrew and Faruk. That meeting definitely happened outside [REDACTED] Street as I have stated. Nothing changes there. I have now established that I was not living at [REDACTED] Street at that time but moved in there in the months after. All the meetings I have previously outlined with Faruk at [REDACTED] did take place at [REDACTED]

After giving evidence I started making inquiries to confirm where I was living at the time of the PEIRCE murder. I found out that I was most likely living at [REDACTED] at the time. I immediately told the police about my doubts the next day.

What made me remember I was living at [REDACTED] was an incident that took place there between me, Andrew and 'Baby'. 'Baby' is George MANTZOUNEOUS. This took place after the PEIRCE murder. I was at [REDACTED] when I gave Andrew a .38 revolver with a wooden handle. This was the gun referred to in the earlier telephone call I have been played when I was talking to Andrew. This gun was later found by police at Andrew's address in Sunshine. I know this because Andrew told me. He said police did a warrant on his house and arrested him. They found the gun in the kitchen. Andrew also told me that his mum was going to take the fall for the gun. The exchange definitely took place at [REDACTED]. This happened in the period after PEIRCE's murder and before PK's murder. During this meeting Andrew told me that he'd never use autos again.

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I was definitely at home on the night of the PEIRCE murder and watching TV when I learnt that it had happened. When I said I was at home, I was at home. I have no doubt about that.

A good mate of mine at the time, Glenn WILLIS was living at [REDACTED] Street at the time of the PEIRCE murder. I went there almost every day to see Glenn. When I was living there Glenn and his girlfriend used to visit [REDACTED] and I at our apartment and we used to visit them at their apartment regularly. On the night of the PEIRCE murder Glenn came to my place with his girlfriend. This is why I thought I was at [REDACTED] Street. Glenn told me that he had to go to Bay Street to pick up his girlfriend who had been shopping at Coles. She was unable to get her car because it was locked in the police crime scene at Bay Street. Glenn probably came to see me because I'd previously asked him about PEIRCE's movements.

At that time [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] I mean that we were dealing drugs together. I was almost always in the Port Melbourne area. When people from Sunshine or Brunswick came to see me we met at [REDACTED] Street. It was easily accessed from the freeway and had plenty of car parking. They could pull straight off the freeway and they were there. I used to walk along the Yarra and talk to people all the time. This is why I moved there. After I moved there the meetings continued and I continued walking along the water to talk to people. I didn't like taking people upstairs to my apartment. I did take Faruk up there with me though when we were alone, as I did with Andrew. I had introduced Faruk and Andrew to [REDACTED] and she had seen them with me at the apartment.

Other places I frequented in Port Melbourne were [REDACTED] Street and the sushi place in Clarendon Street. I didn't like taking people to [REDACTED] because of Jim KAFRITSIS' old man. Jim's dad didn't like us bringing blokes with tattoos to his business. I didn't like meeting Andrew and Faruk at the Sushi place because mates of Victor PEIRCE used to go there a lot. People like Crab.

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Once when I went away to PII [redacted] with [redacted] I gave the keys to our apartment at [redacted] Street to Faruk. Faruk was seeing a little Italian girl and had bought her over to my apartment whilst I was away to have sex with her.

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Mr Thomas

Statement taken and signature witnessed by me
at Victoria on 17 March 2008 at 11.45 hours.

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Mark HATT
Detective Acting Sergeant 30272

I hereby acknowledge that this statement is true and correct and I make it in the belief that a person making a false statement in the circumstances is liable to the penalties of perjury

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Mr Thomas

Acknowledgment made and signature
witnessed by me at Victoria on 17 March 2008 at 11.50 AM

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