

Raj Kumar SHARMA

STATES

1. I am 62 years of age. I am a permanent resident and have lived in Perth for 12 years.
2. On Wednesday, 22nd June 2005 at about 5.55pm I was waiting for a friend outside the Perth Train Station, near the red and yellow CAT bus stop on Wellington Street.
3. At about 6.05pm I noticed an Indian woman standing in front of the bus shelter near the CAT bus stop. I thought I recognised her from somewhere but I could not think where.
4. I now know this woman to be Kanchan SHIVNANI.
5. She was standing by herself and was carrying a ladies bag. She appeared to be waiting for the bus. I was about a metre away from her.
6. Within a few minutes I noticed that an Indian male was standing next to Kanchan talking to her.
7. This male was wearing spectacles, a dark blue shirt and black pants. He was carrying a back pack over his shoulder and had some shopping bags in one of his hands. He had grey hair, looked like he was in his 30's, not very dark skin.

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8. It appeared that they were having an unhealthy conversation. Kanchan was looking upset, but not frightened.
9. I was not paying much attention to what they were actually saying.
10. At the end of their conversation the male raised his voice and I heard him say, "I will see you bitch." He waved his hand as he said this.
11. Kanchan moved a step towards me, the male stayed where he was.
12. I noticed that Kanchan was upset and I was going to ask if everything is alright but the bus came and she got on before I got the chance. This was about 6.15pm.
13. I saw the male walk off up the footpath in the direction of Royal Perth Hospital.
14. I waited at the bus stop for another 10 minutes until I met my friend. I did not see the male at the bus stop in that time.
15. On Tuesday, 28th June 2005 at about 12.00pm I was at Govina Hare Krishna restaurant on William Street in Northbridge.
16. I had been there about 2-3 minutes and was about to line up for my food when Kanchan recognised me. She came up and introduced herself and her husband; they had a child with them.

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17. We had a conversation regarding me being a witness to what happened at the bus stop.
18. This was the first time that I had ever spoken with Kanchan or her family.
19. As a result of our conversation Kanchan and her husband drove to their lawyer's office and introduced me to their lawyer.
20. On Thursday, 30th June 2005, I attended Court 85 at Central Law Courts in Perth to give evidence on behalf of Kanchan for her restraining order hearing.
21. Kanchan's lawyer introduced a male at that hearing, who I recognised as the male from the bus stop, as Haresh SHIVNANI.
22. I declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I have made this statement knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I will be guilty of a crime if I have wilfully included in this statement anything which I know to be false or that I do not believe to be true.

Signed R. K. Sharma
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