

**STATEMENT in the matter of:**  
HARNES - SWORD OF ORION

**Place:**

Police Station

**Date :** 19 January 1990

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**Name:** Michael David BROWN  
**Address:** 39 Bank Street Lara, 3212  
**Occupation:** Director

**Tel. No.:** 03 52822250

**STATES:-**

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable for prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

2. I am 64 years of age.

3. I am a director of Liferaft Servicing Group Pty. Ltd. situated at 77 Beach Road Sandringham, Victoria. I have been a director there since end 1985. The company was previously known as Zakspeed Pty. Ltd.

4. At Liferaft Servicing our main business of trade is the servicing of liferafts, we also supply marine equipment on a demand basis such as the items from TUFF Marine to Malcolm Hart of Hart Marine.

5. I have known Ruth Plumber since about 1970 and dealing with her from Zackspeed since 1985. Our main purchase from TUFF Australia has been SOLAS and general life jackets.

**Witness:**



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6. In April of 1993 Mr Malcolm Hart of Hart Marine approached our company to supply a number of marine safety items for a boat which he was building. Certain items were quoted by Zackspeed and the following items were purchased from TUFF Marine of 100 Westernbeach Road, Geelong.

- a. 12 x TF250 Yachtsman Safety Harnesses.
- b. 7 x TF485R Mae West
- c. 2 x TF207 Drogue
- d. Replace tapes on two TAFT Coastal Lifejackets

The last item d. was related to another order but were on the same delivery note however all came from Ruth at TUFF Marine.

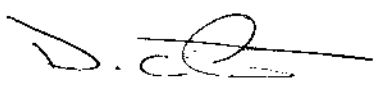
**EXHIBIT : I PRODUCE A COPY OF THAT DELIVERY NOTE DATED 6/5/93**

7. I recognise that delivery note to be a typical note which I would receive from TUFF Marine at that time for delivery of goods.

8. On request I have searched a number of records which would indicate the purchase of the harness, mae west, and drogue. The accounts for this delivery note were paid late and I believe it could have been about March 1994.

9. I have purchase order No. 001060 dated 23/4/93 from Malcolm Hart Marine which has several marine safety items marked on it including the 12 safety harnesses and the purchase price was \$796.80 in which I wrote the word Ruth beside that figure and the reason for that is because Ruth would be the supplier.

10. I recall the items arriving from Tuff, the items were in a cardboard box. I opened the box and checked off the items

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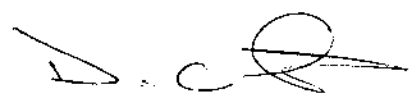
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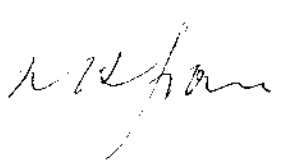
against the delivery note which is marked R89. The 12 safety harnesses were each in a separate valise carry bag. I opened one of the valise carry bags and saw orange coloured webbing, and checked that it was a safety harness.

11. In early May 1993 Malcolm Hart came to Zakspeed and signed for the items.

12. Over the years we had gone to Ruth PLUMMER for harnesses, I recall her stating she had sold the harness manufacturing business. I can't say when she did sell that side of the Business.

13. At the time we purchased the 12 harnesses from Tuff marine, I was aware they met the Australian Safety Standard.

Witness: 

Signature: 

DELIVERY NOTE

ORIGINAL

DATE 6/5/93 R 89

TO ZAKSPEED

FROM TUFF MARINE

12- TF 250 YACHTSMAN SAFETY HARNESS
7- TF 485R MAE WEST
2- TF 207 DROGUE
REPLACE TAPES ON 2 TAFT COASTAL LIFE JKTS
RECEIVED IN GOOD ORDER & CONDITION
SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT