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## NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CORONER'S COURT

STATE CORONER: J ABERNETHY

THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2000

5/98 - EVENT OF THE 1998 SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE

INQUEST INTO THE DEATHS OF JAMES MICHAEL LAWLER  
 MICHAEL BANNISTER  
 BRUCE RAYMOND GUY  
 PHILLIP RAYMOND CHARLES SKEGGS  
 JOHN WILLIAM DEAN  
 GLYN RODERICK CHARLES

Mr A Hill and Mr M Papallo assisting the Coroner  
 Mr R Stanley QC for the Bureau of Meteorology  
 Ms T Nugan for the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia  
 Mr P Callaghan SC for Mr Robert Kothe  
 Mr A Shand QC for Mr Richard Purcell

**PART HEARD**

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<CARLOS ALBERTO BRITO(10.11AM)  
 SWORN AND EXAMINED

CORONER: Which volume, Mr Papallo?

PAPALLO: Volume 12A, number 9.

Q. Mr Brito, could you please give this inquest your full name?

A. My name's Carlos Alberto Brito.

Q. And your work address?

A. 56 Rothschild Avenue Rosebery.

Q. You presently work for Crashlab, is that right?

A. That's right.

Q. Can you please explain briefly what Crashlab do?

A. We work for the Roads and Traffic Authority and we basically test safety products. I've been working there for seven years and in those seven years we've tested - I've tested motor cycle, pedal cycle helmets and also industrial safety harnesses and a few yachting harnesses.

Q. Relevant to this inquest, you have been given some - you've been given specifically the harness from the Sword of Orion that was worn by Glyn Charles, who was killed, is that correct?

A. That's right, I'm not sure of the person who was wearing it, I was told it was involved in a fatal--

Q. Can I show you the harness?

A. Yes.