



EVIDENCE ACT 1910
SECTION 132

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, ^{.G}
~~Rainer~~ Franz DIEHL

of, Naracoopa Lodge, Frasers Road Naracoopa King Island

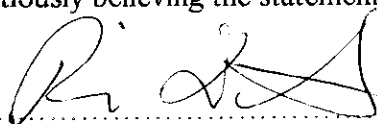
DO SOLEMNLY and sincerely declare that:

My full name is ^{Rainer} ~~Rainer~~ Franz DIEHL, I am 53 Years of age and reside at Naracoopa Lodge at Frasers Road Naracoopa, King Island. My contact phone number is 03 64611294 (work and home).

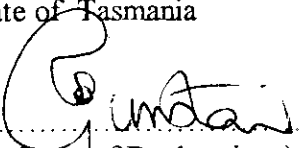
On Monday the 15th of February 1999 my wife and I were on the beach at the Northern end of Sea Elephant Bay which is situated to the Eastern side of King Island when we found an orange coloured horseshoe shaped Life Preserver. This device displayed the words 'Sword of Orion'. It also had the letters 'R.B.Y.C.' and 'B2000' displayed although these had been adjusted with black marker to read 'C.Y.C.' and '2000'. The device had a plastic whistle attached by cord.

It was located on the sand a short distance from the waterline. We took it home and other than rinsing it in water and removing sand and grit from the whistle it is as we found it.

AND I MAKE this Solemn Declaration by virtue of Section 132 of the Evidence Act 1910, conscientiously believing the statement contained therein to be true in every particular.

(Signed) 

Declared at King Island in the State of Tasmania
this 24th day of February 1999

Before me 

(Commissioner of Declarations)

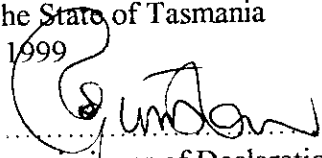
Last Monday, the 22nd of February 1999 my wife and I were watching a television program concerning the Sydney to Hobart Race tragedy when we realised that the preserver was off a boat involved in the race. We contacted the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.

Today, Wednesday 24th of February I handed the device to King Island Police.

AND I MAKE this Solemn Declaration by virtue of Section 132 of the Evidence Act 1910, conscientiously believing the statement contained therein to be true in every particular.

(Signed) x 

Declared at King Island in the State of Tasmania
this 24th day of February 1999

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(Commissioner of Declarations)