

WEEKLY RESUME

INQUIRY : Murder of John Gordon HUGHES.

DATE OF OFFENCE : Between 3pm 5.5.89 and 1.30pm 6.5.89

WEEK ENDING : 4 September, 1989.

On the 25.6.89, the suspect Ian Stuart JONES, born. [REDACTED] was interviewed at the Sutherland Police Station, where he was being held in custody with regard to a malicious wounding charge (in which the victim was his girlfriends father; apparently the fight being over domestic issues) JONES informed Police he was unaware of HUGHES death and that he had stayed with HUGHES for 3 weeks prior to his death, moving out of his premises on the 26.2.89, when he moved Bathurst, residing at [REDACTED] Upfold Street. He claimed to have been in Bathurst on the night of the 6.5.89, he also supplied Police with details of his flatmates and employer in Bathurst. Inquiries with JONES employer reveal that on the weekend of the 6.5.89, JONES had gone off sick early on the 4.5.89, and remained away from work until the 8.5.89. JONES girlfriend, Kerrie Anne STRATON, born. [REDACTED], of [REDACTED], Sylvania, was also spoken to and a claims she believes JONES to have been in Bathurst all weekend at the time of the murder. A statement was obtained from STANTON. JONES has since been granted Bail on his matters and failed to appear. Inquiries are pending into his present whereabouts. Inquiries are also pending into the location of other associates of JONES at the time he resided in Bathurst. who had resided with JONES

On the night of the murder of HUGHES, a canvass of hospitals revealed that a person by the name of Kevin KINGSBEER, was treated at the St. Vincents Hospital for a cut hand. On the 11.8.89, the person Kevin Mark KINGSBEER, born. [REDACTED], was interviewed by Police at the cell complex at the Central Police Station, where he was being held in custody on remand charges. A statement was obtained from this person on the 13.8.89, in which he states that he was the person treated at the St. Vincents Hospital on the morning of the 6.5.89. He claims he received a cut to his

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fight forefinger, when he got into a fight with a male person, whom he declined to name, at Kings Cross. This male producing a knife during the fight. Apparently this fight had started over a drug rip off a week previously. KINGSBEER provided details of his movements after this date. He denied knowing the person HUGHES or the persons LOCKE or JONES. A statement was also obtained from the person Edward Charles LEAVY, born. [REDACTED], who corroborates KINGSBEERS account of how he cut his hand. LEAVY is also on remand as a co-offender with KINGSBEER.

On the 11.8.89, the person [I51], alias [I51] [I51] born: [REDACTED], a male prostitute and known associate of the victim HUGHES contacted Homicide Police after being arrested by Licensing Squad Police for a Goods in Custody matter. [I51] claimed that he had taken up with the girl, Jacqi PETERSON with whom he was living at the time of his arrest at the Aranui Lodge, in Wentworth Avenue, Sydney. PETERSON he claimed had been the girlfriend of the suspect Mark LOCKES born. [REDACTED] at the time of HUGHES murder. [I51] claimed that during a conversation with PETERSON on the 7.8.89, she had informed him that LOCKE had confessed to her that he had killed HUGHES, and that LOCKE had done it with the assistance of another male. [I51] was not available to give Police a statement at this time, and indeed avoided Police until the 28.8.89, when he attended the Homicide Squad office. At this time, [I51] gave Police a statement in which he retracted in part his story relating to PETERSON and the alleged confession made by LOCKE. [I51] now claimed that he had said to PETERSON, "You were going with Mark LOCKE at the time John (HUGHES) was killed were'nt you?" PETERSON had then said, "Yes, I was there when they planned it." [I51] would not account for his backdown on what he had previously told Police.

On the 30.8.89, Police interviewed the female Jacqi PETERSON, alias ANDREWS, born. [REDACTED] previous convictions for prostitution. PETERSON denied being either LOCKE or [I51]

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girlfriend. PETERSON admits to knowing both HUGHES and [151]. She confirms that she was staying with [151] at the Aranui Lodge around the 7.8.89, she denies however the conversation alleged by [151]. She has informed Police that she does not know who killed HUGHES, but that Mark LOCKE was the name she had heard on the street, by way of rumour. She declined to give Police a written statement about the matter. She informed Police that she last saw LOCKE shortly before HUGHES death, but could not remember where, she now believes LOCKE to be living in Queensland.

Previous inquiries have proven LOCKE is in the Gold Coast area and Queensland Homicide Police have a number of addresses that they believe this person is frequenting. It has also been determined that LOCKE is regularly picking up his dole cheques from the Fortitude Valley CES.

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