

RESUME OF INQUIRIES REGARDING THE MURDER OF JOHN GORDON HUGHES ON  
THE 5 MAY, 1989 - FOR THE PERIOD ENDING THE 15 SEPTEMBER, 1989.

Police in Charge : Detective Constable 1c PLOTECKI, RCSS Homicide

Facts : As outlined in previous resume of 13.5.89.

Situation:

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An informant approached Police and gave information to the Homicide Squad that the suspect LOCKE was presently residing at one of two addresses, one of these being, [REDACTED], Revsby, the other being a Caringbah address, to which the informant supplied Police with a phone no. Inquiries showed this address to be [REDACTED], Caringbah.

Arrangements were made for observations to be made of these premises.

On the evening of the 11.9.89, the suspect Mark Phillip LOCKE, born: [REDACTED] was arrested in the Darlinghurst area on 6 1st instance warrants relating to an abduction and fail to appear matters at Bankstown from 1988. At the time of arrest he supplied the address at Revsby as his residential address, saying he resided there with his defacto, Jane HUBBARD.

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The suspect LOCKE appeared at the Central Local Court and was remanded until the 14.9.89 to Campsie Local Court. Bail was granted with conditions that that LOCKE report daily to the OIC Revesby Police, and that 2 person be willing to lose \$1,000-00 if he fails to appear and that an additional person lodge the sum of \$500-00 in cash with the Court. The suspect could not make these conditions.

On the afternoon of the 12.9.89, LOCKE was interviewed by means of a record of interview, in which he told Police he had known the victim HUGHES for the past 2-3 years, and that the victim was his heroin supplier. According to LOCKE the victim obtained his heroin from the person Gavin SCOBIE and Ian JONES.

LOCKE claims to have moved to Queensland in February or March this year, travelling there with Deluxe coaches, possibly using the name LOCKEA. Details have been provided as to addresses and the chemist where LOCKE claims to have picked up methadone whilst in Brisbane over the time of the murder. He has also provided details of his bank account. LOCKE claims not to have returned to Sydney until July. At the time of the murder LOCKE resided at [REDACTED].

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LOCKE claims to have last seen the victim he was living with a person named Arron and a person named JONES. He refers to [151] but claims he had moved out at this time. LOCKE claims some property of HUGHES was stolen by JONES and HUGHES subsequently organised someone to bash JONES for this theft in retribution.

LOCKE further claims that a few weeks after this JONES told him he had taken HUGHES things and told him he believed JONES to have gone to the Police. JONES is alleged to have said to LOCKE, "I was going to give John a hiding, but now I fix him properly." JONES is then alleged to say, "I'm going to kill the little cunt." LOCKE claims this conversation spurred him to travel to Queensland as he was afraid of JONES.

LOCKE admits to owing HUGHES about 1200 dollars. He further admits to ripping off HUGHES for heroin, however he denies any violence was used.

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Inquiries with Deluxe coaches show LOCKE travelled to Qld on the 29.3.89 on ticket No. 1058200 under the name LOCKEA.

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A statement was obtained from LOCKE concerning the information that he related to Police on the 12.9.89. the statement also detailed hiding spots in the flat of HUGHES for drugs, which in part corresponded to the evidence of the person [151]. These hiding spots have already been checked by Detectives from Kings Cross, following the interview of [151] on the 31.5.89. LOCKE also claims HUGHES was involved in the distribution of drugs with JONES and SCOBIE.

JONES is alleged to have moved in with HUGHES in October to act as a minder. After the theft by JONES of a number of items of HUGHES property, early in 1989, after JONES had moved out, it is alleged by LOCKE, that he was approached by HUGHES to find out where JONES was for half a gram of heroin. HUGHES also is supposed to have told LOCKE of reporting this theft to Police. LOCKE claims not long after this, he heard JONES was bashed and sent to Hospital.

About a month after this, JONES is alleged to have asked for LOCKE'S assistance in a 'rort' on HUGHES and he also made threats to kill him. LOCKE also claims that JONES and [151] were knocking around together, and that JONES was of the belief that HUGHES kept substantial quantities of heroin around his flat.