

RESUME OF INQUIRIES REGARDING THE MURDER OF JOHN GORDON HUGHES ON  
THE 5 MAY, 1989 - FOR THE PERIOD ENDING THE JANUARY, 1990

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

Facts : As outlined in previous resume of  
13.5.89.

Situation:

2.1.90 Clothing obtained from the female STANTON, allegedly the property of the suspect Ian JONES was left in the care of physical evidence Police. A St. George Building Society passbook in the name of the victim, John Gordon HUGHES has been located in the lining of a blue jacket which was amongst the clothing obtained. The jacket has been taken to the DFM for analysis and the passbook to latent fingerprints for examination.

5-7.1.90 Inquiries were conducted in the Bathurst Region in order to corroborate STANTON's ascertainment of JONES disappearance on the 5.5.89. The person Lance DODD, born. [REDACTED], of rm 16 Victoria Hotel, Bathurst, interviewed. DODD, who also resided with JONES at the time of the murder, confirms STANTON's account of events on the weekend of the murder and JONES disappearance. DODD confirms that on that weekend, JONES was acting in a violent and aggressive manner, however he is not able to attribute this attitude to any particular cause. DODD claims that on JONES return on the 6.5.89, he was noticeably calmer. DODD claims that JONES informed him that the mini sedan used by him that weekend had been smashed and was no longer driveable.

Further inquiries identified the mini sedan, allegedly used by JONES on the weekend of the 5.5.89 as m/v OWW-067, a light green Morris Mini panel van. The vehicle was traced to Rene VALERIO of the Animal Centre, Mitchell Highway, Lucknow. The vehicle at this time was found to be intact. VALERIO informed Police that he had obtained the car from a female, Sonia ADAMS. That the car was in good order when he obtained it in November, 1989, and that the interior had been very clean. He stated that he has found no property in the vehicle in the time that he has owned it. The vehicle has been obtained for examination by P.E.S.

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The female Sonia ADAMS, born. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], Bathurst was traced down and interviewed. She said that she had obtained the car from JONES on the 26 May, 1989, for \$600.00 and that at the time the car was in reasonable order and reliable, although she claimed it was apparent JONES used to drive the car hard. When she got the car, ADAMS noticed that it had been cleaned and vacuumed and the dash board scrubbed. At the time of purchasing the car, ADAMS was wary of JONES, as the car was owned by him by still registered to the person Brian TOWNSEND, of [REDACTED], Bathurst, and it was TOWNSEND who signed over the registration to her not JONES. ADAMS, a barmaid and student, stated that JONES was an obvious drug user in appearance when she met him, and that it was apparent he was in dire need of money at the time of the sale from his demeanour and continual requests for her to pay him the balance of the moneis owed by her on the car (ADAMS paid for the car in two installments, a deposit of \$300 and a further payment of \$300). ADAMS provided Police with details of hotel she was aware that JONES frequented.

Inquiries were conducted at various hotel for associated of JONES other than DODD and TOWNSEND, without success. The person Brian TOWNSEND, of [REDACTED], was interviewed however he provided little useful information. TOWNSEND is well known to Police in Bathurst. He claimed to have no memory of the weekend of the 5.5.89 and said that the car he sold JONES was smashed and sold to an unknown person in Cowra. TOWNSEND also claimed that although he had owned the car for 3 years he was unaware of its registration and was unsure if it was registered to himself. When questioned further he confirmed the car was infact the m/v Qww-067 and that he had never transfer registration to JONES but maintained that the car was sold to an unknown male in Cowra, when presented with the truth of the matter that ADAMS had purchased the car, TOWNSEND declined to comment further and only said that Police would never get him to talk further in any event or attend any Court.