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The New South Wales Police

Statement in the matter of: Place : Regional Crime Squad
 Death of John Gordon HUGHES. South.
 Date : 17 May, 1990.

Name : L A N G S F O R D Sandra Louise
 Address : Tactical Intelligence Section Phone No. [REDACTED]
 Occupation : Constable First Class. STATES THAT :-

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary to give at Court as a witness.
2. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
3. My date of birth is the [REDACTED]
4. During the period covering Saturday, the 6 May, 1989, I was stationed at the Mounted Section and rostered to perform patrol duties in the Kings Cross area with Constable RICHES of that section.
5. About 2.20pm, on Saturday the 6 May, 1989, as a result of a radio message, with Constable RICHES, I went to the vicinity of premises at 3-5 Greenknowe Avenue, Potts Point. Here I was given certain instructions by Detective Senior Constable SCULLION from the Kings Cross Police Station, regarding a stolen motor vehicle in Baroda Lane. About 6pm, that evening, as a result of instructions received from Detective Sergeant SPAIN, I went to flat [REDACTED] Greenknowe Avenue.

Witness : [Signature]

Signed : [Signature]

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6. This flat is a two room dwelling. The front door opening into a large room, of which is a small kitchen. This room acts as a bedroom/lounge. On the left of the room was a small bathroom. On entering the room I saw a male person lying face down on a double bed. This person was dressed in black pants with a bone coloured jumper over a checkered flannelette shirt which was mainly blue in colour. The body of this person was bound hand and foot with electrical cord and there appeared to be electrical cord and a leather strap wrapped around the throat of this person and a pair of food tongs were entwined in these bindings, apparently to tighten them. A pink floral pillowslip was covering the deceased head. At this time I was told by Detective SCULLION this person was known to him as John Peter HUGHES. (I have since learnt that his name is in fact John Gordon HUGHES).

7. Next to the body of the deceased were a number of papers and files, upon which I saw a 30 cm blood stained bread knife. Around the head of the deceased I saw a number of pieces of broken pottery and an electric lamp was next to the deceased right upper arm. There was an absence of blood in the flat, except around the head of the body which appeared to have soaked through from wounds under the pillowslip. The flat was generally tidy, although cluttered. The television and heater in the room were on at the time I attended the flat.

8. I was present at the scene when Dr. OETTLE and SCHWARTZ, both from the Government Medical Office, attended the scene, and made an examination of the scene and body. I remained at the scene until the arrival of the government contractors, who arrived at 8.30pm when the body was removed.


Witness : Signed: 

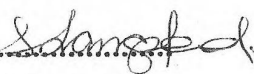
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9. About 9.30pm, that evening I attended the city morgue, Glebe and here I received a death certificate, from one of the Government Contactors who had attended the scene. This certificate was issued by Dr. CHEN of the St. Vincents Hospital concerning the deceased

EXHIBIT I NOW PRODUCE THAT DEATH CERTIFICATE.

Witness: 
M. Plotecki

Signed: 
S. Langsford
Constable First Class
Tactical Intelligence
17 May, 1990.