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of the room was a doorway that lead to a bathroom, while in the right corner was a small kitchen area. The flat itself was tidy although cluttered. There was no apparent signs of a struggle nor were there any search of the premises having taken place. I noted also that the lock to the front door to the premises was intact and had not been forced in any way.

5. On a double bed, to the left of the front door was the body of the deceased, identified to me as John Gordon HUGHES. The body was lying face down, across the bed, with his head towards the northern wall of the room, and the feet of the body hanging over the side of the bed. The bodys' hands were bound behind the back, with white electrical cord, as were his feet, bound just above the ankles. A pink pillow slip covered the head of the deceased and further white electrical cord and a leather belt were wrapped around the bodys' neck. A pair of kitchen tongs were protruding from the back of neck of the body, and appeared to have been used to tighten these bindings by having twisted them. Pieces of broken pottery were scattered about on the bed, around the head of the deceased and a light bulb was next to the deceased right arm. There were blood stains on the pillowslip and on the bed, below the head of the body, apparently from wounds to the head of the deceased. Next to the right side of the body were a number of personal papers, scattered about on the bed.

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On top of these papers was a kitchen knife, with a blade approximately 30 cm long, which had what appeared to be blood on the blade.

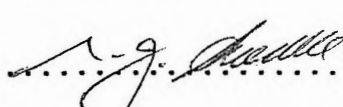
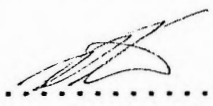
6. I then attended to a number of inquiries concerning this matter and was present when crime scene and fingerprint Police attended the scene. I subsequently returned to the Kings Cross Police Station and attended to a number of duties concerning this matter. About 9pm, that evening with Detective HARRISON and Constable RICH, I returned to the deceased's unit at with these Police, I conducted a search of the flat, taking into my possession a diary, address book, card holder and certain papers belonging to the deceased.

I also took into my possession two Westpac Bank deposit books in the name of the deceased. I was unable to locate the wallet, credit cards or any money belonging to the HUGHES.

7. I subsequently returned to the Kings Cross Police Station, where I continued to carry out a number of duties in connection to this matter.

8. As a result of information received, at 8.45am on Monday, the 26 June, 1989, with Detective DOIG, I attended [redacted] Sylvania, where I had a conversation with Kerrie Anne STANTON.

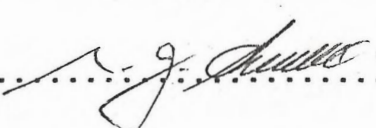
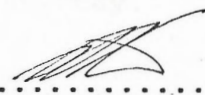
9. As a result of what STANTON told me, at 9.20am that date, I went to the Sutherland Police Station, with Detective DOIG. There I saw the

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defendant, Ian Stuart JONES. JONES was taken to a small office, near the general inquiry area of the station. JONES said to me, "Well what the fucks this all about?" I said, " I am Detective PLOTECKI and this is Detective DOIG, we are from the Homicide Squad, are you Ian Stuart JONES?" He said, "Yes, so." I said, "Do you know a John Gordon HUGHES?" JONES said, "Yeah." I said, "Do you know were this person HUGHES lives?" He said, "Yes, Behind the Rex Hotel at Kings Cross. Its a flat on the third floor, but I remember he was living on the second floor before that, I can't tell you the number." I said, "We are making inquiries into the murder of John Gordon HUGHES, which occurred between the 5th and 6th of May, this year. Would you care to tell me what you know of this person?" JONES said, "Fuck I didn't know he was dead, thats' one for the books. Well one thing I can tell you it wasn't me, I've only just got down from Bathurst, you can ask my girlfriend, Kerrie will tell you." I said, "This Kerrie, thats' Kerrie STANTON?" He said, "Yes."

9. I said, "How long have you known the person HUGHES?" He said, "About 10 years I guess, I was a good mate of his." I said, "When was the last time you saw to HUGHES?" He said, "When I moved out of his place in, I think February this year. I got stabbed on New years eve and after I got out of hospital, John put me up for about 3 weeks. I left there and went to Lithgow and then Bathurst until this happened." The defendant the had a further conversation with me concerning another matter.

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I said, "Do you recall the date you left John HUGHES flat?" He said, "Yeah, I'm not a good one for dates mate, I think it was about the 26th" I said, "Of which month?" He said, "February." I said, "Can you tell me where you lived in Bathurst?" He said, "Well first off the Victoria Hotel, then I moved into a house at [REDACTED] Upfold Street. Like I said ask Kerrie." I said, "Who did you live here with?" He said, "Well Kerrie, and a couple, Ron and Leone FLOWERS, they owned the house. There was also Lance DODD." I said, "Do you know where these persons are now?" He said, "Still there in Bathurst as far as I know, Lance is a painter with the council, Ron and Leone are selling the house but, so they may have moved on by now."

10. I said, "Did you ever come back to Sydney between February and June of this year?" He said, "No, except once for Court at Kogarah on the 16 March I think it was, I caught the XPT down." I said, "Did you work in Bathurst?" He said, "Yeah, for Mitchell Plant Hire in Vale Road, they can tell I was there." I said, "Do you own a car." JONES said, "No." I said, "Did you own a car over the period of the 5-6 May, this year?" JONES said, "I had a mini panel van, but it was wrecked." I said, "Do you recall the number?" He said, "No." I said, "Where did you get the car from?" He said, "A mate named 'Whippet', Brian TOWNSEND, he lived down the road, he can tell you it was wrecked." I said, "Do you know of any enemies that John may of had?" He said, "No, he was only a little fella, he got on with anybody. Although

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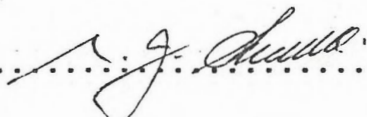
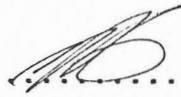
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there was a guy named LOCKE, who use to stand over him for drugs, and this other little poofter named [151] who was using him too." I said, "Do you know LOCKEs' full name?" He said, "Mark LOCKE." I said, "Do you know [151]'s correct name?" He said, "No, he used to work the wall but." I then said something to the defendant and then said, "Because of this, we will organise to speak to you and obtain a written statement at a later date, do you understand that?" He said, "Yes." We then left the defendant and attended to other duties.

11. On the 30 June, 1989, at the Miranda base of the Regional Crime Squad, I interviewed and obtained a statement from the person Kerrie Anne STANTON. I further interviewed and obtained a second statement from STANTON on the 14 September, 1989.

12. On the 12 September, 1989, at the Regional Crime Squad South, with Detective Senior Constable SCULLION, I interviewed the person Mark Phillip LOCKE and was told certain things, as a result of which on the 13 September, 1989, I again interviewed LOCKE and obtained from him a statement concerning this matter.

13. On the 4 October, 1989, I attended the Kings Cross Police Station as the result of a telephone call from Detective SCULLION. I had a conversation with Detectives BENTLEY and SCULLION, after which I saw the defendant, Ian Stuart JONES, in the interview room of that station. After a short conversation with JONES concerning other matters, I said to him, "I would like to

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obtain a statement from you concerning what you have already told me, about you knowledge and relationship with John HUGHES. And your movements over the period leading up to his murder. Do you understand that?" JONES said, "Yeah, I'll give you a statement, as I said, I was in Bathurst, I got nothing to worry about." I then obtained a six page statement from the defendant concerning this matter. After obtaining this statement, the defendant read through it and signed each page and I witnessed his signatures. I retained that statement, and the defendant then left the Police Station.

14. On the 29 December, 1989, I again interviewed the person Kerrie STANTON, as the result of information received, during the course of my inquiries. She told me certain things, and as a result of this a further statement was obtained from her. At the conclusion of this interview I drove Miss STANTON to her parents residence at [redacted] Sylvania. Here I obtained from Miss STANTON, a number of items of clothing, which I placed in a plastic garbage bag and secured in the Police vehicle.

15. Those items of clothing were subsequently conveyed by me to the Physical Evidence Section, at the Sydney Police Centre on the morning of Sunday the 31 December, 1989, where I handed those items to Plainclothes Constable 1/c BENDT of that section. I subsequently received a phone call concerning these items some days later and was told certain things by Detective KHOUDAIR.

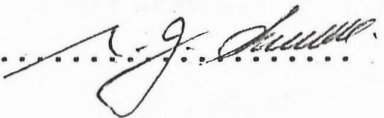

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16. On the 4 January, 1989, I attended the Physical Evidence Section, of the Sydney Police Centre and there had a conversation with Detective KHOUDAIR who told me certain things and then showed a St. George Building Society (Christmas Club) Account passbook, in the name of J.G. HUGHES, Account No. 023 869 340. I subsequently took possession of this property.

17. On Tuesday the 23 January, 1990, I attended the Ninhydrin Section of the Police Fingerprint Bureau where I handed to Constable 1/c DREVENSEK, the St. George passbook in the name of HUGHES. I subsequently picked up this passbook from this section on Sunday the 25 March, 1990, and returned it to the Homicide Squad office, where it was secured in a locker to which I retained the only key.

18. At 3.45pm on Monday the 30 April, 1990, as a result of inquiries and information received, I attended the vicinity of the Advance Bank, Oxford Street, Branch, with Detective WINDER and others. Here I saw the defendant, Ian Stuart JONES. At the time of seeing JONES, he was dressed in blue jeans, runners, with a white 'tank top' and a black hipster style jacket, upon which he had a number of metal badges and other insignia. I approached JONES and said, "Ian JONES, do you remember me, I am Detective PLOTECKI (SHOW IDENTIFICATION) and these other persons are Police. A number of 1st instance warrants, are presently in existence for your arrest." I then told JONES certain things,

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and said to him, "You are under arrest with regard to these warrants, and I intend to take you to the Sydney Police Centre. Do you understand that?" JONES said, "Yeah righto." JONES was then taken to the Sydney Police Centre, where he was seated in the Homicide office. The defendant was then stripped searched in my presence by Detective Sergeant SMITH, and a syringe was located in his underpants.

19. I then had a conversation with the defendant concerning other matters, not related to the charge now before the Court. I then said to the defendant, "I'd also like to interview you further about the death of John Gordon HUGHES." He said, "Yeah sure, ask me what you like." I said, "There are some things I want to clarify with you about your statement and some new information which has come to hand since I took that statement from you." JONES said, "Go right ahead, I don't mind." I said, "We'll go to another room where I will speak to you further about HUGHES's death." JONES then asked me a question concerning the previously discussed matter, and I had a brief conversation with him concerning this subject.

20. JONES was then taken to an interview room and, supplied with refreshment. With Detective Sergeant SMITH, I then said to the defendant, "Before we commence, I want you to understand that you are not obliged to answer any of my questions or say anything unless you wish to do so, but whatever you say, may be used in evidence. Do you understand that?" He said, "Yeah, I know my rights." I said, "What is your full name?" He said, "Ian Stuart JONES." I said, "Where are you living?"

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He said, " [REDACTED] . The Wesley Mission, just up the road." I said, "How long have you lived at you present address?" He said, "I've been there about four months." I said, "Are you working at the present time" He said, "Yeah, 'Aerolift' as a plant operator." I said, "Where are they?" He said, "Stanwell Park, 100 yards from the Railway Station." I said, "How much are you earning?" He said, "\$385.00 clear a week." I said, " Who is you boss?" He said, "Bob SMITH, he's the foreman." I said, "How long have you been working for aerolift?" He said, "3 months, non-stop." I said, "Have you got a motor vehicle?" He said, "Not at present, I've been getting about by train." I said, " What time did you get home today?" He said, " 3.15 approximately." I said, "What time did you go to work?" He said, "5.30 in the morning. I got the 6.03 from platform 13." I said, "Do you have a drivers license?" He said, "Yeah - [REDACTED] ." I said, "Are you taking any medication at present?" He said, " I've been on methadone for two and a half, three months." I said, "Where do you pick up your methadone?" He said, "Rankin Court." I said, "Who is your doctor at Rankin Court?" He said, "Dr GRAHAM."

21. I said, "Are you married or single?" He said, "Single." I said, "Ever been married?" He said, "I was married to Gail SPORNE." I said, "When were you married?" He said, "In 1976 at the Wayside Chapel." I said, "Do you have any children?" He said, "No." I said, "Have you got any relatives?" He said, "I have a brother, Christopher, who lives at Kurnell." I said, "Is

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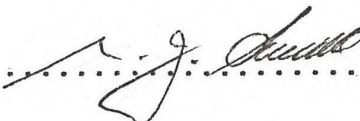
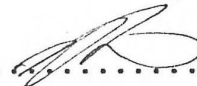
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he your only relative?" JONES said, "No, I've got three brothers, Keith, Robert and Christopher, and two sisters, Gaynor and Sandra. Their both married?" I said, "Where do you parents live?" He said, "England." I said, "Where were you born?" He said, "Ponti Pree, in Wales." I said, "Do you have a trade?" He said, "Plant operator by trade."

22. I said, "Do you remember making a statement at the Kings Cross Police Station on the 4 October, last year?" He said, "Yeah, you got it off me?" I said, "I want you to read this statement." (SHOWN STATEMENT) I said, "Is this your statement?" He said, "Yes, thats' mine." I said, "Will you read that statement?" He said, "Yeah." (JONES APPEARS TO READ STATEMENT) I said, "Is it true and correct?" He said, "Its all the truth, every page. Exactly as I remember it." I said, "Do you still say that after you left Johns' in mid-March, and went to Lithgow, that you never returned to Sydney and saw John HUGHES." JONES said, "That's what I said before and that's it. After I moved from Johns I went straight to Lithgow and then I went to Bathurst to live, I never saw John again."

23. I said, "Is this your jacket?" (SHOW BLUE MENS HIPSTER JACKET, WHICH JONES EXAMINES) He said, "Yeah, that's mine, its' got the stab wounds in the back, thats what I was wearing when I got stabbed." I said, "Is this your jacket as well?"

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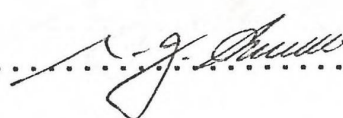
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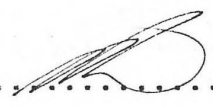
(SHOWN BLUE VINYL WIND JACKET) He said, "It could be, I can't remember."

24. I said, "I now intend to ask you some further questions concerning the murder of John Gordon HUGHES, which occurred on or about the 5th/6th of May, 1989, at Potts Point, Do you understand that?" He said, "Yes." I said, "My questions and any answers you give to those questions will be recorded in type by Detective Sergeant SMITH, as the interview takes place. Do you understand that?" He said, "Yes." I said, "At the conclusion of the interview, you will be given the opportunity of reading through the interview and you may sign it if you wish. Do you understand that?" He said, "Yeah." I said, "At the conclusion of the interview, you will also be given a complete copy of our interview."

24. I then ask the defendant a number of questions, these questions, together with the defendants answers where recorded in type as the interview took place by Detective Sergeant SMITH. Sergeant SMITH typed the entire interview.

25. At the conclusion of the interview, it was handed to the defendant, appeared to read each page of the interview. I then asked the defendant a number of additional questions and these questions, together with the defendants answers were recorded onto the record by Sergeant SMITH. The record was then handed to the defendant, who appeared to read

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these additional questions and answers. I then said, "Are these additional questions and answers recorded correctly?" JONES said, "Yeah."

26. The defendant then initialled a number of typing errors in the interview, and signed each page of the interview. I said, "Will you please write the words, 'Sydney Police Centre' and today's date beneath your signature on the last page of the interview. JONES then wrote these words and dated the interview.

27. I then said to the defendant, "Will you please write the words, 'I have received from Detective PLOTECKI one complete copy of this 21 page record of interview', on the last page of the interview, and sign your name again beneath that receipt." JONES said, "Righto." He then wrote a receipt on the last page of the interview and signed his name again. I witnessed the defendants' signatures.

28. I then left the room and made a photocopy of the interview. I returned to the interview room, where I gave the defendant a complete copy of the interview. I then had a conversation with Detective Sergeant SMITH outside the interview room, after which I saw Detective Inspector COUNSEL. I gave the Detective Inspector the interview and told him something. I then returned to the interview room with Inspector COUNSEL, and said to JONES, "This is Detective Inspector COUNSEL, he is now

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going to ask you some questions concerning the interview we have just completed." Detective Sergeant SMITH and I then left the room. A short time later, Inspector COUNSEL came out of the room and returned the record of interview to me. I noted at this time that he had initialled each page of the interview, signing and time/dating the last page of the record. He also handed to me a form that he had completed in relation to this interview.

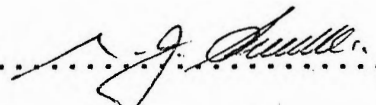
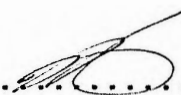
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29. Detective Sergeant SMITH and I then returned to the interview room, where I said to the defendant, "You will shortly be taken to the charge room, where you will be charged with the murder of John Gordon HUGHES. Do you understand that." JONES said, "Do what you like, what you got on me is circumstantial. I'll beat this and you know it."

30. The defendant was then taken to the Homicide Squad office, where certain forms were prepared. JONES was then taken to the charge room where he was subsequently charged with the matter now before the court.

31. During the course of my interview with the defendant JONES, I showed him a statement, dated the 4 October, 1989, in the name of Ian Stuart JONES.

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32. During the interview, I also showed JONES a dark blue mens, hipster style jacket with two cut marks in the back.

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33. I also showed JONES a blue mens vinyl windjacket. (Sport-Rec brand).

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34. I also showed JONES a photocopy of a Mitchell Plant Hire time sheet for the week ending the 10 May, 1989. This time sheet the defendant signed and dated during the interview.



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35. I also showed JONES a photocopy of a Budget car rental agreement, No. 785685, dated the 3 May, 1989, in the name of Kerrie Anne STANTON. This photocopy the defendant signed and dated during the interview.

EXHIBIT I NOW PRODUCE THAT RENTAL AGREEMENT PHOTOSTAT.

36. I also showed JONES a St. George Building Society (Christmas Club) Account passbook, in the name of J.G. HUGHES, Account No. 023 869 340.

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37. I also showed JONES a statement, dated the 15 September, 1989, in the name of Kenneth HARDING.

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38. On the 9 May, 1990, I contacted the Road Traffic Authority with regard a motor vehicle, registration No. OWW-067, this vehicle being a Morris Mini panel van, light green in colour. I have since received a certificate under section 12 of the Traffic Act, 1909 concerning this vehicle.

EXHIBIT I NOW PRODUCE THAT SECTION 12 CERTIFICATE.

39. On Saturday the 19 May, 1990, at the Nowra Police Station, I interviewed and obtained a statement from the person [redacted] with regard to this matter.

40. On Monday the 28 May, 1990, at the Sydney Police Centre, I interviewed and obtained a statement from the person Mark Phillip LOCKE with regard to this matter.

41. On Friday the 1 June, 1990, as a result of inquiries, I attended the Internal Investigation Section of the Long Bay Gaol Complex with Detective GILROY. Here I spoke to the person Gavin SCOBIE and obtained from him a statement.

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N. SMITH
Detective Sergeant.

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M. PLOTECKI
Detective Constable 1/c
RCSS Homicide Squad.
2 June, 1990.