

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Place: ...Sydney Police Station.....  
.....Death of John HUGHES.....  
..... Date: ...4th of June, 1990.....

Name: ..... Howard John FOX .....  
(Surname in capitals)

Address: ..... C/o Sydney Police Station ..... Tel. No. [REDACTED]

Occupation: ..... Constable of Police ..... STATES: -

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. 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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. On Saturday the 6th of May, 1989 I was rostered to perform Station Duties at the Kings Cross Police Station between the hours of 7am and 3.30pm.

3. Shortly before 1pm I was standing at the Inquiry Counter at the Kings Cross Police Station when a male person, by the name of Bill St.John entered the station and told me something. As a result of what I was told by St.John I went downstairs to the Detectives Office and had a conversation with Detective Senior Constable SCULLION.

4. Detective SCULLION and I then went with St.John to a block of units on the corner of Greenknowe Ave and Baroda St. St.John then showed us to unit No [REDACTED]. On arrival at this unit I noticed that the front door was slightly ajar. Detective SCULLION and I entered the unit, which was a small Batchelor type unit. On entering the unit I observed a male person lying face down on a double bed to the left of the front door. I observed that the male person had a pillow case over his head and a leather strap around his neck, through the leather strap, at the rear of his head was a silver pair of kitchen tongs which had been turned to twist the leather strap, tightening it around the neck of the male person. I also noticed pieces of a ceramic pot on the bed around the male persons head.

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5. I then noticed that the male persons hand were tied behind his back with cord and that his feet were also bound with a similar cord. The male person appeared deceased.

6. Inside the unit I also noticed that a small radiator heater was on and that the television was on.

7. Detective Scullion and I then left the room and after a short conversation with him, I returned to Kings Cross Police Station where I had a conversation with Detective Sergeant SPAIN. Sergeant SPAIN and I then returned to the unit where I remained for a short time before returning to Kings Cross Police Station and resuming my normal duties.

Witness: ..... *[Signature]* ..... Signature: ..... *Howard Fox* .....