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New South Wales Police

Statement in the matter of:
Death of John Gordon HUGHES

Place : Regional Crime
South - Homicide
Date : 19 June, 1990.

Name : DOIG Neil Alexander.

Address: c/- Regional Crime Squad South.

Occupation: Shop proprietor.

Phn No: [REDACTED]

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

3. About 2.45pm on Saturday, the 6 June, 1989, with Detectives PLOTECKI, SPAIN and EMMETT, I went to premises at [REDACTED] Greenknowe Avenue, Points Point. These premises being a red brick, residential block of units, situated on the corner of Greenknowe Avenue and Baroda Lane, Potts Point.

4. Outside the unit, I spoke to a number of Police. Upon entry to the flat, I noticed that a heater and the television were on. I saw the flat consisted of two rooms, one large room, being both a bedroom and lounge area and a bathroom, situated in the left corner of the room. In the right

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corner of the room 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 body's hands were bound behind the back, with electrical cord, as were his feet, bound just above the ankles. A pillow slip covered the head of the deceased and further electrical cord and a leather belt were wrapped around the body's 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. 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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6. On top of these papers was a kitchen knife, with a blade approximately 30 cm long, which had what appeared to be blood on it's blade.

7. 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.

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


9. At 9.20am that date, I went to the Sutherland Police Station, with Detective PLOTECKI. Here I saw defendant, Ian Stuart JONES. JONES was taken to a small office, near the general inquiry area of the station. JONES said, "Well what the fucks this all about?" PLOTECKI 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." PLOTECKI said, "Do you know a John Gordon HUGHES?" JONES said, "Yeah." PLOTECKI 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

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that, I can't tell you the number." PLOTECKI 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." PLOTECKI said, "This Kerrie, that's Kerrie STANTON?" He said, "Yes."

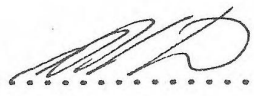

10. PLOTECKI said, "How long have you known the person HUGHES?" He said, "About 10 years I guess, I was a good mate of his." PLOTECKI said, "When was the last time you saw to HUGHES?" He said, "When I moved out of his place in, I think February this year. I got stabbed on New years eve and after I got 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. PLOTECKI 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" PLOTECKI said, "Of which month?" He said, "February." PLOTECKI 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." PLOTECKI said, "Who did you live here with?" He said, "Well Kerrie, and a

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couple, Ron and Leone FLOWERS, they owned the house. There was also Lance DODD." PLOTECKI 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."

11. PLOTECKI 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." PLOTECKI said, "Did you work in Bathurst?" He said, "Yeah, for Mitchell Plant Hire in Vale Road, they can tell I was there." PLOTECKI said, "Do you own a car." JONES said, "No." PLOTECKI 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." PLOTECKI said, "Do you recall the number?" He said, "No." PLOTECKI 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." PLOTECKI 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 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." PLOTECKI said, "Do you know LOCKEs' full name?" He said, "Mark LOCKE." PLOTECKI said, "Do you know [151] correct name?" He said, "No, he used to work the wall but."

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12. PLOTECKI then had a conversation with the defendant concerning another matter, after which he said to JONES, "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.

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