

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Death of John Gordon HUGHES Place: Homicide Unit  
Region Crime Squad South  
Date: 18 April, 1991

Name: Susan Fosberry EMMETT  
(Surname in capitals)  
Address: Homicide Unit, Region Crime Squad South Tel. No. [REDACTED]  
Occupation: Detective Constable 1st Class STATES:-

1. This statement, made by me, accurately sets out the evidence I would be prepared to give, if necessary, at 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. About 2.45pm on Saturday, 6 May, 1989, with Detectives SPAIN, DOIG and PLOTECKI, I went to unit [REDACTED] Greenknowe Avenue, Potts Point. Outside the unit, I had a conversation with Detective SCULLION. I saw that the unit consisted of two rooms, one large room being a combined bedroom and lounge area with small kitchen area in the right corner, with a doorway in the left corner leading to the bathroom. The unit was tidy but cluttered. There were no apparent signs of a struggle. I saw that the lock to the front door of the premises was intact and had not been forced in any way.
3. On a double bed to the left of the front door I saw the body of the deceased, identified to me as John Gordon HUGHES. The deceased was lying face down across the bed, with his head towards the northern wall of the room, and the feet of the deceased were hanging over the side of the bed. The hands of the deceased were bound behind his back with white electrical cord, and his legs were bound with similar cord just above the ankles. A pink floral pillow case covered the head of the deceased and white electrical cord and a leather belt were wrapped around his neck. A pair of kitchen tongs were protruding from the back of the neck and appeared to have been used to tighten the bindings by having twisted them. Pieces of broken pottery were scattered about on the bed, around the head of the deceased and a lamp stand was next to his right arm. The television and heater in the unit were both on.

Witness: [Signature] Signature: [Signature]

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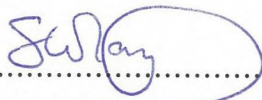
There were blood stains on the pillow case and on the bed near the head of the deceased, apparently from wounds to his head. A number of personal papers were scattered on the bed to the right side of the deceased and on top of those papers was a kitchen knife, with a blade approximately 30 cm in length, which had what appeared to be blood on the blade.

4. I was present when Crime Scene and Fingerprint Police attended the premises and I later returned to the Kings Cross Police Station where I attended to a number of duties in relation to this matter.

5. I later returned to [REDACTED] Greenknowe Avenue, Potts Point where I spoke to Constable LANGSFORD and about 9.30pm I attended the City Morgue, Glebe. I was present when Dr. OETTLE and Dr. SCHWARZ made an examination of the body of the deceased. Photographs were taken by Detective KHOUDAIR of the Crime Scene Unit.

6. I returned to the Kings Cross Police Station and carried out a number of inquiries in connection with this matter.

Witness: .....



Signature: .....

