

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Kings Cross Police StationDate: 6th of May, 1989.Name: WEST Gregory Peter
(Surname in capitals)Address: N.F.P.A. Tel. No.Occupation: Sickness Benefits. STATES:-

The 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.

1. I was born on the [REDACTED]
2. I first met a person who I know as John HUGHES in Hughes Street, Potts Point. I call him skinny John. I was taken to see Skinny JOHN because he was selling speed, by speed I mean amphetamines. This was about 1981, 1982. I kept scoring off him and after sometime we developed an unwritten association. By this I mean I would spend most of the day there. I was there if there was any trouble. For this he might give me a deal. From what I saw there was never any trouble and he was always up front with everyone that he dealt with. In late 1982 I got pinched for a breach of parole or something. I went to the Bay and after about a month I saw Skinny John there. I saw him for about a week and then I got transferred. In the middle of 1983 I got out and I went to the Rex Hotel, in Kings Cross. On the night I was released I met Skinny John.
3. I met him about once a week for about 18 months. I would only bump into him around the Cross area. At that time he was living in a flat in Springfield Avenue. I didn't have much to do with him or his friends. I'm pretty sure he wasn't dealing at this time. We were always on a friendly basis. In 1985 I got busted for supplying drugs and did a stint of four years. I did not see him during that time nor did I hear anything about him.

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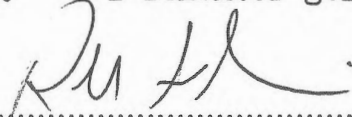
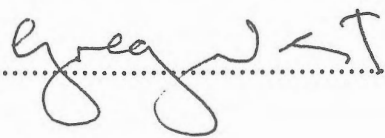
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4. I was released from gaol on the 28th of March, 1989. I was only one or two days out when I met a bloke called Aaron. We were in the Rex Hotel. He mentioned that he was staying with Skinny John so we went down to see him. I asked him if I could use his address for the Social Security. He said it was alright. I think I even slept there the first night in the loun chair. At this time he was in the process of moving from a flat that he had on thesecond floor to a flat on the third floor There was a blue with the Security bloke and Skinny John. The Security bloke thought he was dealing and wanted him out of the building.

5. For a week after this I used his flat on the second floor When that finished I would then go to his flat every morning between 7.00am and 9.00am. I would have a shower, shave, and wash my clothes there. Sometimes I would have a sleep in his bed. I have been doing this up till today. It may have been only once or twice that he was never home at this itime. Usual when I left I make a pre-arranged time to met him again.

6. Yesterday I went to Skinny's place about 7.00am. I buzzer and was let in. I think the Security bloke saw me going in. Skinny was just lying on the bed and I went and had a shower. When I came out he was up and about. We had a cup of tea together. I remember him telling me that he had something to do a twelve o'clock. He didn't tell me what it was. I don't know if he was going to meet somebody or do something. But I remember him saying that he had to get me up at twelve because he needed the flat. I didn't hear him leave because I fell asleep. It was about 12.30pm when he came back because I heard him coming in. He seemed alright, he was by himself. I cant remember if he was carrying anything. We had a cup of tea and I had another shower and left about 1.00pm. I agreed to see him again tomorrow morning as usual. He never said if he was going out that night what he was doing. He was alright when I left.

7. I remember going up the streetto a bottle shop. I don't

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para 7.. remember which one it was. I bought a bottle of beer, Tooheys Draught. I then walked around drinking it. I remember meeting a worker called ' Kay.' I was with her for awhile. We just sat around talking to people. I remember speaking to Ian CORBETT. After I left Kay I went back to Skinny John's place. I think it was around midnight. I buzzed and no one answered. I don't think anyone saw me. I went back again, but I can't remember if it was before or after I met Aaron.

8. Aaron is Skinny John's flat mate. Usually when I go there Aaron is also there. They get on alright and I've never seen them fight. I don't know if he has a key to the unit. I don't know how long he has been living with him but it was before I got there. I don't know if he is gay or not. I don't think he is using. He might on and off but he definitely doesn't have a habit.

9. I met Aaron early Saturday morning. He was with a girl. I don't know who the girl was, she was Australian, natural blonde, bit plumpish, pretty face, about five foot five. She was wearing a white top and I think a denim dress. I spoke with them near the strip joint where the little Italian bouncer works. The bouncer has got a big moustache. We were laughing about something the bouncer did. He blew his nose and it landed on a sheila. She had a go at him and he was playing it straight. Aaron told me that he had been around and Skinny wasn't in. He didn't say what time he went there. I knew it was real late at night but I just can't remember what time it was that I met Aaron.

10. After I left Aaron I just wandered around talking to the usual people. I'm currently on Methodone and the clinic doesn't open till after 7.00am. I went down and got my Methodone and then I went around to Skinny's place. I buzzed, no one answered. I'm pretty sure that the Security bloke saw me this morning. The Security door was open but I didn't go into the building because he would have pulled me up. I went back a few more times up till about 9.00am. After this I went up the road and had a drink with 'Agó'. His real name is Augustino. We bought some beer and just walked

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para 10.. around the Cross drinking it. 'Ago' left and then I went around to see if Skinny was there. I looked in the window and thought I saw him. I thought he said come up and then I went and buzzed a the door wouldn't open. A uniform Policeman then came up and spok to me. I then came down to Kings Cross Police Station.

11. I remember when I went around at midnight on the Friday that a light in the Unit was on. I was looking through the bathroom window. and could see this light. The kitchen window blinds were up, about a foot off the window sill. Each time I went back this morning the blind was in the same position and I could tell that the light was still on. Skinny John usually sleep with the blinds down. I thought this was odd because if the blinds are up he is usually home and would therefore let me in. The other thing that is odd is he's usually home this time of day.

12. I remember Skinny John telling me that he got pinched or something and he had about seven grand in the bank that he couldn't touch. He said he needed this money for Barristers or something. I thought he was a bit paranoid or scared., as if he was worried about the pinch, or money or looking for a job. I thought this because he didn't mind me going there everyday. He gave me the impression that I was sought of there for protection. He was an easy mark if anybody wanted to rip him off.

13. At this time items of my clothing, identification papers and bankbook are in his flat. I usually leave this stuff there.

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