

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in the matter of:

Death of John Gordon HUGHES.

Place: Regional Crime Squad
South-Miranda.

Date: 30 June, 1989.

Name: S T A N T O N Kerrie Anne

Address: [REDACTED] Sylvania. 2224

Phn No.: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Sales representative.

STATES:-

1. This statement, made by me, accurately sets out the evidence I would be prepared, if necessary, to give at Court as a witness.

2. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge 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. My date of birth is the [REDACTED]

4. I am Kerrie Anne STANTON. I presently reside at the above address with my parents. I have known Ian Stuart JONES for about 15 years, and have lived in a defacto relationship with him from February, 1988 until June, 1989. In February last year, 1988, Ian was released from Pentridge gaol, Victoria. He came to live with me at the above address, for approximately one week. We then moved to Engadine. We resided there in rented accommodation for about 6 months.

5. Ian and I then moved to [REDACTED] Monterey, living there for 3 months approximately, after which we then moved to Gatley. I do not recall the address. We resided here until December, 1988. At this time Ian and I then broke up for a short time, this being due to Ian's heroin use. I then returned to my parents address, living there until February this year, 1989.

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Signed: [Signature]

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6. After we moved out of the flat at Oatley, Ian, who was now using heroin regularly, moved to an address at Carlton, living with friends of his. Their names were Leonie and Greg. I do not recall their address but the phone number for their address was either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Ian lived there for about one month. It was whilst he was living at Carlton that he was stabbed, on New Years Eve, at Kings Cross. As a result of this he spent 2 or 3 weeks in hospital at St. Vincents.

7. When Ian was released from hospital, I arranged for him to live at the Carlton Boarding House, Phone No. [REDACTED]. Ian lived there for about one month. Because of Ian being in hospital, Ian had stopped using heroin. At the boarding house he again started to use this drug. He moved to the Mathew Talbot Hostel in Darlinghurst for a short time after which he commenced living with John HUGHES at [REDACTED] Greenknowe Avenue, Potts Point. He lived with John HUGHES for about 4 weeks, and it would have been from about mid February to mid March of this year.

8. After Ian lived with John he left Sydney and went to Bathurst looking for work. Initially he lived at the Victoria Hotel after which he moved into 47 Epfold Street, Bathurst. At this time Ian gained a job with Mitchell Plant Hire as a driver/operator. After Ian had been in Bathurst a couple of weeks I moved to Bathurst and lived with him at Epfold Street. This would have probably been some time in April. I was living with Ian until mid June.

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9. The house at Upfold Street was sold at the end of May, and we moved into the "Bathurst Caravan Park" for a week or two. I moved back to Sylvania approximately the 13 June, 1989. Ian drove me back to Sydney in a hire car and then drove back to Bathurst.

10. On the 16 June, 1989, Ian returned to my parents address at Sylvania in a particularly bad mood and had an altercation with my father, for which he has subsequently been arrested and charged in reference to. He was arrested concerning this matter in Bathurst on Monday the 19 June, 1989.

11. During the period of time of was living with Ian at Bathurst I had cause to return to Sydney on two occasions to care for my pets, which were at my parents house. On one of these occasions I flew back and at the other time I hired a car from Budget in Bathurst. Neither of these times did Ian accompany me. At no time during the period which I lived with Ian did he travel to Sydney to my knowledge.

12. Whilst living at Bathurst, at Upfold Street, we shared the residence with Ron and Leone FLOWER, and a male I only know as Lance. Ron and Leone have since moved to Queensland, however their parents live in Epping, the phone No. being [REDACTED]

13. During the time we lived in Bathurst, Ian owned a small mini sedan, pale green in colour. I

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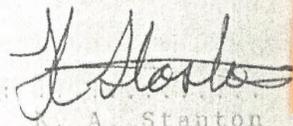

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am not sure of the registration number. He only owned it for about 4 weeks, probably for the month of May.

14. Whilst Ian was living with John I only visited him at the Greenknowe address about three or four times. I only spoke to John on the phone about several times. During Ians' stay with John, John had a boy friend living with him named "[151]". I am aware that John was frightened of some people. I do not know who, and I also believe that he was frightened for [151] at some stage. It was my understanding that Ian may have been there to act as an added security measure for John. I am aware that John was on the methodome programme, but I was not aware that John was involved in any drug selling.

15. I am also aware that John was a very active homosexual. Ian has told me there was always a continual procession of people coming and going from the flat, mostly young boys. Ian also told me of an incident where [151] was allegedly kidnapped by persons who Ian didn't know (this incident happened before Ian moved in) and a demand was made on John for money. I am not aware of any other details of this incident.

Witness:  M. Plotecki
 Detective Constable First Class.
 Homicide Squad, RCS South.
 30 June, 1989.

Signed:  K. A. Stanton