

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in the matter of:

Death of John Gordon HUGHES.

Place: Regional Crime Squad
South, Homicide Squad.

Date; 13 September, 1989.

Name: L O C K E Mark Phillip

Address: [REDACTED] Revsby.

Phn No.: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Unemployed.

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 Mark Phillip LOCKE, I am a single man and I presently reside at the above address with my common law wife, Jane HUBBARD and her baby son, Luke. I have lived at the above address for the past 6 weeks. I am presently unemployed.

5. I was a friend and associate of the person John HUGHES, whom I also knew by the nickname 'Skinny John'. I had known John HUGHES for about 3 years. The last address I knew John to be living at was [REDACTED] Greenknowe Avenue, Potts Point. John was also a heroin dealer, from whom I purchased heroin on numerous occasions. Indeed at the time John died I owned him about \$1200-00 for drugs he had supplied me with, over a nine month period. I have never resided with John at any time.

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6. The block of units where John lived was a security block, by that I mean that you could not get into the units unless you had a key, or you buzzed the flat you were visiting by means of an intercom. The occupant of the flat could then have the door opened for you by pressing a button in the unit. The occupant could also check who was at the front door to the unit by speaking to the visitor via the intercom. It was usual for me in picking up drugs from John to ring him first, to see if he had heroin, I would then go around to the unit and 'buzz' him and after he let me in, I would then go to his unit and pick up the heroin. In the last year, as far as I am aware, John always sold from his unit.

8 I would describe Johns' unit as a consisting of two rooms, one being the bathroom, the other being a bedroom/living room with a small kitchen attached to it.

9. I am aware that John kept his heroin in two hiding spots, one being in the towel rack in his bathroom. The other spot being in ice cubes in the fridge. I knew of these hiding spots because whenever I purchased drugs John would always get it out in front of me. * Other persons that knew of these hiding spots would have been 151, a person named 'Jonesy' and a another male whose name I cannot recall. All of these person resided with John HUGHES at some time in the last eight months prior to Johns death. I know also, that Mark LITCHFIELD and Gavin SCOBIE, who are old lovers of John, and heroin source also knew of these hiding spots as I was present when John put drugs away that he obtained from them.

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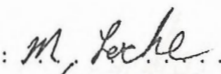
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10. As I have said, John had a number of people who have lived with him over the past eight months. Between January 1988 and June of that year he had a fellow living with him, whose name I do not know, living with him. This fellow I would describe as a white Australian male, about 27 old, 180cm tall, fair complexion, with dark brown short hair and medium build. This person was a bisexual, although I do not think he worked as a prostitute. I do not know where this person is now and have not seen him since he moved out of Johns unit.

11. In January 1987, I introduced John to a boy I know named [151]. John was an active homosexual, who liked young boys and [151] was about 17 or 18 old then. [151] moved in as Johns 'bum boy' and [151] would given John sexual favours in return for heroin and a place to stay. [151] was also working as a prostitute at the 'wall', in Darlinghurst Road. I believe that John was in love with [151], and I base this belief on the fact John continually told me this. I am aware too that [151] disliked John, but found his unit a convenient place to stay and for the drugs John supplied. [151] moved out of Johns unit at the beginning of this year, I think in February, in any event it was before I went to Brisbane to live in February/March.

12. One of Johns associates was a man I call 'GAVIN', whom I have since identified to Police as the person Gavin SCOBIE. I have known SCOBIE for 3 years, having met him through John. I am aware conversations with John that SCOBIE was an old lover and friend of Johns.

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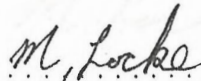
13. SCOBIE was a regular visitor at John flat, and I regularly saw him there when I went to get heroin from John. I would usually get heroin from John every day. I am also aware that John, SCOBIE and a person whom I know as 'Jonesy' (I have since identified this person to Police as the person Ian Stuart JONES) were all involved in the distribution of heroin together and that John got his heroin from SCOBIE and the person JONES. I know about this because John was keen to get into bed with me and he would take me around with him to SCOBIEs' to pick up and I was present when many of the deals were done between the three of them.

14. Between October, 1988 and January, this year, the person JONES also lived with John at Greenknowe Avenue. I'm really not sure of exact dates. Jonesy was living there on and off at this time. JONES was there to look after the drugs because John was continually getting robbed by everybody.

15. I, myself stood over John on two occasions, I cannot recall when but the last time was about mid last year. I simply told John "Give it to me." He said, "No." and I simply took the heroin from the table. John would then say, "If you don't pay, next time you come back, you get nothing." I was always a good customer, so John always let me back in.

16. When Jonesy left Johns' place early this year, he took with him Johns' drugs and some cash, I think it was over \$2000-00. He also took some electrical equipment; a police scanner, a video and a

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television. He also took some of Johns clothes. John was very upset about that because none of the clothes would fit him. John was extremely upset of this robbery as he had trusted JONES and believed he was a friend. I recall John telling me about the robbery shortly after it happened, and he said, "Listen Mark, its worth half a gram to you to find out exactly where Jonesy is. If you can't find out where he lives, contact me as soon as you see him on the street." I said, "What can you do to Jonesy anyway?" He said, "I'll get him bashed, I've got some friends. I'll fix him. I can't believe he did this." I just said I'd keep me eye out. John also said to me, "I'm going to go to the 'Cop Shop' too and make a statement about this." I said to John, "You want to be careful, you know what Jonesy like."

17. Not long after this I heard by way of roumour on the street that Jonesy had been bashed and had gone to hospital.

18 About a month after this, in late February, I saw Jonesy at Earl Place. He came up to me and grabbed me from behind, taking hold of my right shoulder, and spinning me around to face him. He said, "How are you going?" I said, "Good day mate, what can I do for you?" He said, "First of all you can get on for me, but I want to talk to you for a minute." I said, "Righto, what is it?" JONES then said, "What did John do about me knocking off his stuff?" I said, "Well I'm pretty sure he went to the Police."

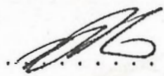
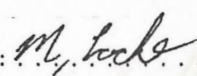
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Jonesy already appeared angry, however after I told him this he really got mad, so made he was spitting his words. He said, "What else?" I said, "I don't know mate, I really don't know." He then said, "Don't lie to me Mark or I'll rip your head off. I was going to pay John a visit anyway and give him a hiding for things I've been hearing. I've made up my mind now, I'll fix him properly." I said, "What are you going to do?" He said, "I'll kill the little cunt." At this time Jonesy was really furious. I said, "Why did you take Johns stuff, if you stayed there you would have been alright?" He said, "If you had a chance to get you hands on the dope and the cash would you have done it. He owes it to me in a way anyway. No fuck him." Jonesy then said to me, "Listen, do you want to rort John with me. He's only giving you a hard time about the bill you owe him now." I said, "I'll be in on it." I said this because I was scared of JONES and thought if I said no he hurt me. I then said, "As long as there is no really rough stuff." He said, "Look mate you can be in it or out of it, I'm only trying to do you a favour. If anything happened to John, do you honestly thing there would be big inquiry over another Junkie dealer." Jonesy wanted me to score for him after that and find out when John was getting more heroin, and how often he picked up heroin.

18a I then left and scored some heroin off John for him and told him, "John has'nt got much heroin now." He said, "Find out when he picks up, and we'll make a really big score." He then left.

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19. I got scared after this and about two days later I went to Brisbane. I recall travelling up there on the Deluxe Bus company. I travelled up there at night and I used the name LOCKEA.

20. When I arrived in Brisbane I lived at the St. Vincents Hostel, at South Brisbane. I signed a register to live there. I stayed there for 2 or 3 weeks and then moved to the Rocklea Hotel, Rocklea. I stayed there with a mate, Cliff, I don't recall his surname. I signed there under either the name STEELE or CULLEN.

21. I then moved to [REDACTED], Spring Hill. here I lived from in a single bedsit by myself from April to June, when I returned to Sydney. I signed a lease for this unit in my own name. At no time between going to Brisban in February/March and June of this year did I return to Sydney. Whilst in Brisbane I got onto the methodone clinic as soon as I got there, I and picked up my methodone, every day, at the China Town clinic, for the first week after which I picked up from a chemist a Rocklea, then whilst I was living at [REDACTED], I picked up from the B.A.F.S. chemist in George Street, Brisbane.

22. In late June, I was told by a friend, I only know as Spike, that John had been killed. This was while I was in Brisbane. At first I thought he was only lying to me. When I got back to Sydney another friend also told me that John was murdered and that a guy, a bisexual I only know as Aaron was in gaol over it. This Aaron I had met prior to going to Brisbane and he also knew John.

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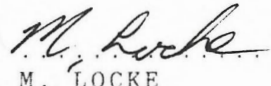
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* 23. (When I was told John was killed I immediately thought Jonesy had killed him.) I didn't go to Police because I was aware that I had warrants out for me concerning the abduction of a girlfriend of mine, 152. I also hold fears for my safety as I believe the person JONES would injure or kill me if he was aware that I had spoken to Police about this matter.

24. Prior to going to Brisbane, I am aware that Jonesy and 151 were also knocking around together, although I cannot say what the relationship between these two person was.

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