

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in the matter of:

Death of John Gordon HUGHES.

Place: Regional Crime Squad  
South, Miranda Base.

Date; 14 September, 1989.

Name: S T A N T O N Kerrie Anne.

Address: [redacted] Sylvania. 2224. 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 Kerrie Anne STANTON, I am a single woman and I currently reside with my parents at the above address. Until August 1989, I was the de-facto wife of the person Ian Stuart JONES. I am presently unaware of the current whereabouts of this person.

5. Since giving the Police a statement earlier this year, regarding the movements of myself and my ex defacto husband, Ian JONES, I am able to assist further by referring to my diary. This diary is a 1989, 'Collins' diary, which I started at the beginning of this year, and used for the recording of personal and business information.

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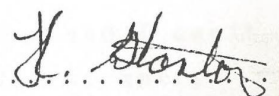
6. The first entry in this diary, which relates to Ian JONES, is on the 22 February, 1989. In this entry I have just recorded Ian phone number as being [REDACTED]. This number I believe is John HUGHES work number. At the time of this entry, Ian was living with John at his unit at [REDACTED], Potts Point.

7. The next entry is the 15 March, 1989, in which I have recorded "Ian has'nt been at Mathews for quite a long time. And was definitely absent last night". By this entry, I think Ian still living at John HUGHES unit, and that he hadn't turned up a the Mathew Talbot Hostel, Kings Cross. I cannot recall why I believed that Ian was to have gone to the hostel that night, this may have been because John was having someone around.

8. The next entry was the 1 April, 1989, Ian had phoned and wanted me at Bathurst. I can't recall how long prior to this day Ian had been at Bathurst for. I told him it was impractical for me to go to Bathurst as I was required for Court on the 5 April, in Sydney, and he also had Court in Sydney on the 19 April, 1989. Ian was appearing at Kogarah Local Court. The entry also refers to Ian visiting friends at Bathurst gaol that day and my court case.

9. On the 13 April, 1989, I flew to Bathurst on the 11.30am flight, I cannot recall the airline. I have recorded it was flight 306.

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10. The entry on the 17 April, 1989, refers to me ringing the Legal Aid, I believe at Kogarah, for Ian, to see if one of Ian's' cases was going ahead in a couple of days time.

11. The 18 April, 1989, I have recorded getting a phone call from Ian, who was in Bathurst, in which Ian told me he was worried over his court case and that he did not have fares to get to Sydney. I booked train fares for Ian to get to Sydney to get to Court. Ian travelled to Sydney on the evening of the 18 April, 1989. The entry on the 19 April, 1989, refers to Ian and I going to Court a Kogarah. I recall Ian travelled by train back to Bathurst that day, and rang me when he got home.

12. The entry on the 24 April, 1989, states that Ian did not phone the previous night, but phoned that evening (the 24th). This call was from Bathurst, and Ian said that he wanted me to go to Bathurst instantly and that if I didn't go, he didn't need me and it would be all over.

13. The following day Ian phone at 9.15am and said that he expected me and my dog (referred to in the entry as Lamb chop) tomorrow.

14. The next day, I booked a car to drive to Bathurst on Friday the 28 April. I recall hiring the car from either from 'Thrift' or 'Budget', in the local area. I spoke to Ian at Bathurst by phone before leaving. It appears for other entries that a acquaintance I met in Queensland arrived and I can't recall when I left for Bathurst, however my entry

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dated the 3 May, 1989, states I booked a car a 'Budget' Sutherland and was going to leave early with my dog and two cats (referred to chop bones, ferret and shit).

15. I have made an entry on the 5 May, 1989, concerning a Dave Allen concert, a friend of mine, John GIBSON was booking. I cannot recall when we went to the concert, but I think I didn't leave for Bathurst until after the concert. I recall travelling to Bathurst from Sydney with my dogs on a Monday, this may have been the 8 May, 1989, although I am not sure of this date.

16. This concert entry was the last entry in the diary, relative to Ian's or my movements. In some of the entries I refer Ian as "Bubby".

17. On arriving in Bathurst I stayed with Ian at [redacted] Upfold Street, until the end of May. At this time I again returned to Sydney to return my pets to my parents house. During the time I lived with Ian in Upfold Street, after my arrival, I do not recall Ian coming to Sydney.

18. One thing I also wish to mention in this statement is that Ian had a few fights while living in the Kings Cross area, during the time he stayed with John HUGHES. I also recall that on one occasion Ian told me that he had defended [151] in a fight. This would have occurred some time, whilst [151] and Ian were both living with HUGHES.

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M. PLOTECKI  
Detective Constable First Class.  
RCS South Homicide Squad.  
14 September, 1989.

Signed: [Signature]  
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