

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in the matter of:

Death of John Gordon HUGHES.

Place: Miranda Crime Squad.

Date: 29 December, 1989.

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

Address: [Redacted] Greys Point. 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 presently reside with my boyfriend at the above address. I am currently unemployed.

5. As a result of a Police request, I attended the Miranda Crime Squad office, this date, where whilst being interviewed by Detective PLOTECKI, I became aware that I had omitted details from my previous statements concerning the movements of myself and my one time de-facto husband Ian Stuart JONES, with particular regard to the weekend of the 5 May, 1989 to the 7 May, 1989.

6. As I have stated in my previous statements, Ian had moved to Bathurst sometime around the beginning of April, 1989. I visited Ian the first time in

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on the 13 April, 1989. On this occasion I flew to Bathurst via an Airline.

7. On the second occasion I visited Ian, he was residing at a [redacted] Upfold Street, Bathurst, in shared accommodation with the persons Ron and Leone FLOWERS and a male called Lance DODD. At this time I hired a car from the Sutherland branch of Budget Car Rental, on the 3 May, 1989, this being a Wednesday. I recall leaving Sydney around 4.30pm, which was the time I hired the car, which was a white Holden Commodore sedan. On route to Bathurst I was stopped by Police for PCA, and I arrived at the address at Upfold Street around 11pm that evening.

8. Upon arrival I had a fight with Ian over the fact that I had been caught for PCA. The following morning I had a further fight with Ian over this matter. Ian went to work the next morning, which was Thursday the 4 May, 1989. Ian worked as a plant operator at this time at Mitchell Plant Hire.

9. The following day, Friday the 5 May, 1989, Ian called in sick for work. I got up that morning between 9am and 10am. On getting up I had a fight with Ian, partly over getting caught by Police and primarily over Ian wishing to take the hire car from me. He told me he wanted the hire car to go to see some friends. As a result of this fight, Ian stormed out and drove off in his green mini sedan. At the time of this fight, Ians' house mates, the FLOWERS and Lance DODD were present. I cannot recall what clothes Ian was wearing at this time.

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At the time of this fight and indeed, from the time of my arrival in Bathurst on the 3 May, 1989, Ian had been suffering from withdrawal symptoms. Having known Ian for the past 15 years, I have always been aware of his addiction to heroin and have on numerous occasions seen him in withdrawal. On the occasion of the fight on Friday the 5 May, 1989, these withdrawal contributed to Ian aggressive and violent manner. At the time Ian left I assumed Ian was going to the friends place he had mention because of what he had said earlier about borrowing the hire car. I was aware at this time Ian was to have gone to a snooker competition that evening at either the RSL or the Park Royal Hotel, I'm not sure which. Ian left the house at 10.30am at the latest.

10. I did not see Ian again until Saturday morning the 6 May, 1989, at about 11am. I cannot recall if Ian had different clothes on at this time, he returned to the house in the Mini sedan he owned. I recall Ian told me he had been with friends, although he was never specific as to which friends these were, and I only assumed they lived in the Bathurst area. Ian did tell me however that he did not go to the snooker contest that the was to have attended on the evening of the 5 May, 1989. When I saw Ian on the 6 May, I did notice that he was no longer suffering from withdrawal and that from my experience with him, it appeared that he had obtained and had used heroin recently. I am unaware if he had any money with him when he left, nor do I recall Ian having any money on his return.

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11. I do also recall at the time Ian went missing between 10.30am on the 5 May, 1989 and 11am on the 6 May, 1989, I went looking for him with some friends I had made who lived in either number [redacted] of [redacted] Upfold Street.

12. Ian never specifically told me where he as for that period, nor do I recall him mentioning the name of John Gordon HUGHES at that time. I am aware however that HUGHES did supply heroin to Ian, and that Ian sold heroin for him also. Ian had told me of this while he (Ian) was living with John. I am aware too that Ian has in the past bashed robbed other drugs users, and generally stood over them for drugs. He has also told me of various drug deals where he has substituted other powders for drugs. I cannot give any reason why I did not tell Police of this earlier. I also know that from what Ian has told me and from the experience of being bashed by Ian that Ian, when he fights, uses he feet as well as his fists. On one occasion, when we lived at Monteray, late 1988, Ian attempted to strangle me using a scarf. On this occasion he was going through withdrawal symptoms. Because it was a domestic matter, I never reported it to Police.

13. At the present time, I do not know the whereabouts of the person Ian JONES. I am fearful with regard to my safety and well being if JONES were to locate me.

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14. Another thing I do recall, that I have not previously told Police, is that whilst living with Ian JONES at Upfold Street, Bathurst, he told me a number of time, that if he required heroin he would travel to Sydney for it. During the period of I with Ian between the 3 May, 1989, and the 5 May, 1989, I was aware, by his protracted withdrawal sypmtoms that he was having difficulty obtaining heroin.

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M. PLOTECKI
Detective Constable 1c
RCSS Homicide Squad.
29 December, 1989.

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