

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in the matter of:

Death of John Gordon HUGHES.

Place: Regional Crime Squad,
South, Miranda Base.

Date: 25 September, 1989

Name: H A R V E Y Belinda Anne

Address: [REDACTED] Phn No: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Rental Sales Officer. STATES : [REDACTED] wk.

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

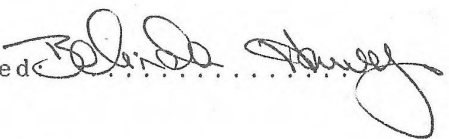
2. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

3. My date of birth is the [REDACTED]

4. I am Belinda Anne HARVEY, I am a single woman and I presently reside at the above address with parents. I am currently employed as a rental sales officer with Budget Rent-a-car at 692 Princess Highway, Sutherland. I have been so employed for the past 8 months.

5. About 4pm on Wednesday the 3 May, 1989, whilst I was at my place of work, a female, who I know as Kerrie STANTON, came into the office. She had made a booking the previous day for a Commodore sedan to take to Bathurst. She was with another girl, whose name I do not know, but who, I am aware works at the Veterinary clinic at Kirawee. She paid for the car

Witness: 

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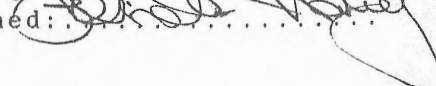
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rental on an American Express card. I rang this card number through to American Express, primarily as STANTON appeared very nervous. I recall that the authorizing office asked to speak to her on the phone, which I thought was unusual, as this normally does not happen. I subsequently learnt from the authorizing officer that the card STANTON used was a company card and that she had left the company, however they, that is American Express, still authorized the use of the card.

6. I recall filling in the rental agreement form and I said to STANTON, "Do you have a home phone number we can contact you on?" She gave me a number, which I recorded on the Rental agreement, she also said, "Could you please not call that as I don't want my parents to know that I am going." I recall when she booked the car the day previously she had also told me this. I then had her sign this rental agreement, which was numbered 785685. The time she took the vehicle out was at 4.35pm. At the time of taking the vehicle, the kilometre reading on the cars' odometer was 55692. I recall also at the time of taking the car the person STANTON said something to me about taking her sick dog with her.

7. On the morning of Friday the 5 May, 1989, I think about 11am, I received a phone call at the office from a male person. This person said he was Kerrie STANTONS' boyfriend, however he did not give a name. I recall he said, "I believe my girlfriend Kerrie STANTON, could have possibly rented a car from you, to go to Bathurst. If I could, could I get an address

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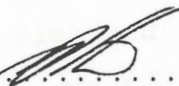
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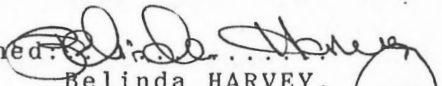
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on her, where she would be staying up there." I said that this was not possible. This person then gave me a phone number, which I wrote down on a slip of paper. I can't remember what the number was for, other than that it was a local number and that this person said that he was there. I also remember that on receiving this call that it was a local call and not STD. From the background noise, when this male called, it sounded to me like this person was ringing from a factory of some description. I remember also this male said, "If you hear from her, please call me." As it is against company policy I didn't worry about this person's request and disregarded it.

8. On Tuesday the 23 May, 1989, I recall that Kerrie STANTON returned a car to our office, which she had picked up in Bathurst. At the time of returning this car she was with a male person, whom I would describe as being a white Australian male, about 36 to 37 old, 179 cm tall, athletic build (appeared more solid than average), fair complexion, with blonde shoulder length hair, which was curly.

9. I recall also at this time telling STANTON of the call from the male person who claimed to be her boyfriend and she said, "Yeah it was a misunderstanding." This was the last occasion that I saw her.

Witness: 
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Detective Constable First Class.
Homicide Squad, RCS South.
25 September, 1989.

Signed: 
Belinda HARVEY.