

NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE

STATEMENT in matter of:
Murder of John Gordon

Place: Police Station
Dubbo.....

HUGHES.....

Date: 14 February, 1989.....

Name:FLOWER Ronald

Address: [redacted] , Dubbo.....Tel: [redacted]

Occupation: .Pensioner.....

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in Court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief 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.

2. I am 34 years of age.

3. In 1988 I purchased a house situated at [redacted] [redacted], Bathurst. I had a series of tenants in the house up until I sold it in June, 1989. These tenants used to share the house with my wife Leonie and I.

4. About March, 1989 a new tenant moved into the house. His name was Ian JONES. At that time apart from my wife and myself we also had one other boarder Lance DODD. Ian JONES stayed at the house up until it was sold in June, 1989.

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5. During the time that Ian JONES stayed with us he owned a light green mini panel van. I don't remember the registration number. I remember it was an old model panel van. In relation to the vehicle I recall that on two occasions, one in April and one in May Ian JONES had told me that he had driven the mini panel van to Sydney and back. I don't recall when exactly he told me this or what he exactly said but I know he told me before my wedding which was on the 6 May, 1989.

6. I also recall that Ian JONES owned a blue denim jacket. It was a lined jacket and was about three quarter length. It looked quite thick when Ian JONES wore it. I can't remember exactly but I think it might have had diamond type stitching on the elbows and possibly the shoulders. I would recognise the jacket if I saw it. I remember that Ian JONES wore the coat nearly all the time because of the cold weather but I do recall seeing the coat in his car on one occasion.

7. On the 3 May, 1989 my wife and I left [redacted], Bathurst to travel to Epping to get ready for our wedding. When we left the house that day Ian JONES and Lance DODD were both at the house.

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8. When we left the house that day Ian JONES seemed to be in a normal state of mind. We returned home either late on Monday the 8 May, 1989 or early on Tuesday the 9 May, 1989.

* 9. On our return home Ian JONES still appeared normal although I subsequently found out he had left his job. After this a couple of days later I thought something must have been wrong because Ian JONES didn't seem himself so I went and spoke to him. I don't recall the exact date but it was out in the backyard. I remember his car was in the backyard too. I said, "Is there something wrong?" He said, "You don't want to know." I said, "There's nothing that bad that you can't talk about it. The only thing you could do that would be that bad would be to kill someone and I don't think you would do that." He said, "That's just it. I don't want to talk about it." or something like that. We both walked inside then. After that I didn't speak to him again in relation to what was wrong.

10. After this I recall that Ian JONES was sick on a number of occasions and although I don't recall exactly what he said or when he said it I remember him telling me that he was trying to get of drugs

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11. In relation to Ian JONES I would say that he always acted properly in his dealings with my wife and I, however I do remember that on one occasion he did assault his girlfriend. I didn't actually see the assault but I was told about it by Ian and his girlfriend.

Witness. *P. C. Walkom*.....

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