

RECORD OF INTERVIEW BETWEEN DETECTIVE CONSTABLE FIRST CLASS M. C. PLOTECKI AND IAN STUART JONES AT THE SYDNEY POLICE CENTRE ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1990.

PRESENT : Detective Sergeant N. J. Smith (Typist)

TIME COMMENCED : 5.15pm.

- Q.1. As you already know I am Detective Plotecki and this is Detective Sergeant Smith. We are making inquiries regarding the murder of John Gordon Hughes at his Potts Point residence on the 5th/6th May, 1989. I am going to ask you some questions about this matter and I want you to understand that you are not obliged to say anything unless you wish to do so but whatever you say will be taken down and may later be used in evidence that?
- A. Yes.
- Q.2. Do you agree that prior to the commencement of this record of interview I told you that I intended to ask you further questions about this matter?
- A. Yes.
- Q.3. Do you agree that I also told you that my questions together with any answers that you may give to those questions would be recorded in type by Detective Sergeant Smith as the interview took place?
- A. Yes.
- Q.4. Do you agree that I also told you that at the conclusion of the interview you would be given the opportunity of reading through the interview and you may sign it if you wish?
- A. Yes.
- Q.5. Do you also agree that I also told you that at the conclusion of the interview you would be given a complete copy of the interview?
- A. Yes.
- Q.6. For the purpose of this record of interview, can you tell me your full name, address and date of birth?
- A. Ian Stuart Jones, my date of birth is the [REDACTED] and my residential address is [REDACTED], Darlinghurst.
- Q.7. What is your occupation?
- A. Plant operator.
- Q.8. Who do you work for?
- A. Aerolift at Cabramatta.
- Q.9. What is the phone number for Aerolift?
- A. [REDACTED].
- Q.10. What is the name of your employer?
- A. Neil Fuller.
- Q.11. How long have you been employed with Aerolift.
- A. 3 months.

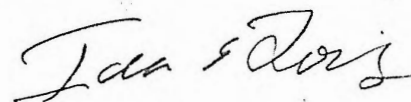
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- Q.12. How long have you lived at your curreent address at Bourke Street?
- A. Three to four months.
- Q.13. Who do you reside at this address with?
- A. Myself, its a hostel, I've got my own room, it's called Edward Egar Lodge.
- Q.14. How much rent do you pay a week?
- A. Seventy a week.
- Q.15. Where were you lviing prior to moving into the Edgar Egar Lodge?
- A. 19 Denham Street, Surry Hills, it's also a hostel.
- Q.16. What sought of hostel at Denham Street?
- A. A salavation army one.
- Q.17. Where did you live prior to this?
- A. C.R.C. House, 1 Pacific Highway, Roseville.
- Q.18. When did you move out of C.R.C. house?
- A. After Christmas last.
- Q.19. Are you Australian born?
- A. No, I was born in Ponti Pree.
- Q.20. Where is Ponti Pree?
- A. Near Cardiff, Wales.
- Q.21. When did you arrive in Australia?
- A. 1964 on a B.O.A.C. Flight with my family.
- Q.22. By your family, who do you refer two?
- A. Two brothers and one sister.
- Q.23. What are your brother's names?
- A. Christopher, Robert and mys sister is Gaymor.
- Q.24. Are you single or married?
- A. Single.
- Q.25. Do you agree that a short time ago I spoke to you outside the Advance Bank in Oxford Street, D_rlinghurst?
- A. Yes, you arrested me.
- Q.26. Do you agree that at this time I informed you that you were under arrest with regard to outstanding warrants?
- A. Yes.

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Q.27. Do you agree that you were subsequently brought back to the Sydney Police Centre?

A. Yes.

Q.28. As I have already told you, Detective Sergeant Smith and myself are making inquiries regarding the murder of John Gordon Hughes, which occurred between the 5th and 6th May, 1989 at Hughe's residence at [REDACTED] Greenknowe Avenue, Potts Point? Is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q.29. I am now going to show you a statement dated the 4th October, 1989, in the name of Ian Stuart Jones, of [REDACTED], taken at the Kings Cross Police Station by myself on that date. I would like you to read this statement and I want you to understand that you are not obliged to say anything about the contents of this statement unless you wish to do so. Do you understand that?

A. Yes.

STATEMENT SHOWN TO JONES WHO APPEARS TO READ SAME.

Q.30. Have you read that statement?

A. Yes.

Q.31. Are the signatures that appear at the base of each page of this six page document your signatures?

A. Yes I believe so.

Q.32. Are the contents of this statement true and correct?

A. Yes it is except that there are two things that I wish to add.

Q.33. Can you tell what these two things are?

A. The first thing is that Hughes did use heroin occasionally and regarding the matter of Locke blackmailing Hughes, which I mention, (INDICATES PARAGRAPH 14) Just that Locke owed Hughes money and that he was blackmailing him, that's it.

Q.34. How was Locke blackmailing Hughes?

A. He was threatening to expose Hughes.

Q.35. Do you know any details of how Locke was blackmailing Hughes?

A. I don't know any details of it.

Q.36. How did you find out that Locke was Blackmailing Hughes?

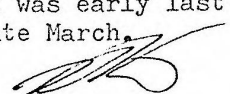
A. Hughes told me.

Q.37. When did Hughes tell you this?

A. During the period that I was living with Hughes at his place.

Q.38. Well when was that?

A. It was early last year between February and when I moved to Lighthow in early or late March.



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- Q.39. In the statement I have just shown you in paragraph six, you refer to being stabbed in the back on New Years day of 1989 (INDICATED TO JONES). You indicate in your statement that you reported the matter to Police at that time, Do you recall to whom you reported the matter to?
- A. To a Constable in a police car a few minutes after I was stabbed, outside of Les Girls in Kings Cross.
- Q.40. Did you subsequently speak to any other Police about this stabbing?
- A. No.
- Q.41. ~~Would~~ you outline to me your injuries as a result of this stabbing?
- A. I was stabbed in the left top shoulder and in the middle of the back, they operated on me.
- Q.42. How long did you spend in hospital?
- A. I spent a month in St.Vincent's.
- Q.43. Where exactly did this stabbing take place?
- A. Roslyn Street, Kings Cross.
- Q.44. Do you have any knowledge as to why this attack took place?
- A. No.
- Q.45. What was your means of income prior to you being stabbed this evening?
- A. I was on unemployment benefits at that time.
- Q.46. Were you robbed at all during the course of the attack?
- A. No, but I believe that was the intentions of the assailants, one of them asked for a cigarette and the other two asked me for me wallet.
- Q.47. Where were you living at this time?
- A. I was living at [REDACTED], I've forgotten the number.
- Q.48. Who were you living with at this time?
- A. Greg and Leone. I thing her name was Ballstrone or something similar and his was Alexander.
- Q.49. After you were discharged from hospital, where did you live?
- A. I lived in a boarding house in Hill Street, Carlton and then I moved in with John Hughes after about two weeks.
- Q.50. When you moved in with John Hughes, was anyone else living there at that time?
- A. ⁷⁴ 151.
- Q.51. Do you know 151's second name?
- A. No.
- Q.52. ~~Can~~ you describe John Hughes' flat to me?
- A. It was a one bedroom self contained apartment.

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Q.53. How many rooms were in this ^{IT} apartment?

A. One, plus a bathroom, the one room was a bedroom come loungeroom come kitchen.

Q.54. Where did you sleep?

A. On the single mattress on the floor.

Q.55. Where did [151] sleep?

A. In the double bed,

Q.56. With John?

A. In the double bed with [151].

Q.57. Did you pay any rent?

A. No.

Q.58. Why didn't you pay rent?

A. There was no need to.

Q.59. Were you working at this time?

A. No.

Q.60. Were you in receipt of unemployment benefits at this time?

A. Yes.

Q.61. Who had keys to John Hughes' flat?

A. Only John.

Q.62. Did John Hughes ever give you the keys to the flat?

A. On occasions he would give them to me.

Q.63. What did you do during the day whilst you were living at John Hughes' flat?

A. Just go down and hang around the street.

Q.64. Did you know the person [151] before you moved in with John Hughes'?

A. No.

Q.65. Are you aware of how long John Hughes knew the person [151]?

A. I can't remember how long.

Q.66. Are you aware how long the person [151] had resided with Hughes prior to you moving in there?

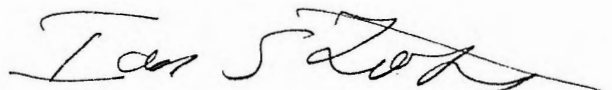
A. I think it was a month or so.

Q.67. Where did you keep your clothing and other personal possessions whilst you were living with John Hughes?


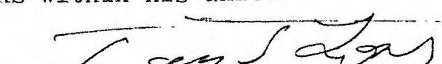
A. In a plastic bag next to me on the floor.

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- Q.68. Where were you picking up your unemployment benefits from at the time of living with Hughes?
- A. I was living at John's place but it was getting paid into my account at the Commonwealth Bank at Carlton, I had a savings account.
- Q.69. Earlier in this record of interview you told me that the person Hughes, used heroin occasionally (INDICATING QUESTION AND ANSWER TO Q.33) Would you care to detail to me Hughes' heroin habits?
- A. He used it intravenously on occasions at his home, I only saw him once and he told me that he was using more often.
- Q.70. To your knowledge how often would John Hughes use heroin?
- A. Maybe once or twice a week, because he was on methadone.
- Q.71. To your knowledge, was the person [151] using heroin?
- A. Yes he was.
- Q.72. How often would [151] use heroin?
- A. Fairly regularly, he was injecting himself to.
- Q.73. How many times have you seen [151] use heroin?
- A. I saw John inject [151] once. I don't think [151] could inject himself at that time and I was told by both of them that [151] was using more than that.
- Q.74. Where was [151] getting his heroin from?
- A. Different sources on the street, John would go and score for him and I would even go and score for him sometimes.
- Q.75. Did John Hughes do his own banking?
- A. As far as I knew he did.
- Q.76. Do you know which banks and accounts he had?
- A. He said that he had a National and a St. George account.
- Q.77. Do you know how much money was in these accounts?
- A. No.
- Q.78. Did John Hughes ever get you to go to the bank for him?
- A. No.
- Q.79. Was there a reason why John didn't let you do his banking for him?
- A. No, not that I know of
- Q.80. Did John let any other person do his banking for him?
- A. Not that I know of.
- Q.81. Why did you move to Bathurst?
- A. To work.

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- Q.82. When you moved into John Hughes' flat, who was aware besides, John Hughes and 151 that you were living there?
- A. Gavin a friend of John's, I don't know his second name, I've forgotten it. Mark Locke, Kerrie Stanton my old girlfriend, that's about all I can remember and there were other acquaintances of mine who's names I don't know.
- Q.83. When you moved out of John Hughes's flat, who did you tell where you were going?
- A. Nobody, I tried to ring Kerrie and her mother said she wasn't there but I got in touch with her later and told her that I was in Bathurst and she come and seen me.
- Q.84. Whilst you were living with John Hughes, could you explain to me the security system of the units?
- A. It was an intercom system. Someone would push the button downstairs, there was a microphone and you could answer it from the flat and there was a button that you pushed in the flat to open the door. He had a couple of deadlocks on the door when I moved in.
- Q.85. Was there any other way of getting to the front door of the flat which would by-pass this intercom system?
- A. If you followed another resident in when they were answering their door.
- Q.86. Whilst you were living with John Hughes did you ever follow any other person into the block of flats in the manner in which you have just described?
- A. I've seen other people doing it but I've never done myself. I always use to buzz the intercom.
- Q.87. Whilst you were living with John Hughes, did any of his visitors ever knock on John's door bypassing the intercom?
- A. Yes there were a couple.
- Q.88. Did John answer the door to these people?
- A. Only to people that he knew.
- Q.89. If John Hughes didn't know the identity of the person knocking on the door, what would happen?
- A. He wouldn't let them in and tell them to bugger off.
- Q.90. In your statement you mention being aware that John Hughes had \$5,000. "snookered away for solicitor's fees" (INDICATE PAGE 3 PARAGRAPH 12 OF JONES' STATEMENT). Are you aware where this money was?
- A. He said it was in his St. George ~~and~~ ^{and} or his National Savings account.
- Q.91. Did you ever see any evidence of this money's existence?
- A. No.
- Q.92. Did you ever see John Hughes' bankbooks?
- A. No.
- Q.93. Are you aware of where John Hughes kept his bankbooks within his unit?
- A. No.  

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Q.94. Did you, at the time of leaving John Hughes' place to go to Bathurst, owe John any money?

A. I owed him \$200.00.

Q.95. What was it owed for?

A. It was just fifty dollar loans, I'm not sure, it was more than likely to buy dope with.

Q.96. What do mean by 'dope'?

A. Heroin.

Q.97. To your knowledge did any other person owe John Hughes any money at the time of leaving to go to Bathurst?

A. I think only Gavin, he owed him a couple of hundred and Mark Locke owed him about five or six thousand dollars.

Q.98. Why did Locke owe Hughes five or six thousand dollars?

A. Past dealings in heroin, I believe that John had supplied Locke with heroin on previous occasions, but not when I was there.

By ~~Plotecki~~ Jones: Do you mind if I get a can of coke and something to eat.

By Plotecki: Okay then we'll suspend the interview and I'll go and get you something to eat and drink.

INTERVIEW SUSPENDED : 6.43pm. PLOTECKI LEAVES ROOM.

PLOTECKI RETURNS TO ROOM WITH FOOD AND DRINK.

INTERVIEW RESUMED : 7.08pm.

Q.99. How do you feel now?

A. Alright.

Q.100. Do you recall with any accuracy the date you moved out of John Hughes's flat?

A. I don't recall the date, I can only put it down at when I started at Mitchell plant hire at Bathurst. It was sometime in March last year I think.

Q.101. Did you go directly to Bathurst?

A. No I went to Lithgow first.

Q.102. How long did you stay in Lithgow?

A. I went there on a Friday and I went to the prison site at Lithgow for a job interview and I went to Bathurst that afternoon.

Q.103. Where did you stay in Lithgow?

A. In a hotel near the railway station, I don't know the name of it.

Q.104. Where did you live when you first went to Bathurst?

A. I stayed at the Bathurst Emergency accomodation and then I stayed at the Victoria hotel and then I moved to Upfold Street.

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Q.105. How did you travel to ^{to} Dithgow?

A. By train, and then I went to Bathurst by bus, the state rail authority bus.

Q.106. How long between when you arrived in Bathurst did you move into Upfold Street.

A. About a week or a fortnight.

Q.107. Who were you living with at the address at Upfold Street?

A. Lance Dodd, John Flower and Leonie Flower.

Q.108. How did you know these people?

A. I met Lance at the Victoria Hotel and Lance and me moved into th⁴ house and then the Flowers came home after a week or so, they owned the house.

Q.109. How long did you live at the house in Upfold Street?

A. A couple of months.

Q.110. During this period that you were residing in Upfold Street, did you own a motor vehicle?

A. I bought a mini-panel van.

Q.111. Do you recall the registration number of this vehicle?

A. No.

Q.112. Can you described this vehicle to me?

A. It was a green mini panel van, it had windows in the back, it was light green in colour, it was early sixties model, a manual, that's about all I can remember.

Q.113. When did you buy this vehicle?

A. When I was working for Mitchell Plant Hire in Bathurst. I bought it from a bloke by the name of Whippett, Brian Townsend is his right name, he lived down the road in Upfold Street.

Q.114. How much did you pay for this vehicle?

A. \$550.00 or something.

Q.115. Did you receive any registration papers from Brian Townsend when you bought it?

A. I did, but I think they were still in Brian Townsend's name when I sold it.

Q.116. How long did you own this vehicle?

A. Two to three weeks.

Q.117. Do you recall who you sold the vehicle to?

A. A young university lady student at Bathurst.

Q.118. What condition was the vehicle in when you sold it to this lady?

A. Almost out of registration, but otherwise not in too bad condition, it was driveable.

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- Q.119. How much did you sell this vehicle for?
- A. Six hundred dollars.
- Q.120. Do you know the name of the person who you sold it to?
- A. No I've forgotten.
- Q.121. How did she pay for the car?
- A. She gave me two or three hundred on the Friday and then she gave me the three hundred or something ~~on~~ the Monday.
- Q.122. During the period that you lived at Upfold Street did you ever return to Sydney?
- A. To go to court.
- Q.123. Do you recall what date this was that you went to Sydney to attend court?
- A. Not know.
- Q.124. How did you travel down to Sydney on this occasion?
- A. By train.
- Q.125. What court did you attend on this occasion?
- A. Kogarah.
- Q.126. Did anyone travel down with you to Kogarah Court?
- A. No.
- Q.127. Did you stay with anyone in Sydney on this occasion?
- A. I stayed with Kerrie Stanton in a motel on the Princes Highway, Sylvania, the night before I went to court. I went to court and then I returned to Bathurst.
- Q.128. Where was the motel that you stayed in at Sylvania?
- A. It's at the corner of Princes Highway and Port Hacking Road.
- Q.129. Whose name was the room booked in at Sylvania?
- A. Kerrie booked the room.
- Q.130. That was the only occasion that you travelled to Sydney whilst living at Upfold Street, Bathurst. Is that correct?
- A. No there were two other occasions that I went.
- Q.131. In your statement which is dated the 4th October, 1989 you clearly state that after moving to Bathurst you returned to Sydney only once in mid April for a court appearance at the Kogarah Local Court (INDICATE TO JONES PAGE 5 PARAGRAPH SIXTEEN). What do you say about that?
- A. When I ~~went~~ made this statement I was wrong. I can remember that I went to Sydney, once to see Kerrie and once to go to Court and there may have been an occasion when I went to Sydney to obtain drugs.

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- Q.132. Do you recall approximately what date you visited the person Kerrie Stanton?
- A. I just can't remember.
- Q.133. Do you recall approximately when you came to Sydney to try and obtain drugs?
- A. No.
- Q.134. When you visited Stanton, how did you travel down to Sydney?
- A. By train always, except when we split up and then I hired a Pulsar from Budget Rent A Car Bathurst and I drove down.
- Q.135. Did anyone drive down with you, correction, I'll rephrase this Question. Did anyone come down with you from Bathurst when you visited Kerrie?
- A. No.
- Q.136. Did you see anyone in Sydney besides Kerrie at the time when you visited her?
- A. I could give you numerous people, but I can't give you faces and names.
- Q.137. Where did you visit Kerrie when you came down to Sydney from Bathurst?
- A. She is always at home at Sylvania.
- Q.138. What is that address?
- A. [REDACTED]
- Q.139. ~~Where~~ Were Kerrie's parents home when you visited there?
- A. They use to come and go, and we use to avoid them both.
- Q.140. How did you travel to the address at Sylvania?
- A. I would get a train to Miranda and then get a taxi down.
- Q.141. On the occasion that you visited Sydney to purchase drugs, how did you travel to Sydney?
- A. I always travelled by train when I come to Sydney from Bathurst, always.
- Q.142. Where did you go to purchase these drugs in Sydney?
- A. I don't remember.
- Q.143. Who did you buy these drugs from when you came to Sydney?
- A. Numerous sources, I don't remember their names.
- Q.144. When you left Bathurst to travel to Sydney did you tell anyone what you were going to Sydney?
- A. I would have told any number of five people, the Flowers, Whippet, Kerrie, Lance Dodd and other acquaintances in the Bathurst area.
- Q.145. Every time that you travelled to Sydney you told someone that you were coming to Sydney?
- A. In a way you brag about it because you're coming from a country town. I can't remember specifically if I told anyone but more than likely I would have.

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- Q.146. Could you detail to me the times your girlfriend visited you in Bathurst?
- A. She came up there and lived with me, she came up there and visited me for twenty four hours, the time that I lived at Upfold Street.
- Q.147. How many times did Kerrie visit you in Bathurst?
- A. Once she flew up and she stayed for twenty four hours, her parents threatened to kill her dog so she flew back. She second time she came up live with me.
- Q.148. When Kerrie flew up, which airline did she fly?
- A. East West.
- Q.149. Do you recall what day of the week she came to Bathurst when she flew up?
- A. It was either a Thursday, Friday or Saturday.
- Q.150. The second time that Kerrie came up to live with you, how did she get to Bathurst?
- A. She drove up in a hire car.
- Q.151. Do you recall where she got the hire car from?
- A. It would have been through Budget.
- Q.152. What type of car was this?
- A. A commodore.
- Q.153. What colour was it?
- A. White in colour.
- Q.154. Do you recall what day of the week Kerrie Stanton arrived in the week?
- A. No, but I do remember that she was booked for drunken driving.
- Q.155. When did she return the hire car?
- A. On the Monday I think, it may have been Sunday.
- Q.156. What did you do with the hire car between the time that Kerrie arrived in Bathurst and the time the car was returned?
- A. We went sightseeing around Bathurst together and I showed her the sights of Bathurst. Can I go to the toilet please?

By Plotecki: Sure.

INTERVIEW SUSPENDED : 7.58pm.

PLOTECKI LEAVES ROOM WITH JONES AND GOES TO TOILET.

INTERVIEW RESUMED. : 8.02pm.

- Q.157. Were you working at the time Kerrie Stanton drove up to Bathurst in the hire car?

A. I think I was working at Mitchell's plant hire.

John S. Jones

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Q.158. What day of the week was it when Kerrie Stanton arrived in Bathurst in the hire car?

A. It was either Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

Q.159. What day did she return the car to Budget?

A. It was on the Sunday to Bathurst, Budget.

Q.160. Did Kerrie Stanton stay in Bathurst after she returned the car to budget?

A. As far as I remember.

Q.161. What were your hours of work whilst at Mitchell Plant hire when Kerrie Stanton moved to Bathurst on this occasion?

A. Between 7am to 4pm.

Q.162. Did you take any days of work when Kerrie came up to Bathurst in the Budget rent a car?

A. I don't think so.

Q.163. What days did you go sightseeing when Kerrie came up to Bathurst in the hire car?

A. From the time that she came up from Sydney until the time she returned the car, we were together all the time.

Q.164. Did you return the hire car with Kerrie at Bathurst?

A. Yes.

Q.165. What time of the day was it when you returned the car to Budget?

A. It was due back at six o'clock in the evening and we were a half hour late or something.

Q.166. Did you have to pay anything when you returned the car to Budget?

A. The place was closed so we couldn't return it.

Q.167. What did you do with the hire car then?

A. We left the car in their parking area and put the car under the door to the office.

Q.168. How long did Kerrie stay with you after she drove up to Bathurst from Sydney?

A. It could have been anything from two weeks to a month.

Q.169. What happened then?

A. We split up and she went back to Sydney in another hire car.

Q.170. Did she ^{ES} take, Kerrie Stanton take any of your property with her when you broke up in Bathurst?

A. She has had various amounts of my clothing since 1988, anything from one item to all my clothes.

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Q.171. I am now going to show you a dark blue mens jacket, with two cut marks in the back of it. What can you tell me about this jacket?

SHOWN BLUE COLLURED JACKET WITH TWO CUT MARKS.

A. That is my jacket and that is the one I was wearing the night I was stabbed.

Q.172. I am now going to show you one blue vinyl, 'SPORT-REC' windjacket. What can you tell me about that jacket?

SHOWN BLUE VINYL SPORT-REC JACKET.

A. I think it's my jacket, but I'm not sure.

Q.173. In your statement dated the 4th October, 1989 in paragraph fourteen, page four you detail a conversation you had with the person Mark Locke (SHOWN STATEMENT) Can you elaborate further as to this conversation?

A. I've just read it twice, it's basically all there. I head butted him in the main street.

Q.174. I have been informed that at the time you left the residence of John Hughes you took from John Hughes a quantity of drugs and cash to the approximate value of \$2,000.00 as well as a number of items of electrical equipment. What if anything do you have to say about that?

A. When I got to Bathurst Kerrie informed me that John had rung her up and said that I owed him \$200.00 and I had two of his jumpers and I would please return them. I just laughed at what John had said. I told Kerrie not to worry anything about that and I what the policeman has just said is totally exaggerated, that's all I've got to say about that.

Q.175. I have been informed that earlier last year 1989 you had a conversation with the person Mark Phillip Locke in which you ~~stated to him~~ asked Locke whether Hughes had done anything about you "knocking off his stuff". What do say about that?

A. Where did this conversation supposedly take place?

By PLOTECKI: In Earl Place, Kings Cross. What do you say about that now?

A. I saw Mark Locke and a young lady as recently as fourteen days ago in Oxford Street, Surry Hills and he gave me ten dollars as I was broke on the day and was quite sociable to me, that conversation ~~that~~ may have taken place. As far as the \$2,000.00 and electrical gear, that's a fabrication on Locke's part, but he may have said something about knocking off his stuff.

Q.176. I have also been informed that Locke at this time informed you that he believed that John Hughes had gone to the Police concerning the matter of you taking certain property from Hughes. What have you to say about that?

A. That's totally untrue. He never told me that.

Q.177. I have been further told that you, upon hearing that Hughes having gone to the Police had become angry and during subsequent conversations with the person Locke, said of the persons Hughes, "I'll kill the little cunt." What have you to say about that?

A. That's totally ~~true~~ untrue. As far as saying, "I'll kill the little cunt", I think I said that about 151 after you's had interviewed me in October.

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- Q.178. Why would you want to harm the person [151] for then as you have stated in your previous answer?
- A. He has accused me from day one of doing John in.
- Q.179. Has [151] told you at any stage after Hughes death that he suspected you of killing Hughes?
- A. No.
- Q.180. I have been further told that during your conversation with the person Locke you said to him, that is Locke, "Listen, do you want to rort John with me, he is only giving ~~you~~ you (LOCKE) ~~about~~ a hard time about the bill you owe him now". What do you have to say about that?
- A. It's totally untrue.
- Q.181. I have been further told that during this conversation with Locke, you requested Locke to find out when ~~John~~ Hughes was getting heroin and how often he picked up heroin so that you and Locke might rob him of this drug. What if anything do you have to say about that?
- A. From the day I left John's place to the day you first interviewed me at Sutherland and I had no contact with John Hughes whatsoever and I didn't even know he was dead until you told me.
- Q.182. When your girlfriend Kerrie Stanton drove to Bathurst in the hire car, did you travel to Sydney within a short period from her arrival in Bathurst?
- A. No.
- Q.183. Within five days of your girlfriends arrival in Bathurst, with the exception of going to work, was there any periods in which you were not in ~~contact~~ contact with your girlfriend or your flatmates?
- A. There could have been.
- Q.184. After Kerrie came to Bathurst on this occasion with the hirecar did you have any argumnts with her?
- A. We always argued.
- Q.185. When Kerrie came to Bathurst on the occasion with the hire-car did you have any arguement over the hire-car?
- A. Yes I could have.
- Q.186. I now show you a photo copy of a MITCHELL PLANT HIRE (Bathurst) time sheet made out in your name for the week ending the 10th May, 1989. You'll note that on the 5th May, being a Friday, the words, 'SICK' in the column marked ~~ordinary~~ hours. SHOWN PHOTOSTAT ENTRY. What can you tell me if anything about that?
- A. That's my time sheet, that's my signature on the bottom right hand side.
- Q.187. Is it correct to say then that this time sheet shows that you were absent from work on Friday, 5th May, ~~Saturday~~ Saturday 6th May and Sunday, 7th May, 1989? SHOWN TIME SHEET.
- A. Yes that's correct.
- Q.188. Can you remember the reason why you were sick on the 5th, May, 1989?
- A. It could have just been a day off. I may have not been sick. The other two days was just the weekend.
- John Stanton*

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Q.189. Would you now sign the rear of the photostat of the time sheet that I have shown you with your normal signature, print your name below that signature and date it?

A. Yes.

TIME SHEET HANDED TO JONES WHO PRINTS HIS NAME, SIGNS AND DATES THE REAR.

Q.190. I now show you a BUDGET RENT A CAR RENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 785685 in photostat form, concerning the hiring of a motor vehicle, registration No. 173-AGL by Kerrie Anne STANTON, between the 3rd May, 1989 and the 6th May, 1989. SHOWN CAR RENTAL AGREEMENT. ~~What~~ can you say about that?

A. That's Kerrie's signature. That's all her business.

Q.191. How many times has Kerrie Stanton hired a hire car to travel from Sydney to Bathurst to see you?

A. Just the once.

Q.192. Do you agree with me that in the centre bottom box of the agreement, there is a note, which determines the time the vehicle is to be return and to which place and this box indicates 16.30hours ~~Friday~~ Friday, 5th May, 1989 at Bathurst. SHOWN BOX ON FORM. Do you agree with me about that?

A. Yes.

Q.193. Do you agree with me also that the box in the centre top of the form, labelled time in, indicates a time of 1100 hours on the 6th May, 1989. SHOWN CENTRE TOP BOX. Do you agree with me about that?

A. Yes.

Q.194. Will you now sign the rear of the rental agreement No. 784685 with your name, print the same and date it?

A. Yes I will.

FORM HANDED TO JONES WHO SIGNS, PRINTS NAME AND DATES SAME.

Q.195. I have been informed by a number of sources that in the early morning of the 5th May, 1989 whilst you and Kerrie Anne STANTON were living at Upfold Street, Bathurst, you had an argument with her concerning the hire-car. What do you say about that?

A. It could have happened, it more than likely did.

Q.196. Were you the member of any club in the Bathurst area at the time when Kerrie came to Bathurst on this occasion in May, 1989?

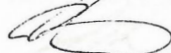
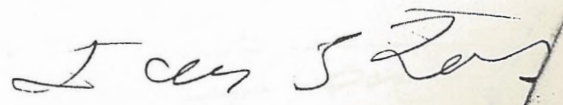
A. No I wasn't a member of any club in Bathurst.

Q.197. Did you participate in any regular hotel competiations, such as snooker or darts?

A. I use to play pool in a pool comp at Bathurst, occasionally at the Parkview hotel, that's all was the only one that I played pool in, Lance ~~Dodd~~ was fanatical about it.

Q.198. What night of the week would you go and play pool at the Parkview Hotel, Bathurst?

A. Either Tuesday or Thursday, I think.

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- Q199. Who did you use to play pool with on Tuesday or Thursday nights?
- A. Lance Dodds or Ron Flower or locals around ~~Bathurst~~ ^B.
- Q.200. Do you recall which weekend Ron Flower's got married?
- A. No I don't.
- Q.201. ~~Did~~ ^{IT} you get an invitation to this ~~wedding~~ ^{IT}?
- A. No, Lance Dodd did.
- Q.202. I have been informed by a number of sources that on the morning of the 5th May, 1989, after fighting with your girlfriend, Kerrie Stanton, you left the address at Upfold Street, Bathurst and were not seen again by your girlfriend or other members of your household until about 11am on the 6th May, 1989. What have you to say about that?
- A. They have got better memories than I have.
- Q.203. Where did you go in this period after you had the argument with Kerrie Stanton on the morning of the 5th May, 1989?
- A. I can't remember where I went, I could have ~~spek~~ ^{IT} sat in the park, for all that time, I could have gone to the pub, I could have done anything.
- Q.204. I have been told that since that period of time you have told a certain person that you were in Sydney on the weekend of the 5th, 6th May, 1989 at some time. What do you say about that?
- A. I could have been, but my memory is not as good as your witnesses.
- Q.205. I have been further told by a number of witnesses that you regularly travelled to Sydney in the mini panel van, which you purchased from Brian Townsend. What do you have to say about that?
- A. The mini has never been to Sydney. The furthest the mini has ever gone is to Lucknow and back.
- Q.206. Did you travel to Sydney on Friday, 5th May or Saturday the 6th May, 1989?
- A. I might have I might not have.
- Q.207. I have been informed that in this period in which you were to have gone missing, immediately prior to going missing you were displaying symptoms of heroin withdrawal. What do you say about that?
- A. I could have been.
- Q.208. Would you care to detail to us your drug taking habits whilst you were living in Upfold Street, Bathurst. Before you answer I must warn you that you are not obliged to say anything about it unless you wish to do so. Do you understand that?
- A. It varied.
- Q.209. Did you take heroin over this period that you lived in Upfold Street, Bathurst?
- A. Yes at different stages, I was using fifty to a hundred dollars worth each week.
- Q.200. Where were you getting your heroin from?
- A. There were sources in Bathurst and Orange.

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- Q.211. Would you care to nominate your sources of obtaining heroin from in Bathurst or Orange?
- A. No I don't wish to.
- Q.212. Was Kerrie Stanton using any drug to your knowledge when she came to Bathurst on the weekend of the 5th, 6th & 7th May, 1989?
- A. No, she has never used any dope in her life, she only drinks.
- Q.213. Did any of your other flatmates use any type of drugs when you were living in Upfold Street, Bathurst?
- A. No none of them, not heroin. They smoke a bit of pot and drank alcohol.
- Q.214. Did any of your flatmates at Upfold Street, Bathurst know of your drug taking habits?
- A. No, only Kerrie.
- Q.215. How long have you been using heroin for?
- A. Since I was twenty.
- Q.216. Have you ever suffered from withdrawal symptoms of heroin?
- A. Every drug addict has suffered from withdrawal.
- Q.217. How long have you known Kerrie Stanton?
- A. I have been going out with her since she was sixteen.
- Q.218. Has Kerrie ever seen you in withdrawal from heroin?
- A. Yes she has.
- Q.219. Did you ever suffer from withdrawal symptoms when you were living with John Hughes?
- A. I had a few tastes, I was still recovering from the stabbing.
- Q.220. How often were you using heroin when you were living with John Hughes?
- A. Not very often.
- Q.221. I am now going to show you a St. George Building Society Christmas Club passbook in the name of G. J. HUGHES, Account No. 023 869 340. SHOWN ST. GEORGE PASSBOOK. What can you tell me about that book?
- A. I've never seen it before.
- Q.222. I indicate to you the address on the passbook as [REDACTED] Greeknowie Avenue, Potts Point (INDICATE THE ADDRESS TO JONES BY PLOTECKI) Do you recognise this address?
- A. No.
- Q.223. Do you recognise the name, G. J. HUGHES (INDICATED TO JONES BY PLOTECKI) on the passbook?
- A. I recognise the name, it's Johnnie Hughes. Can I have a slash.

By PLOTECKI : Sure can.

[Handwritten signature]

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INTERVIEW SUSPENDED:: 9.58pm.

PLOTECKI LEAVES ROOM WITH JONES AND GOES TO TOILET.

INTERVIEW RESUMED AT : 10.02pm.

Q.224. This passbook that I have shown you (INDICATES HUGHES PASSBOOK) was located ~~in~~ by Police in a blue mens jacket, previously identified by yourself as this jacket (INDICATING BLUE COLOURED JACKET WITH CUT MARKS ON IT) WHERE THE PASSBOOK had fallen into the ripped lining on the interior of the jacket. What can you tell me about that?

A. That is my jacket, I often put things in that jacket in the lining. If that's where you found it, I believe you.

Q.225. Can you tell me how this passbook came to be in your jacket?

A. By the sound of things I must have picket it up a Hughes' place.

Q.226. I now show you the last page of the passbook, page 2, and draw your attention to the 25th entry at the base of this page, this entry is dated the 21st April, 1989. (SHOWN THE DATE AND 25TH ENTRY). What can you say about that?

A. I don't know anything about that, it's John's passbook.

Q.227. In your answer to question 78 of this interview, you have stated that John Hughes did not get you to go to the bank for him whilst you were residing with him (SHOWN QUESTION AND ANSWER TO Q.78) How is it then that this St.George Passbook is in your possession?

A. I might have picked it up in John's place and left in the mean time and forgotten ~~about~~ it and in the intention of returning it but I'd left the premises in the meantime to go and live somewhere else.

Q.228. In your answer to Question 181, you state that from the day that you left Johns place until the day that you (the Police) interviewed me at Sutherland I had no contact with John Hughes what soever and I did not know he was dead until you told me (INDICATED QUESTION AND ANSWER TO Q.181). Is that questions and answer correctly recorded?

A. Yes.

30 Q.229. In your answer to Question 100 you stated that, "I- you moved out of John Hughes flat, "it was sometime in March, last year", indicate Question and Answer to Question 100. Is that question and answer correctly recorded?

A. Yes.

Q.230. Do you know a person named Kenneth HARDING?

A. Yes he was my boss at Mitchell Plant hire at Bathurst.

Q.231. I now show you a statement dated the 15th September, 1989 in the name of Kenneth Harding and draw your attention to paragraph three, in which HARDING states that between the 22nd March, 1989 and the 16th May, 1989, he employed a person known to him as Ian Stuart Jones (INDICATE PARAGRAPH AND PASSAGE TO JONES). Is there anything you wish to say about that?

A. Yes I believe that to be true.

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- Q.232. With regard to the answers you have given to my last three questions, how do you account in the passbook of the 21st April, 1989.
- A. Whatever the book states is whatever the book states. I haven't been to John Hughes place since I left in mid March when I went to work for Mitchell plant hire.
- Q.233. Can you tell me why you picked up John Hughes St.George Passbook when you left the unit?
- A. In all honestly, no.
- Q.234. And you still maintain that you left John Hughes's place in mid March, 1989?
- A. Yes.
- Q.235. Do you also maintain that you have never returned to John HUGHES's place after that time?
- A. Yes I never went back there.
- Q.236. Did you leave any clothes at John Hughes place in mid March, 1989, when you left?
- A. No.
- Q.237. Did your girlfriend, Kerrie Stanton or anybody else pick up any of your personal possessions, including clothing from John Hughes's flat after the time that you moved to Bathurst?
- A. Not ~~that~~ I know of. I know that John Hughes contacted Kerrie Stanton by ~~phone~~ that's all I know.
- Q.238. Did John HUGHES ever use your jacket (INDICATING THE BLUE JACKET WITH THE CUTS)
- A. No never.
- Q.239. Did 151 ever use this jacket?
- A. No.
- Q.240. Did you kill John HUGHES?
- A. No, definitely not.
- Q.241. Is there anyone who can account for your movements on the 5th and 6th May, 1989?
- A. I believe there is. That is for me and my solicitor.
- Q.242. Are you prepared to tell me who these people are who can account for your movements of the 5th and 6th May, 1989?
- A. No.
- Q.243. What was your reason for leaving John Hughes flat in mid March, 1989?
- A. I was just fed up with the place, it was full of drugs and poofers.
- Q.244. Will you now read each page of this record of interview?
- A. Yes.

I am

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Q.245. Do you agree that you have just read each page of this record of interview?

A. Yes.

Q.246. Is it a true and correct record of our conversation here this evening?

A. Yes it is but I wish to further say that Kerrie Stanton [redacted] and that I have known her since she was sixteen but not gone out with her in a relationship with her, only since she was thirty.

Q.247. Have the answers you have given to the questions recorded herein, been made of your own free will?

A. Yes.

Q.248. Has any inducement, threat or promise been held out to you to give the answers as recorded in this record of interview?

A. No.

Q.249. Will you now read these additional questions and answers?

A. Yes.

Q.250. Will you initial any typing errors that may appear in the interview?

A. Yes.

Q.251. Will you then sign each page of this record of interview?

A. Yes.

TIME COMPLETED : 11.24pm.

WITNESS.

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M. C. Plotecki
Detective Constable 1/c
Homicide Squad,
Regional Crime Squad South.
30th April, 1990.

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