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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in the matter of
Death of John Gordon HUGHES.

Place : Nowra Police Station.

Date : 19 May, 1990.

Name : [REDACTED] 151

Address: [REDACTED] Bomaderry. 2541 Phn No. [REDACTED]

Occupation : Unemployed

STATES THAT :-

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

2. This 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 [REDACTED] 151 I am a single man, 18 years of age, and I presently reside at the above address with my parents. I am also known by the name [REDACTED] 151.

5. In January, 1989, I met the person John Gordon HUGHES, whom I was introduced to through another person I know Mark LOCKE. At this time I was working as a male prostitute at the 'Wall' in Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst, and was living on the street. At the time of being introduced to HUGHES, the purpose behind the meeting was to obtain heroin from him. HUGHES was a well known heroin dealer.

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6. The first time I got heroin from John HUGHES, I he asked me to come back up and see him after I had had a taste (used the heroin). It was apparent to me at this time that John HUGHES was sexually attracted to me, so the next day, I went back to his place, which at this time was at flat [REDACTED] Greenknowe Ave, Potts Point. I asked to move in with him, and John agreed. Even though I worked as a male prostitute in the time I resided with John I only ever slept with him and did not have sex with him. I was aware John had an infatuation for me and I decided to use this to obtain drugs from John and stay at this house as long as I could. I moved in with John in late January, early February. I am unsure of my dates over this period as I was on heroin myself at this time, however I believe they are approximately correct working back from Johns' death and the period when John moved flats within the block at [REDACTED] Greenknowe Street.

7. Whilst I was residing with John, he was dealing heroin and one of his customers was a man I know as Ian JONES (also known on the streets as JONESY). In late February, of that year, JONESY came to buy heroin from John. After this initial purchase of heroin, JONESY came back a couple of days later and asked John if he could stay a few days at the flat. JONESY then moved into the flat with us, sleeping on the floor on a mattress. At this time John had given me a key to this flat, however he did not give JONESY a key, as I believe he did not trust him. I base this opinion on the fact that John said to me one day, while I was living there, that he was a 'bit worried

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about JONESY living with us', although he did not elaborate at that time. After this I noticed that John always locked his brief case with his valuables and he did not leave JONESY in the flat by himself.

8. John block of units is a security block, that is to say, there is an intercom at the front of the units, and any person visiting cannot get into the foyer without a key or without persons in the flats pressing a remote door release from the units. You can get into the block with a key to the foyer by following someone in, or when someone comes out. John would not open the door to the unit to anyone however unless he knew them.

9. I'm aware too that in the time JONES lived with HUGHES and myself, John HUGHES had a number of hiding spots around the flat where he secreted heroin. JONES was aware of some of these hiding spots, as he was present with John and myself during a number of the heroin sales. JONESY would also get heroin off John also, which he did not pay for, and I assumed was on credit. JONES had about a \$300-00 a day heroin habit. I base this on my observations of JONESY over his period, in which not only did JONESY get heroin from John, but also a number of other heroin suppliers around the Kings Cross area. I am unaware as to how JONESY was affording this habit, although I was told from a number of people that he had sold crushed up pills for heroin to get money. At the time I moved out of Johns' place I was aware, from conversations

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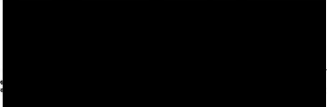
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with John that JONES owed him about \$400.00 for heroin. Whilst JONESY was living with John and I he was on unemployment benefits.

10. I recall that when JONESY moved in he mentioned something about being in hospital, however I do not recall any details, other than a group of Lebanese attacked him, and he showed me a scar on his back. I recall he told me he had 'ripped them off' for drugs and he was stabbed as a 'get even'.. At the time JONES moved in he had with him a blue doublehandled carry bag, which he kept his clothes in, that was all.

11. I moved out from John's flat about early March, I am not sure of the exact date, however it was before JONESY moved out, and before John moved upstairs in the block to flat [REDACTED]. JONESY was still living with HUGHES at this time, and remained with him for about a week, maybe two after I left there. The reason I left HUGHES' flat at this time was that I had found a girlfriend, [REDACTED] and was spending time with her. Shortly after I left the flat, John moved from his flat at [REDACTED] up to flat No. [REDACTED]. I do not think at this time that JONES was living with John when this happened, although I cannot be sure.

12. In the time I lived with John I became aware that HUGHES had a St. George Christmas account, which I was told by him contained approximately \$5,000-00. I am not sure if JONES was aware of this. John also had a National Australia account , I do not think he had any others. John kept his bankbooks in his

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brief case. John did all his own banking and had no set days that he would go to the bank. In the time I was with John he never allowed JONES to handle his account, that I am aware of.

13. After moving out from Johns' flat, I saw John twice prior to his death, the first time was just after John had moved into the new flat at No. [REDACTED] Greenknowe Avenue. I learnt of John moving into flat from Arron HILL, who was then living with John after JONESY had moved out. On this first occasion John and I just passed each other in the street. The second time I saw HUGHES, I went to his new flat, Arron HILL was there. I stayed with them about 45 minutes and had a bong with Aaron HILL. At this time I was told John had no heroin.

14. After moving out of Johns' flat, I saw JONESY only once, prior to Johns' Death. This was before JONESY had move out from Johns' flat. JONESY simply told me that John had asked about me and how I was going. I am unaware what JONSEYS' movements where once he left Johns' flat. I did not see JONESY after this until about November, 1989, when he approached me in Oxford Street, Darlington. JONES came up to me and said, "What did you say to the cops about me?" I said, "Nothing." He said, "Bullshit". I've seen your statement." At this time he sounded angry with me, although he did not make any threats. I became very scared of him, and was about to run, when JONES friend came out of the shop and gave him a drink, so I quickly walked off. At no stage during this conversation did JONES ever threaten me in directly, nor has JONES ever said that he would kill me.

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However I will indicate that I am scared of this person and believe that if given the opportunity he would cause me some injury as he believes I told Police that he kill John HUGHES.

15. At 12 midday on the 19 May, 1990, I attended the Nowra Police Station, where I saw and spoke to Detective PLOTECKI of the Homicide Squad. At this time I was shown a selection of nine photographs. From this selection, I identified one photographs as being of the person I know as JONESY, and now know as Ian JONES.

16. I was also shown by Detective PLOTECKI one St. George Building Society Christmas Club passbook in the name of J.G. HUGHES, Account No. 023 869 340. I recognize this book as belonging to John HUGHES, and is one of the bank books John usually kept in his locked brief case.

17. I was also shown by Detective PLOTECKI, one dark blue mens' jacket, which I cannot recognize or identify.

18. In mid March, 1990, I saw the person I know as Mark LOCKE in Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross, it was about 5.30pm on a Thursday. We went back to Marks' place which was a hotel room near the water, I do not recall its name. Mark was sharing a room with a girl named Joanne. Mark and I shared some heroin, and he said to me, "JONESY told me he killed John." I said, "Did he, when was that" He said, "A couple of days ago." I left it at that as the effects of the

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heroin were starting to come over me. I know I did not imaging this conversation, however I have not had the opportunity of confirming it with Mark as he fell asleep at that time and I have not seen him since.

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M. PLOTECKI
Detective Constable 1c
Regional Crime Squad South
Homicide Squad.
19 May, 1990.

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I've Identified this person
to Detective plotecki
As the person I know to
Be IAN JONES

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