

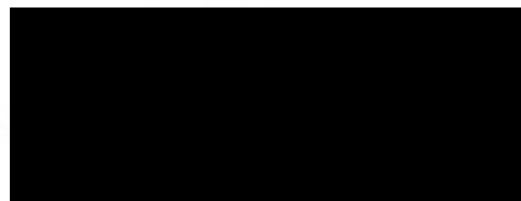
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RECORD OF INTERVIEW BETWEEN DETECTIVE SENIOR CONSTABLE  
 H. SCULLION AND [REDACTED] I51 AT THE HOWRA POLICE STATION  
 ON THE 25 MAR, 1989.

Also present : Detective Constable 1c M.C. PLOTECKI  
 (typist).  
 Time Commenced : 4.25pm

- Q1. As you know, I am Detective Senior Constable Scullion and this is Detective Plotecki, we are making inquiries into the murder of a man, named John HUGHES, in a flat at Kings Cross on or about the 6 May, this year. I have reason to believe that you may be able to assist us with our inquiries. What I intend to do is ask you a number of questions about this matter. Do you understand that?
- A. Yes.
- Q.2 My questions, together with any answers you may give to those questions will be recorded in type by Detective Plotecki as the interview takes place. Do you understand that?
- A. Yes.
- Q.3 At the completion of the interview, you will be given the opportunity of reading through the interview and you may sign it if you wish. Do you understand that?
- A. Yes.
- Q.4 At ~~the~~ the completion of the interview, you will be supplied with a full copy of the interview. Do you understand that?
- A. Yes.
- Q.5 For the purpose of this record of interview, what is your full name, date of birth and address?
- A. [REDACTED] I51 [REDACTED],  
 [REDACTED].
- Q.6 Are you known by any other names?
- A. Yes, [REDACTED] I51.
- Q.7 I believe that you were acquainted to the man, John Hughes. Is that correct?
- A. Yes.
- Q.8 What can you tell me about your association with the man Hughes.
- A. I was introduced to him by Mark Bock, early February this year. Approximately a week after meeting him I started boarding at his flat.

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Q.9 How long did you board at his flat?

A. Till about mid-March.

Q.10 During that time what can you tell me about the person Hughes activities?

A. He dealt about a bit of heroin, every day. There was people coming and going all the time, it was like Central Station. Mark Locke was one of the main ones. I sold heroin for him on the streets for a little while. Then I got busted with half a gram of his gear. I then stopped selling for him.

Q.11 You have mentioned a person by the name of Mark Lock, what can you tell me about this person?

A. I met Lock first off at the Mathew Talbot Hostel, late January the 28th or 29th. I know him a mad junkie and will do anything he can to support his habit. I was addicted at that time as well to heroin, he gave me a shot at the Mathew Talbot and then we went up the Cross and I sold some heroin for him. I know he has a girlfriend named 152, and had supposedly kidnaped her from her parents at Kingsgrove. He scored a lot of dope off John on credit, ripped John off quite a few times. Mark owed John in the vicinity of \$14,000-00. I know this because John not only told me but John showed me records kept by John. I had seen Mark swindle a few hundred dollars out of John and dope.

Q.12 What were the circumstances under which Mark Lock introduced you to John Hughes?

A. To start off with, before he introduced us, Mark told me about him. He told me John dealt dope and had an adequate supply. I was to move into Johns place to ensure that Mark and I were supplied with heroin. But I became friends with John and didn't do it.

Q.13 How much heroin would John Hughes have supplied to Mark Lock during the period of time you knew both persons?

A. Approximately seven to ten grams.

Q.14 What would be the street value of that amount of heroin?

A. Three thousand dollars.

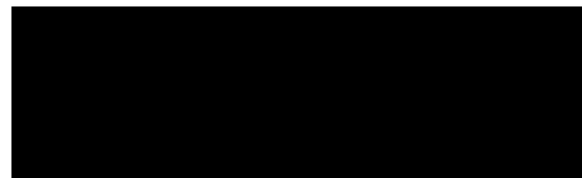
Q.15 In your answer to question 11, you indicated that Mark owed John in the vicinity of \$14,000-00, can you elaborate on what you mean by that?

A. He already owed John about \$10,000-00 or \$11,000-00 before I met John.

Q.16 Do you know why Mark owed him the money?

A. Yes. Drugs and money borrowed.

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- Q.17 Did you ever hear any discussion between John and Mark about the money that was owed?
- A. Yes, they argued about it once or twice. Mark came around to the flat on a couple of occasions to score dope on credit and John said no, because he owed him already. John then gave in and gave him the dope.
- Q.18 Did Mark ever become violent during these arguments?
- A. Yes. Mark Lock and another man, who I don't know held me, John and another person by the name of Tony, I think, he's surname starts with T as well. He's got dark hair and a beard. No I've got it wrong, Tony was the one with Mark Lock. Mark and Tony held us a knife point and took a hundred and fifty dollars cash and two fifty dollar deals of heroin from us. Fifty dollars of that money was mine. It was in my wallet in my back pocket.
- Q.19 Was that matter ever reported to police?
- A. No.
- Q.20 Where did John have the money that was stolen from him?
- A. In his wallet which was on the table. It was a black p 'Pierre Cardin' wallet, like this one (SHOWS WALLET, BLACK LEATHER).
- Q.21 Did John normally have a wallet with him?
- A. Yes, always either in his back pocket, in his brief case or in his top shirt pocket.
- Q.22 Do you know whereabouts John kept his heroin?
- A. Yes.
- Q.23 Will you tell us ~~were~~ where he normally kept it?
- A. Yes, in the wall connection in the towel rack in the bathroom. the ~~unscrew~~ unscrew the screw at the end and it comes out. Or the door in the fridge, there's a piece above the handle that comes off.
- Q.24 How much heroin would he normally keep in the flat?
- A. On the day that he picks up, usually about 4 or 5 grams. It never stays there long because it is distributed, oh yeah, there is another place he kept the heroin, if you open the fridge and freezer door at the same time, there is a grey section in between that pulls off.



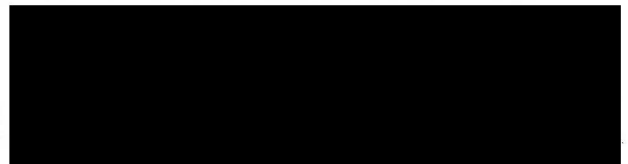

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- Q.25 Would John normally keep any cash in the flat?
- A. Yes, in a green cash ~~time~~ tin in the wardrobe.
- Q.26 How much money could be kept in that tin ~~and~~ at any one time?
- A. Usually about four or five hundred dollars.
- Q.27 Are you aware of money that John was keeping to pay for some pending solicitors fees?
- A. No I didn't know he was keeping any money, but I knew he had solicitors to pay.
- Q.28 Was the money in the green cash tin the proceeds of drug sales?
- A. Yes it was.
- Q.29 Can you tell me of any associates of Mark Lock?
- A. No.
- Q.30 Have you heard of a person referred to as Jonesy?
- A. Yes. I know he is an old gaol friend of Johns' also a heroin addict. He's about 34 or 35 maybe a bit older. He got a large build, shoulder length blonde hair, tattoos on each forearm, about 6 foot 2, six foot four.
- Q.31. Have you ever met this person Jonesy?
- A. Yes, I met him at John Hughes flat, in March this year. He brought a friend around, who I don't know, I've never seen him before or since, to score some dope off John.
- Q.32 Do you know what Jonesy correct name is?
- A. No I only knew him as Jonesy.
- Q.33 Did he do time in gaol with John?
- A. Yes, John told me that they had been in gaol together, I'm not sure which gaol.
- Q.34 Is Jonesy a friend of Mark Lock?
- A. Yes, he is a friend of Mark Lock. The last I heard they were living and hanging around together.
- Q.35 Have the two of them been assisting each other and supporting one another?
- A. Mark Lock sold himself for prostitution on Darlinghurst Road near Saint Vincents Hospital. And Jonesy sold Quinine to heroin in substitution for heroin.

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Q.36 Do you know where Mark and Jonesy were living?

A. No I don't I'm sorry.

Q.37 Do you know where either man might be now?

A. No idea. I last saw Mark Lock in late February, early March and I seen Jonesy about April the 24th at Johns house. Jonesy asked John if he could stay there for a while. John agreed and Jonesy moved in. He was still living there when I moved out.

Q.38 Could it be possible that Jonesy's first name is either Ian or Dean.

A. Yes, I heard Jonesy's girlfriend, Robyn I think her name is, I don't know her surname, she called him Ian once.

Q.39 Do you know where she lives.

A. Yes, I overheard once that she lives at Surrey Hills, I don't know where.

Q.40 Do you know a person named Aaron HILL?

A. Yes I do. I was introduced to him at Johns as well.

Q.41 What do you know about Hill's association with Hughes?

A. I was told they became friends in gaol. I know that he has been living with John. I think John was giving him dope in return for sex. I'm not sure though.

Q.42 I am going to show you a page from the Daily Telegraph, dated Tuesday May 9, where an article which mentions Aaron Hill's name appears, that article has been highlighted with blue biro pen. SHOWN ARTICLE. What can you tell me about that article.

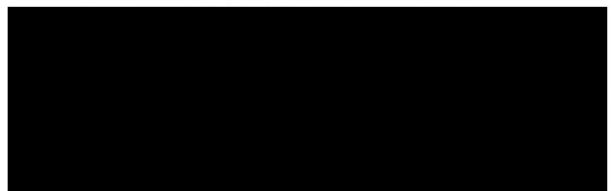
A. Yeah I've seen it.

Q.43 I've been told that you were the person that highlighted the article in blue pen, is that correct?

A. Yes, that is.

Q.44 I've also been informed that you said, "He is the fellow that killed John" and indicated that article, where a blue line had been drawn under the name the name Aaron Lee Hill. What can you tell me about that?

A. I drew the blue line under the name to indicate to my mother that this was the guy that is living with John, and is a friend of mine and Johns'.

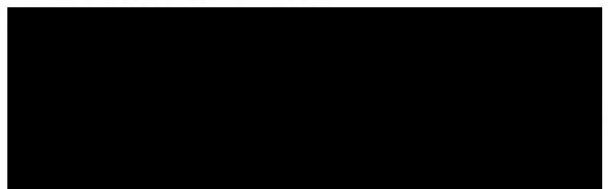



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- Q.45 When was the last time you saw Aaron?
- A. I seen Aaron the night of Friday the 5th of May, in the main street of Kings Cross.
- Q.46 Did you have a conversation with him?
- A. No I didn't I just walked past and said "Hi."
- Q.47 Were Aaron and John on friendly terms at that time?
- A. Yes, they have never been on unfriendly terms since I met them.
- Q.48 In your answer to question 41, you refer to records kept by John, can you tell me what those records related too?
- A. Yes I can, the records related to how much money Mark Lock owed John.
- Q.49 Can you tell me in what form those records were kept?
- A. They were kept on a piece of paper with a number of figures. Just a piece of white paper with blue lines on it. I had come out of a note pad. I glanced at it and John told me that's how much Mark Lock owed him.
- Q.50 From your recollection, what was written on the paper.
- A. Different figures written down the page. All different amounts.
- Q.51 What steps did John take to get his money back from Lock?
- A. There were no steps taken to get his money.
- Q.52 Do you know if Mark Lock has a girlfriend?
- A. Yes I do, her name is 152. Last I heard she was living in Big Kingsgrove.
- Q.53 Do you know if John associated with any girls?
- A. There was one girl named Elwina, she came round to score dope a few times, they seemed quite friendly. I don't know anything else about her.
- Q.54 Do you know a friend of John's by the name of 'Bruce'?
- A. No I don't.
- Q.55 Do you know a friend of John's named Greg WDR.
- A. I don't.

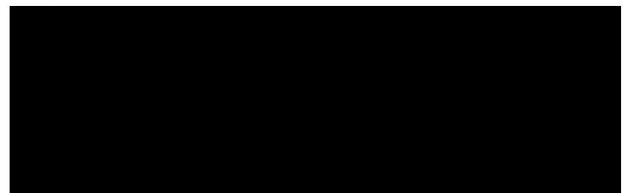



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- Q.56 Do you know a person whose nickname is 'lonnie'?
- A. No.
- Q.57 Do you know a girl named Michelle Mitchell?
- A. No.
- Q.58. Do you know a friend of John's who has a beard?
- A. No.
- Q.59 Do you know a man named Gavin Scobie?
- A. Yes I do. He is a very good friend of John's, he visited quite a bit, he went & seen a movie with him. John was getting his gear of Scobie for a while, but then he stopped.
- Q.60 Were John and Gavin always on friendly terms?
- A. Yes always. I've never known them to fight.
- Q.61 Do you know what brand of cigarettes, John normally smoked?
- A. Yes, Dunhill deluxe mild white, or Benson and Hedges special special filter.
- Q.62 What brand of cigarette do you smoke?
- A. Winfield Red or Peter Jackson mark blue.
- Q.63 Do you know what brand of cigarette Aaron will smokes?
- A. Yes I do, Benson and Hedges special filter.
- Q.64 Do you know what brand of cigarette Gavin Scobie smokes?
- A. Winfield white.
- Q.65 Was John Hughes the type of person who would allow trashtrays in his flat to fill up before emptying them?
- A. Yes he did.
- Q.66 Would John allow the ashtrays to fill up?
- A. No never. If it has been spilt, he would clean it up and put it in the rubbish.
- Q.67 Do you know if John had any credit or bankcards.
- A. Yes, he had a National Australia bank key card and a St. Georges key card, both Kings Cross.

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- Q.68 Do you know if John had any funds in either of those accounts?
- A. Yes, he had approximately \$200-00 last time I know of in the national Australia account, which I had given the previous day, it was a dollar cheque. He told me that he had a few thousand in his St. George account for a holiday after his court case in June.
- Q.69 I have been told that you made a statement which indicated that Mark Lock was responsible for the murder of John Hughes. What do you have to say about that?
- A. That is untrue, I have never mentioned anything to anyone about Mark Lock, concerning these matters.
- Q.70 Can you tell me why you left the Kings Cross area and returned to Nowra leaving your personal possession back in Sydney?
- A. I returned to Nowra because I was scared and I left my clothes at Johns because I didn't want to go near the place.
- Q.71 Where have you been living since you moved away from Johns?
- A. The Matthew Galbot hostel and Glebe House.
- Q.72 Where are your belongings now?
- A. Still at Johns', I hope.
- Q.73 Where were you on or about the, I'm sorry I'll reiterate that question. Where were you between 11pm on the 5 day, 1989 and 2am on the 6 day, 1989?
- A. At Glebe house, watching television.
- Q.74 Is there anyone there that can verify your story?
- A. Yes, HANS DEFECTIVE SCULLION with the name, DANNY HLOCKER, GLEBE HOUSE, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. ON ROPE. He knows me as 151. He runs Glebe house.
- Q.75 Do you know of any reason why somebody would want to murder John HUGHES?
- A. No I don't know any reason.
- Q.76 Are you prepared before leaving this Police Station this evening to supply us with a set of your fingerprints for comparison purposes?
- A. Yeah.
- Q.77 Is there anything further you wish to tell us in relation to this inquiry.
- A. Yes I believe believe that from the bottom of my heart Aaron Hill had nothing to do with it.






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Q.78 Will you now read each page of this record of interview?

A. Yes.

INTERVIEW REFERRED TO 151 AND INTERVIEW TO READ SAME.

Q.79 Have you read this record of interview?

A. Yes.

Q.80 Is it a correct record of our interview?

A. Yes.

Q.81 Have the answers you have given been # correctly recorded?

A. Yes.

Q.82 Has any threat, promise or inducement been held out to you to give the answers as recorded in this record of interview?

A. No.

Q.83 Will you now read aloud the additional questions and answers recorded in this interview?

A. Yes.

Q.84 Will you then sign each page of the record of interview and initial any typing errors?

A. Yes.

Time Concluded: 6.40pm

Witness : *N. Scullion*.....

N. SCULLION  
Detective Senior Constable

