

New South Wales Police

Statement in the matter of:
 Death of John Gordon HUGHES.

Place : Bathurst Police Station-
 Detectives Office.

Date : 26 May, 1990.

Name : A D A M S Sonia Elizabeth.

Address : [REDACTED] Bathurst. 2795.

Phn No.: [REDACTED]

Occupation : Student

STATES THAT:-

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

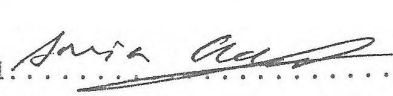
2. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

3. My date of birth is the [REDACTED]

4. I am Sonia Elizabeth ADAMS, I am a single woman, and I currently reside at the above address. I am presently employed as a full time student at the Charles Sturt - Mitchell University. I am presently in my final year (3rd year) and I am studying for a Bachelor of Arts (Communication).

5. On the 26 May, 1989, as a result of being told something by a friend, I saw the person I know as Ian JONES. At this time, JONES was selling a light green/beige Morris Mini panel van, registration number OWW-067. JONES came to my house in Oak Street, with the car and after inspecting it, I agreed to purchase it for \$600-00. I paid him \$300-00 that day, which was a Friday, and I paid him the balance on the following Monday.

Witness:..... 

Signed 

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6. At the time I purchased the car, the registration papers were in the name of Brian TOWNSEND. I recall that he (JONES) told me that TOWNSEND had signed the registration over to him, but this did not appear to be the case on the form. As a result of this, I later contacted TOWNSEND at his address in Upfold Street, Bathurst, and had him sign the papers over for me.

7. Upon purchasing this motor vehicle OWW-067, the van was in fair condition. By that I mean it was suitable for long trips, however my intention was to use it as a run-about. Indeed in the time I purchase the van, it required no immediate mechanical attention by me. The interior of the van had recently been cleaned and scrubbed. There was now carpet in the vehicle, which was masking taped to the van in a temporary fashion.

8. I do recall at the time I purchased this van from JONES, he had a number of large bruises on the right side of his neck. These may have been love bites, but I could not determine this at that time.

9. When purchasing the van from JONES, I wrote him a receipt, which we both signed. This receipt was concerning the first exchange of \$300-00, with a clause written into it for the further exchange of \$300-00 on the 29 May, 1989. I have since lost this receipt.

Witness:..... 


Signed:..... 

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10. On Friday the 25 May, 1990, I attended the Bathurst Police Station and here I was shown a number of photographs by Detective PLOTECKI of a light green/beige mini panel van. I identified this van to Detective PLOTECKI as the motor vehicle I purchased from the person Ian JONES. I have initialled the back of these photographs and dated my initials.

Witness: 

M. PLOTECKI
Detective Constable First Class.
Regional Crime Squad South,
Homicide Squad.
25 May, 1990.

Signed: 

Sonia ADAMS