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New South Wales Police

Statement in the matter of:
 Police -v- Ian Stuart JONES
 Charge: Murder

Place : Kings Cross Police
 Station.
 Date : 14 June, 1990.

Name : S E I D L E R Raymond Charles.

Address: [REDACTED]

Phn No.: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Medical practitioner.

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. 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 Raymond Charles SEIDLER, I am a medical practitioner and presently conduct a surgery from the above address. I have been so employed for the past 14 years, and have practised in Kings Cross for the past 12 years.

5. At 1.35pm on Thursday the 14 June, 1990, I attended the Kings Cross Police Station where I spoke with Detective PLOTECKI. I was shown by this person a St. George Building Society Christmas Club passbook, in the name of J.G. HUGHES, account No. 023 869 340. I recognise this passbook as being the property of an old patient of mine, John Gordon HUGHES.

Witness:.....

Signed:.....

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6. HUGHES had been a patient of mine over an 18 month period, prior to his death in May, 1989. During this time I treated on a methadone maintenance program. I would see HUGHES on a weekly basis.

7. The St. George account of John HUGHES's was opened at my instigation, whilst I was treating HUGHES. The purpose of this account was to allow HUGHES to control his finances better and also as a means of gauging HUGHES adherence to the program. Because of this, once the account was opened, HUGHES would bring it to each consultation, showing me the running balance of the account.

8. The last occasion at which HUGHES showed me this passbook was on the 16 April, 1989. This date I recall, as I noted my patient card, the running balance of his account on that date. To my knowledge, the monies accumulated in this account were to be used by HUGHES to defend himself in a pending Court case involving drugs.

9. In the time that I treated HUGHES, he was an opiate addicted individual, who to my knowledge had been using heroin and other substances for the past numerous years. In the period that I treated HUGHES, it is possible that he was using heroin, however do to the physical checks that I regularly made and based on the fact that he held down a full time job, the quantities of heroin he used would be small. I had heard rumours that HUGHES was a dealer in drugs.

Witness:.....

M. PLOTECKI

Signed:.....

R. SEIDLER.