

New South Wales Police

Statement in the matter of:

Place : Major Crime  
Squad South, Homicide.  
Date : 8 April, 1992.

Name : DOWSLEY Janice Gaye  
Address : Address known to Det. PLOTECKI Phn No.:  
Occupation : Unemployed STATES :-

1. This statement, made by me, accurately sets out the evidence I would be prepared to give, if necessary, at Court 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 Janice Gaye DOWSLEY, I am a single woman. I am currently unemployed however I work as a prostitute in the Kings Cross area. I have worked as a prostitute for about 5 years. I am currently on the Methadone program, having previously been a heroin addict. I have been on the program for the past 2 years. While working as a prostitute I use the names 'Cheryl' or 'Kathie'.

5. I have known the person Mark LOCKE for the last 2 and a half years. I met Mark when he was working at the 'Wall' as a male prostitute. In the last 14 months I have come to consider Mark a good friend.

6. It was about the beginning of January or February, 1990. I recall this because it was near my birthday. I was at the 'Taxi Club' (The Grosver Club) in Darlinghurst. I was on the first floor, drinking near the doorway near the stairs. I was talking to a few of the bouncers. I was standing there for a little while, I'm not sure what time I got to the club, but it was late in the evening and I had been at the Club for about a half an hour to forty five minutes. A guy came up to me whom

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I know as 'Wassie' or 'Whackie', and he put his arm on my shoulder, he was very drunk. Mark LOCKE and a big fellow I know as JONES were behind him. I said to them, "Where are you's going?"

JONES said to me, "We're going to score." He said this pretty loud and the whole club must've heard him. He was pretty drunk. 'Whackie' was telling JONES to be quiet, because he was talking too loud. I just said to them, "Can I come with you?" I said this cause I intended to get on myself.

7. We all left the 'Taxi Club' together and walked down Flinders Street around the corner (east) into Oxford Street. JONES and 'Whakie' were in front, cause 'Whakie' had his arm around JONES to hold him up. I was behind them with Mark LOCKE walking behind me. I heard them raising their voices to each other. They then stopped and turned to face each other. I heard 'Whackie' say to JONES, "How many other people know about this?"

JONES said, "Don't worry only 'Lockie' knows about this just 'Lockie'." I took this 'Lockie' to mean Mark LOCKE.

'Whackie' said, "I know about it, he (pointing to LOCKE) knows about it."

JONES said, "Its all right, don't worry about it. The guy was a fucking faggot dog." It was either those words or something similar. JONES then said, "He deserved everything he got."

8. JONES then said to 'Whackie', "If I could kill the dog again I would, he deserved it." He then kept yelling out something about a 'Faggot'. I didn't really know what they were talking about at this time. I just thought they were both drunk or on pills.

9. Then 'Whackie' said, "You better get your act together, and he then turned to me and said, "Do you want to come with me, I'm going."

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I said, "Okay." We then started walking off, but I remember that 'Whackie' turned to JONES and said, "You better learn to keep your mouth shut." Whackie and I then went up the Cross and scored some heroin and after that I lost him.

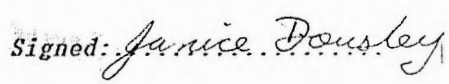
10. At the time I heard this conversation I was not drunk, nor was I on drugs. I had been working that night and only had time to have one or two drinks. I can only say that I recall this conversation because of the way 'Whackie' and JONES were yelling at each other. I cannot recall what any of these person were dressed in that night other than everyone had jeans on.

11. Sometime after this, about two or three months later that I again saw Mark LOCKE. We were talking and I asked him if he has seen that 'Whackie' or JONES. I said to Mark that they seemed to have a big disagreement about something. Then Mark said that JONES had murdered somebody and that was it. I was shocked but did not want to get involved.

12. I would describe 'Whackie' as a white male, I think Australian, about 5 foot 9 inches tall. He has a medium build with shoulder length hair. I cannot recall any other details other than he is clean shaven. I had met him previous to that night but only on a couple of occasions. I think he is just a druggie around the Cross. I have only seen him once since that night.

13. I only know JONES by bumping into him around the Cross. He used to hang around the "wall". I don't know if he works or not. I have only seen him once since that night that was not long ago, last year sometime. I recall this because he has a go a Mark. It was in Oxford Street, near the 'Wall'. Mark was up there working I think and I looked up and saw

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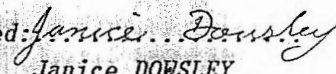
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JONES, it took a second to realise he was the bloke from the 'Taxi Club'. He looked angry. I just stood there and heard some yelling. I then saw him bolt across the road and grab Mark. I thought there was going to be a fight and the Police would come so I walked away.

14. I did not want to come to the Police with this information, however Mark convinced me that I should as what I heard might help. I am aware that I will need to attend Court and give evidence in this matter.

15. On the 8 April, 1992, with Mark LOCKE, I came to the Major Crime Squad South, where I spoke to Detective PLOTECKI and provided him with this statement. During the course of our interview, Detective PLOTECKI showed me a number of colour photographs (polaroids) of male persons. I recognised one of these photographs to be of the person JONES. I initialled and dated the back of this photograph of JONES and printed my name.

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M. Plotecki  
Detective Constable First Class.  
MCSS Homicide Squad.  
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