

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:  
Death of John Gordon HUGHES

Place: Hurstville Police Station  
Date: 8 July, 1992.

Name: M A S O N, Scott David

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Student.

States:-

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief 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.

2. My age is 29 old, my date of birth is the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

3. I am Scott David MASON, I am a single man, currently residing at the above address with my step brother, Craig KENYON. I am currently a student at the Granville TAFE, where I am studying refrigeration mechanics. I have been a student for the past 6 months. I am also known by the name Scott DAVIDSON.

4. Between February, 1989 and I think, August, 1989, I resided at [REDACTED] Rankin Street, Bathurst, with my girlfriend at that time, Gillian BERRY and her two pre-school age children, and Margaret HIGGINS. At this time I was working for an engineering company, I do not recall the name of company but it was near Kelse (a suburb on the outskirts of Bathurst). I got this job through the CES. I also worked as a floor layer, who built the basketball stadium in Bathurst. I do not recall the name of the company but it was 'something' Timber Company, which I think was based in Melbourne. This job I got through some friends of Gill's, I don't recall their names either.

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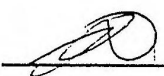
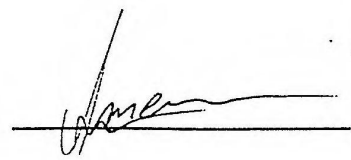
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5. When I worked at the engineering company my hours of work were from 7am to 4pm, and it would take me a half an hour to walk to and from work. When I worked for the 'Timber Company', my hours of work were varied, from 7am to 10pm, although usual knock off would be around 4pm if we did not have to stay late laying sealer on the floor.

6. In the time that lived at Rankin Street, I met a fellow named Ian JONES. He also had a nickname which I think was 'JACKO'. I recall meeting him one night at a hotel playing pool. I don't remember which Hotel. I would describe JONES as a casual friend, somebody whom I would have a drink with if I saw him at the pub. I only knew JONES for a short time, and would say it was only a couple of weeks to a month in duration.

When I met JONES, I think he was driving "bachose's", although I cannot recall which company he worked for. I recall that JONES did drive a 'Mini'. I think it was owned by him, you saw him driving this car all the time around town.

7. During the course of the time that I knew JONES, I do not remember taking him home to Rankin Street, although it quite possible that I did give him my address and told him to call in for a drink if he wished. I do remember JONES coming over for a drink on occasion, however, I do not recall specific dates, only the fact that he did call in for a drink a couple of times. I do not specifically recall JONES ever staying over night, however I don't recall that he did not stay overnight. From my memory, we did not have a lot of people stay over and I do recall other people specifically who did stay the night. I did drink a lot in those days, so my memory of specific dates is not good. As I stated however, I have no specific knowledge of JONES staying over.

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8. In the time that I knew JONES, I recall that I did meet his girlfriend on one occasion. I seem to recall her sitting in the car whilst he came in, although I may have met her at the pub. I do not recall her name. I seem to think that she was blonde, and that she actually lived in Sydney, although I am unsure on that point. I am unable to describe this person at all.

9. In the time I lived at Bathurst I recall that Gill owned a Rottweiler dog, which was a bitch.

10. From my recollections of JONES, I know that he used to smoke pot, because he use to smoke in my presence. I do not recall ever seeing JONES in a bad mood. I have no knowledge of JONES's girlfriend ever being booked by Police, or of any fight that JONES may have had with his girlfriend.

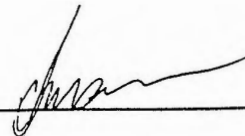
11. After we left Rankin Street, we moved into another house in Bathurst, closer to town, I do not recall the address, but I know where the place is and can indicate it on a road map if required. From here Gill and I left Bathurst and went to Queensland. Gill and I have since broken up.

12. I would describe Gill as about 25 to 30 old, White Australian, about 172 cm tall, medium build with blonde shoulder length hair, which was straight and parted in either the middle or side. She has a tattoo on her back of a peacock I think, or some sort of tropical bird. This tattoo is quite large, about 6 inches long. Her two children are both boys, named [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I think her maiden name was either HIBBARD or HABBARD or something similar. The last time I saw her was in Queensland 2 years ago, residing at Crabs Creek. She

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possesses a licence but I do not know in which State. When I last saw her she did not have a car. I think her parent live in Queensland, near Coolangatta. She has a sister that lived at Ryde, her name is Leigh, I don't know her last name.

13. On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 8 July, 1992, I was taken to the Hurstville Police Station by Detective PLOTECKI of the Homicide Squad. Here I was shown by Detective PLOTECKI a number of polaroid photographs of male person. From these photographs I recognised one that I identified to Detective PLOTECKI as the person I know as Ian JONES. I have initialled and dated this photograph. I also informed Detective PLOTECKI at this time that I have been spoken to previously about this matter by solicitors acting for Ian JONES, an American fellow, named Langdon ROGERS contacted me first about a month to two months ago, after which I spoke to a Robyn CLARKE of the Legal Aid Service. These person also showed me a photograph of JONES. I have told these people the same thing as I have stated in my statement today. I do not recall if I signed anything for these person when I spoke to them. These persons said that the Police may or may not be contacted with me, about my evidence.

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M. PLOTECKI  
 Detective Senior Constable  
 Homicide Squad,  
 MAJOR CRIME SQUAD SOUTH  
 8 July, 1992.

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