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REPORT OF DEATH TO CORONER

BEGA

Police Station

14 October

1989

The Coroner,

Mr Grosse Bega

SUBJECT: Death of PAYNTER Graham William Age 36
 Marital state Single Address Motor village caravan park Tathra
 Time and date of death: Between 12.15am and 5.00pm 13/10/89
 Place of death: Shelley Beach Tathra
 By whom found: 150 Address: [REDACTED]
 By whom reported to Police: As above Address: As above
 By whom last seen alive: John ROBERTSON Address: [REDACTED]
 When last seen alive: 12.15am 13/10/89
 Deceased a native of (County and District): Canberra
 Occupation: Pensioner
 (If pensioner state type and include whether appropriate authorities informed)

If Military or Invalid pensioner, state disability: _____

Name and address of nearest relative and relationship: Stanely PAYNTER (FATHER)Name and address of identifying person: Russell LONGMORE
Motor Village Caravan Park TathraPolice present when deceased identified: Constable Castle

Did deceased leave a will? _____

By whom burial or cremation is being arranged: FatherProperty and clothing found on and with the deceased. (Attach inventory if space insufficient):
\$4.52 One cigarette lighterMiscellaneous Property Book Reference: A169482How property and clothing disposed of and on whose authority: Property returned to Father

Circumstances under which death took place. (If any previous illness, and deceased seen by doctor, particulars should be given. Where treated by a doctor a note should be obtained giving particulars of treatment from such doctor):

About 12.15am 13/10/89 the deceased left the Tathra Hotel in a total intoxicated state. He proceeded home by walking along Cliff Place Tathra where it appears that he stopped for some reason at the top of the cliffs, perhaps to urinate. The deceased has then fallen over the cliff.

About 5.00pm 13/10/89 the body of the deceased was found by 150 at the bottom of the cliff.

About 5.30pm 13/10/89 Police attended the area known as Shellys Beach and observed the deceased lying at the base of a 50 metre cliff. The deceased's jeans and underwear were around his knees with the top button done up and the fly undone. His jumper was pulled over his head but his arms were still in the sleeves. He had numerous abrasions on his back. Rigamortis had set in. Inquires reveal that the deceased had been drinking heavily all day on the 13/10/89 with his friend Russell Longmore.

Signature: I. CastleRank: Constable

(Continued overleaf)

Annual leave from _____ to _____

NOTE:

- (1) This form should be prepared in quadruplicate in all cases where a death is reported to the Coroner. The original and two copies should be forwarded to the Coroner. All statements in duplicate should be lodged with the Coroner at least 7 days before the date of the inquest.
- (2) The full name and address of all persons and the registered number of all motor vehicles concerned should be indicated.

POISONING—

- (a) Was death apparently from (i) poison, (ii) drug _____
- (b) Name poison or drug (if known) _____
- (c) Apparently administered by whom? Name: _____ Address: _____
- (d) Date and time ____/____/19____, at _____ a.m./p.m.
- (e) When symptoms first showed ____/____/19____, at _____ a.m./p.m.
- (f) Detail symptoms: _____
- (g) State recently prescribed medicine: _____
- (h) Prescribing Doctor: Name: _____ Address: _____
- (i) When prescribed? ____/____/19____. (j) Quantity prescribed: _____
- (k) How much remains now? _____ (l) Dispensing chemist: _____
- Name and address: _____

GAS POISONING—

- (a) Did gas come from coal-gas supply, brazier, or car? _____
- (b) Where in building was body found? _____
- (c) In what position was body found? _____
- (d) State appliance gas had escaped from: _____
- (e) Was gas still escaping? _____
- (f) If room sealed, how? _____
- (g) Was food being prepared? _____
- (h) Who in Gas Company notified? Name: _____

ELECTROCUTION—

- (a) What had caused shock? _____
- (b) Where in building was body found? _____ (c) Position? _____
- (d) State appliance "shock" received from: _____
- (e) Was appliance still "alive"? _____
- (f) Detail any burns: _____
- (g) Who in Electricity Commission of supplying Authority notified? _____

UNIDENTIFIED CASES (The following information should be furnished)—

Sex, Age, Height, Build, Complexion, Hair, Eyes, Nose, Face: _____

Peculiarities, marks, scars, tattoos, deformities, etc.: _____

What steps have been taken to establish identification (Reference to _____ Department file): _____

REPORT OF INQUEST
(or Magisterial Inquiry)

Date and place of Inquest: _____

Name of Coroner or Magistrate: _____

VERDICT:

INQUEST NOT HELD

Inquest disposed of on: _____

By whom: _____

Cause of death: _____

Signature: _____

Rank: _____ Reg'd No. _____

Date: _____




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DECEASED PAYNTER GRAHAM WILLIAM
DATE: 13 OCTOBER, 1989

Circumstances continued:

About 7.30pm on 13/10/89 he had come under Police notice for stealing a bottle of rum from a Bega Liquor Store. At this stage he was well under the influence of alcohol. Inquires with local residents in Cliff Place Tathra reveal that no unusual sounds or sounds of a struggle were heard in that area during the early hours of the 13/10/89.


I. CASTLE
Constable