

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Death of Graham PAYNTER

Place: Bega Police Station

Date: 12 January, 1990

Name: ROBERTS John David
(Surname in capitals)

Address: [REDACTED] Tel. No.

Occupation: Part Owner Tathra Hotel 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. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that I shall be liable to prosecution if I have stated in it anything I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. I am 23 years old.

3. On the evening Thursday 12 October, 1989 I saw a person I know to be a regular tourist. I now know him as Graham Paynter. I had earlier served him and a companion about 12 Midday on the 12 October, 1989. Both men appeared to be intoxicated. I served each of the men a schooner of calton beer, as well as two single serves of rum. They placed \$40.00 cash on the bar and said "We will drink this out."

4. About 4.15pm that day I and Steven Ryan conveyed Paynter and his companion to Bega in the company car. We let them off in front of the Bega Hotel, Carp Street Bega. They said that they were going in to keep drinking. They had consumed approximately \$10.00 whilst at the Tathra Hotel.

5. About 10.45pm That night Paynter and his companion returned to the Tathra Hotel. They were both loud and it appeared that they were well intoxicated. I served them a schooner of calton beer each.

6. About 11.20pm I noticed that Paynter was alone. I asked "What happened to your mate?"
He said "He went Home." I then saw Paynter drink the rest of his beer as well as the rest of the beer left by his companion. I closed the bar, proceeded to clean up and asked Paynter to leave. He requested an other beer, I said "No."

Witness:

Signature: *Robert*

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He then left through the front side exit. I saw that Paynter was walking unsteadily.

Witness: *I. Castle*.....

I. CASTLE
Constable

Signature: *John Roberts*.....
John ROBERTS

Witness: Signature: