

10am 3.2.89

REPORT OF DEATH TO CORONER

Inverell Police Station
2 February, 1989

The Coroner,
Inverell

SUBJECT: Death of Russell Phillip PAYNE Age 35
Marital state Unknown Address [redacted] Henderson St, Inverell.
Time and date of death: Approximately Between 2.30pm 30.1.89 and 6pm 2.2.89
Place of death: [redacted] Henderson Street, Inverell (in kitchen)
By whom found: John Malcolm WILLS Address: [redacted]
By whom reported to Police: John Malcolm Wills Address: [redacted]
By whom last seen alive: Mervyn Edward FINNEY Address: [redacted]
When last seen alive: 2.30pm on Monday the 30th of January, 1989.
Deceased a native of (County and District): Inverell
Occupation Pensioner (Invalid)

(If pensioner state type and include whether appropriate authorities informed)

If Military or Invalid pensioner, state disability: Unknown
Name and address of nearest relative and relationship: Julie KAIGOUR, [redacted]
Sister.
Name and address of identifying person: John WILLS, [redacted]

Police present when deceased identified: Yes.
Did deceased leave a will? Unknown
By whom burial or cremation is being arranged: Family
Property and clothing found on and with the deceased. (Attach inventory if space insufficient): Blue singlet
Silver and black coloured wrist watch.

Miscellaneous Property Book Reference: _____
How property and clothing disposed of and on whose authority: _____

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 6.35pm on Thursday the 2. February, 1989, Police attended [redacted] Henderson St, Inverell in relation to a report of a deceased person at that address. On arrival Police observed the deceased lying on the kitchen floor with his arms in the air near his head. The deceased appeared to have deep bruising and an abrasion on his testicles and penis. There appeared to be blood on his penis which was also swollen. There was a large bruise on his right hip with a green tinge on the outer extremities of that bruise. There was no sign of forced entry to the flat and in fact the owner of the premises, Mr. Wills had gained entry via the open bedroom window. There was no signs of violence in the flat and in the bedroom there were containers which appeared to contain vomit. There was also vomit on the bedroom floor. Items of clothing were found in the laundry which appeared to have blood on them. The bedcover appeared to have dried blood on it. When turned over, blood came from the deceased's mouth. The body had a blotchy mark on the neck area. The deceased person was last seen at 2.30pm on 30 January, 1989.

Signature: E. S. Birchall *E. S. Birchall per P.B.M.*
Rank: Constable 1st Class

(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: _____

