

EXHIBIT "3"

Inquest touching the death  
of William Duffield

Coroners Court, 41-46  
Parramatta Road, Glebe

(Date) 12.12.94

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NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE

STATEMENT in matter of: Death of William James DUTFIELD.

Place: Bathurst Crime Scene Unit.

Date: 14th June, 1993.

Name: KOLDER, Christopher Peter

Tel. No: (063) 328687

Address: Bathurst Crime Scene Unit.

Occupation: Constable First Class of Police.

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. I am 35 years of age.

3. About 12.05pm on Wednesday the 20th November, 1991, I attended the address of [redacted] Spit Road, Mosman, there I spoke to Detective Sergeant GOYMOUR of Mosman Police together with several uniformed and plain clothes officers, who informed me of the death of William James DUTFIELD. During those conversations a number of things about the premises were indicated to me, I then conducted an examination of the scene during that examination I took a number of colour photographs on these I have place a caption briefly explaining what they depict.

Exhibit...I produce 48 colour photographs captioned and numbered 1 to 48.

4. Unit [redacted] of [redacted] Spit Road is on the second floor of a high rise Strata block. Access to the units is by a an elevator from the ground floor. Unit [redacted] is located on the north western corner of the block and consists of a single bedroom with a bathroom off the bedroom, a lounge dining area, kitchen, and a small balcony off the dining area.

5. I made an examination of the entry to the unit, at the

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front door there was an aluminium fly screen door with a 2 lever latch mechanism which was unlocked. There was a timber front door with a Lockwood deadlock plus a Dexter brand lock which operated from a handle in the centre of the door, this lock could be locked by twisting a centre knob on the interior handle of the door. There appeared no signs of forced entry through this doorway. (PHOTOGRAPHS 1 TO 4) A hallway ran from the entry to the main lounge/dining area. A bedroom and bathroom opened off the northern wall of the hallway. The kitchen in the unit opened off the northern wall of the lounge room. (PHOTOGRAPHS 5 TO 10)

6. After I made a cursory inspection of the scene I made contact with the Duty Operations Inspector, with his assistance I contacted other police from the Video Unit, Photogrammetry section, Fingerprint Unit and the Government Medical Officer.

7. Inside the unit I saw the deceased slumped face down over a single reclining lounge chair. The deceased's upper body was resting on the chair with the lower torso and thighs suspended, the lower legs were resting on the floor. There was a large amount of blood around the deceased's head and on the chair. The deceased was wearing a light blue short sleeve shirt, which was pulled up from the waist, light blue shorts, brown and white long socks and beige coloured pull on shoes. The deceased was also wearing a watch with a black band on the left wrist. (PHOTOGRAPHS 11 TO 14)

8. Furniture in the lounge/dining area of the unit was in the main undisturbed. Two small floor rugs had been disturbed. Nearby the deceased's left foot a dark coloured wig was located under a fold in the floor rug. This wig was apparently worn by the deceased. (PHOTOGRAPHS 15 TO 17)

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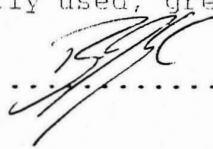
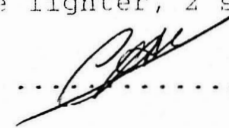
9.       On the floor between the lounge chair and the kitchen doorway I saw a centre reel from a sticky tape dispenser, I also saw the cutting blade from a sticky tape dispenser. A grey wallet was on the floor between the deceased and a coffee table which was positioned in front of a large blue lounge suite against the eastern wall of the room. (PHOTOGRAPHS 18 TO 21)

10.      On close examination I saw that the deceased had suffered a number of wounds to the head, I also saw a laceration to the left hand and bruising to the left elbow and upper arm. There was signs of lividity in both legs and the left hand.

11.      Blood had been deposited on the chair, floor and walls in the unit, heaviest amounts near the deceased's head on the chair and on the deceased's left side on the floor directly below the deceased's left arm. Further splashes of blood could be seen on louvre doors located on the northern wall behind the lounge chair, on the northern wall behind the chair, On the southern wall of the unit from the hallway stretching to nearby the western window. Splashes of blood could also be seen on furniture in the room, particularly the coffee table and on wall units near the southern wall of the room. (PHOTOGRAPHS 22 TO 27)

12.      Entrance to a kitchen in the unit was located to the rear of the lounge chair on the northern side of the unit. Drops of blood could be seen on the vinyl floor of the kitchen, in addition a multi-coloured T Towel was located at the entrance to the kitchen, this T Towel had several smears of blood on it. (PHOTOGRAPHS 28 TO 30)

13.      On the coffee table was a television Guide opened at the 19th November, 1991, a Packet of Benson and Hedges Extra Mild partly used, green disposable cigarette lighter, 2 small drinks

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tumblers containing liquid, a miniature billiards table, remote controls for TV, Ash tray with 6 cigarette butts in it. (PHOTOGRAPH 31)

14. I inspected the kitchen area in the unit, on the eastern wall on entry to the kitchen there was two door refrigerator then an upright stove. On the left of the entry was located a stool with two folding steps under, on top of the stool was a brown vinyl bag, this contained a small sized jumper, a used pack of B & H extra mild cigarettes and a yellow biro. Also on the left of the entry running along the western wall there was both lower and high kitchen cupboards over a bench top which runs around the room and meets the stove on the eastern wall. In the bench top at the northern wall there was a two bowl kitchen sink, in the left bowl there was located a metal sticky tape dispenser which was heavily covered with blood in the interior. The tape dispenser appeared to be made of heavy cast steel and I estimated its weight to be approximately 1 to 2 kilograms. Nearby the tape dispenser there was a piece of cloth which was wet and apparently stained with blood. (PHOTOGRAPHS 32 TO 38) On the bench top at the north eastern corner was a Simpson microwave. Items in the kitchen included a bottle of 100 Pipers Whiskey and a nip pourer which were located on the bench on the western side, further there was a small waste bin located under the bench next to the upright stove, this bin contained a paper bag over two empty beer cans, and a small white tissue. The paper bag was marked Farmer Bros. The fridge and freezer were sparsely stocked however a 4 litre cask of wine was seen in the fridge. Under the bench there was a pair of black Pro Sport joggers three empty cans one containing a paint brush. Also on the top of the bench on the western side was some small tools and painting items. (PHOTOGRAPHS 39 AND 40)

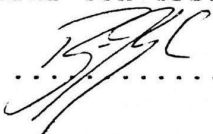
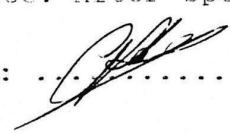
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15. I then made an inspection of the bedroom and bathroom areas, the bedroom was furnished with a single bed in the centre of the northern wall. Along the eastern wall there was a bedside table with a light and electric clock radio, two wooden boxes on top of each other (top one empty, lower one containing tools). A wooden desk with a chair at the desk. Also there was a chest of drawers in the south eastern corner backing onto the southern wall. Along the western wall of the room was a built in wardrobe with 6 doors, then the entrance to the bathroom and finally a single fawn coloured cloth chair in the corner of the room next to the bed. (PHOTOGRAPHS 7 TO 10) The bathroom consisted of a bath with a shower over, cloth shower curtain, Hand basin & Toilet. There was a glass shaving cabinet over the hand basin, Also in the bathroom there was an empty plastic laundry basket two small stack tables and a small empty wooden box. On the ledge of a small window in the bathroom there was a roll of toilet paper and two tissue boxes. On the top surface of one of the tissue boxes there were a number of small blood spots. A presumptive test for blood was made on several feint stains on the hand basin in the bathroom, these tests proved positive however there was insufficient sample to obtain a swab of the stains. These stains were later covered with Amino Blue by the Fingerprint expert which showed their outline clearly. I also saw a face washer hanging on a towel rail in the bathroom, this washer was slightly damp and appeared to be slightly blood stained. (PHOTOGRAPHS 41 TO 46)

16. About 1.30pm the Detectives MASON and MAUER of the Police Video Unit arrived and made a recording of the scene, I also saw Detectives RAINER and STREATFIELD of the Photogrammetry Section, a short time later Detective Sergeant RIDDEL of the Fingerprint Section Arrived. During the course of the investigation I had several conversations with these Police. After speaking to the

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20. About 9.30pm I returned to Unit [redacted] at [redacted] Spit Road, Mosman, I then continued my examination of the scene. I inspected the wig I had seen on the floor in the unit and saw it was marked in the name of the deceased with the numbers 1453. I then collected the following blood swabs from the unit:-

- 1. From the Southern wall of the lounge room.
- 2. From the Side table in the Lounge room near the hallway.
- 3. From the louvre door near the kitchen.
- 4. From the kitchen floor.
- 5. From the coffee table in the lounge room.

I retained these blood swabs for later examination.

21. Following collection of blood swabs I collected the following items from the unit.

- A. Brown coloured head covers from the lounge chair.
- B. Handle cover from the lounge chair.
- C. Arm rest cover from the lounge chair.
- D. T Towel from the kitchen floor.
- E. The liquid from the drinking glasses located on the coffee table. (2 separate containers)
- F. A pair of Light blue underpants from the lounge room floor.
- G. Wine cask from the refrigerator.
- H. Ash tray and cigarette butts from the coffee table.
- I. Wig from the lounge room floor.
- J. Note pad from side table in the hallway.

These items were retained by me for further examination. I then returned to the Chatswood Crime Scene Unit office where I secured the items I had collected.

22. About 9.20am on the 21st November, 1991 I again attended the Unit where I continued examination of the scene. I examined

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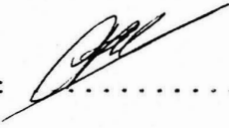
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the toilet in the unit and found a small metal ring in the bottom of the 'S' trap, I could find no other object or obstruction in the toilet. I examined each of the wardrobes, drawers and cupboards in the unit and no other items of assistance could be found, I noted that the unit was in a generally neat condition. In the kitchen of the unit, In a waste bin I saw two beer cans wrapped in a Farmer Brothers paper bag, also there was a small white tissue with apparent blood spots on it. I collected the following items for further examination:-

- 2A. Small metal ring from the toilet.
- 2B. Sample of liquid from the trap under the bathroom hand basin.
- 2C. Sample of liquid from the trap under the kitchen sink.
- 2D. Face washer from the bathroom.
- 2E. The two empty beer cans from the kitchen waste bin.
- 2F. Tissue from the waste bin in the kitchen.
- 2G. Cigarette butt from the kitchen waste bin.
- 2H. Black cardigan from the lounge suite in the lounge room.
- 2I. Tissue box from the window sill in the bathroom.
- 2J. Blood swab from the kitchen floor.(from area previously covered by coloured T Towel.)

I retained the items I collected for later examination. I then secured the unit and went to Mosman Police Station where I had a conversation with investigating Police.

23. While at Mosman Police Station I spoke to Detective Sergeant EAGAN, he handed to me a number of items of clothing, the property of Arthur ASHWORTH, I subsequently conducted a presumptive test for blood on each of the items of clothing I had received, each test proved negative. The clothing showed no signs of damage.

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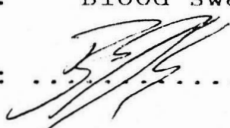
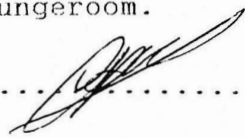
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24. At the Chatswood Crime Scene Unit office I later photographed and examined a number of items I had collected in respect of this matter. I examined the piece of cloth from the kitchen sink, This item tested positive for blood, I saw there were a number of brown stains on the item which also smelt strongly of nicotine. (PHOTOGRAPHS 47 AND 48)

25. On the 26th November, 1991, I attended the Institute of Forensic Medicine, Glebe, there I handed to Mr Rudi WEIGNER, an analyst from that facility a number of examination forms together with the following items I had collected:-

1. Blood swab from possible murder weapon, Sticky Tape Dispenser located in the Kitchen Sink.
2. Sample of Head hair from the deceased, removed during the Post Mortem examination by Dr Du Flou.
3. Sample of Pubic Hair from the deceased, removed during the Post Mortem examination.
4. Finger nails from the right hand of the deceased, removed during the Post Mortem examination.
5. Finger nails from the left hand of the deceased, removed during the Post Mortem examination.
6. Blood for grouping from the deceased, removed during the Post Mortem examination.
7. Smears from the body of the deceased, taken during the Post Mortem examination.
8. Swab from the body of the deceased, taken during the Post Mortem examination.
9. Blood Swab from side table between hall and lounge room.
10. Blood Swab from southern wall of loungeroom.
11. Blood Swab from louvre door into kitchen.
12. Blood swab from kitchen floor.
13. Blood swab from coffee table in loungeroom.

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- 14. Light blue shirt worn by the deceased.
- 15. Blue shorts worn by the deceased.
- 16. Pair of light brown socks worn by the deceased.
- 17. Pair of light brown shoes worn by the deceased.
- 18. Pair of underpants, white with black lines and colours, worn by the deceased.
- 19. Citizen brand wristwatch with black band worn by the deceased.
- 20. Dark brown cloth cover from head of lounge chair in the loungeroom where deceased was found.
- 21. Light brown cloth cover from head of lounge chair in the lounge room where deceased was found.
- 22. Light brown cloth handle cover from lounge chair in loungeroom where deceased was found.
- 23. Light brown arm rest cover from lounge chair.
- 24. Tea towel from kitchen floor nearby deceased.
- 25. Light blue underpants from loungeroom floor.
- 26. Cigarette butts from ash tray on table in loungeroom.
- 27. Sample of liquid from drain trap of the hand basin in the bathroom of unit [REDACTED] Spit Rd, Mosman.
- 28. Sample of liquid from drain trap of kitchen sink in unit [REDACTED] Spit Rd, Mosman.
- 29. Blue face washer from the bathroom of unit [REDACTED] Spit Rd Mosman.
- 30. Tissue with blood stains from kitchen waste bin.
- 31. Cigarette butt from waste bin in kitchen.
- 32. Portion of tissue box from window ledge in the bathroom.
- 33. Blood swab from kitchen floor area under Tea Towel nearby where deceased was located.
- 34. Portion of cloth rag collected from kitchen sink next to tape dispenser.
- 35. Dark coloured mens wig, located on the loungeroom floor nearby the deceased.

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36. Black cardigan located on the arm of the lounge suite against the eastern wall of the unit.

I later received an analysts report from the Forensic Biology Laboratory dated the 22nd July, 1993 and signed by Rudolf WEIGNER.

Exhibit...I produce that report.

26. Also on the 26th November, 1991, I attended the Division of Analytical Laboratories at Lidcombe, there I spoke to Mr Darrell WAIGHT, I handed to him exhibit examination forms together with the following items:-

- A. 2 jars containing liquid taken from glasses located on a coffee table nearby the deceased.
- B. Portion of cloth rag collected from kitchen sink next to the tape dispenser.



On the 25th February, 1992, I received an analysts report dated the 17th February, 1992 and signed by Rajeev MALHORTA with respect to the two samples.

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27. About 2.45pm on the 26th November, 1991, I attended the Fingerprint Section at Parramatta, there I handed to Detective Sergeant RIDDELL for fingerprint examination, the Tissue box from the bathroom, the wine cask from the kitchen and two beer cans located in the kitchen waste bin.

28. At a later date I received two Photogrammetry Surveys of the unit from the Photogrammetry Section.

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