

**EXHIBIT " 14 "**

Inquest touching the death  
of William Duffield

Coroners Court, 44-46  
Parramatta Road, Glebe

(Date) 12-12-94

.....(Dep. Clerk)

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: MOSMAN POLICE  
STATION.

MURDER - VICTIM WILLIAM DUTFIELD AT MOSMAN.

Date: 20 NOVEMBER, 1991.

Name: ASHWORTH Arthur William.

Address: [REDACTED] Spit Road, Spit Junction. Tel No.: [REDACTED]  
(The GARRISON RETIREMENT VILLAGE.)

Occupation: RETIRED LECTURER.

## 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 76.
3. I have known William James DUTFIELD also known as Billy to his friends for about 12 years. I use to drink at the Rex Hotel in the 1970's after I had retired and one day Billy turned up working as a general hand in the bar. He use to pick up glasses. Over the next year I got to know Billy quite well and then Billy would clean my unit once a week.
4. In this period I found out that Billy's father had died when he was about 14 years old and I became a father figure to him. During this time Billy confided in me that he was a Homosexual.
5. Billy boarded with me first at Randwick then at Cremorne for about 10 years. This year The Garrison had some vacancies and I moved in around June. I bought a unit at [REDACTED] Spit Road, Mosman and Billy moved in as a boarder late May early June, 1991.

Witness: [REDACTED]Signature: Arthur Ashworth

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6. On Tuesday the 19 November, 1991 I went down to Billy's unit and did some washing with him in the morning. I went back to The Garrison and later in the day around 4.30pm Billy turned up with two cans of Tooheys Draught beer and Billy drank most of the beer and I had a glass of beer to be social with him. On this occasion I think Billy had been drinking before hand during the afternoon because he was a bit depressed. He drinks when he is depressed. I'm quite sure that Billy is a manic depressant, that is why he is on a pension.

7. About 5.30pm Billy and I went back down to the unit at [REDACTED] Spit Road, Mosman and Billy and I had two scotch and water and ice drinks each. Then at 7.00pm on the dot Billy and I went to dinner at the Mosquito Bar Restaurant which is in Parrawee Street, Mosman just off Spit road. I had bought a bottle of wine which we drank with the meal.

8. At the end of the meal which was about 7.45pm we were handed a bill for the meal and Billy pulled out his wallet and I could see that he had a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) bill and possibly a fifty dollar (\$50.00) bill in his wallet and some smaller notes. I said, " Put your money away." I then paid for the bill and we left.

9. We then walked back to Billy's place and that took about 10 minutes. We went inside and I had a scotch, water and ice from the same glass which I drank out of before. Billy poured the scotch from the bottle in the kitchen and I saw that there was a third of a bottle left. Billy poured himself a glass of wine from the cask in the fridge. We sat and talked and during this time Billy poured himself a second glass of wine, which he drank.

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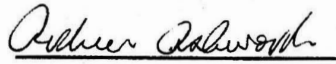
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10. After we finished these drinks I could tell by Billy's mood that he was slightly high and drunk and that he wanted to go out and drink in a bar. He didn't state which bar. Because of a prior incident that occurred to Billy about 4 weeks ago I said, " Don't go out stay at home." Billy said, " I might just go up the road, because I don't want to be by myself." I then left and went home. I arrived home about 8.15pm I read for a while and went to sleep. That is the last time I saw Billy alive.

11. About 8.00am on Wednesday the 20 November, 1991 I left the Garrison and went to visit some friends at Bondi Junction. I then caught a train from Bondi Junction to Wynyard and then used my Phone card and tried to ring Billy about 11.00am, but Billy did not answer his phone and he is usually up by this time.

12. I then caught a bus from Wynyard to Billy's place. I noticed that the outside door was shut but not locked. Billy always locks this outside screen security door before he goes to bed and when he goes out. I then rang the door bell but there was no answer. I have my own keys to the unit so I opened the front door and went into Billy's bedroom. I put my hat, umbrella and bag down on his bed and went into the lounge room.

13. I saw Billy lying face down on the lounge chair with his head all bleeding. The blinds were closed and I went over and opened them up for some light. I saw the back of his head and it looked as though it had been bashed in. I sat down on the blue lounge and the phone is just there and I rang the emergency number "000". While I was waiting for the Police I saw two glasses on the coffee table.

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14. I went back into Billy's room and the Police arrived very quickly.


15. When I retired from work about 16 years ago I took a large grey tape dispenser with me. This I left in the unit when I moved to the Garrison because I had no further use for it. This dispenser was kept on top of the fridge close to the wall on the right hand side.

16. Billy suffered from a nervous disease called "Alopecia" which is bald spots on your scalp. Billy would always wear either a wig, cap or a hat when he went out.

17. On the night of the 19 November, 1991 when Billy and I went to the Mosquito Bar Restaurant, Billy was wearing his wig. He was still wearing it when I left.

18. During the 12 years I have known Billy I have noticed different mood swings, which leads me to believe he is Manic. These mood swings are sometimes brought on by alcohol. During the time I lived with Billy he suffered terrible nightmares where he would wake up screaming. He also confided in me that he was frightened he could not get to sleep.

19. 154 (Approx 66 old) of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is also a very close friend to Billy and I. The three of us 154 Billy and I have a safety deposit box which we keep in the Commonwealth Bank at Martin Place in the City. I know that Billy kept his will and other items of value like rings and coins in this safety deposit box. I have the only key to this box.

Witness:   
J. Bowditch  
Detective Constable  
North Sydney Detectives  
20 November, 1991.

Signature: 