

EXHIBIT " 15 "

Inquest touching the death

of William Butfield

Coroners Court, 44-46

Parramatta Road, Glebe

(Date) 12.12.94

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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: MOSMAN POLICE STATION.

DUTFIELD - MURDER

Date: 20 NOVEMBER, 1991

Name:

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Tel No.:

Address:

Occupation: Retired Graphic Artist.

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 65.


3. I have known William James DUTFIELD also known as Billy to his friends for twenty (20) years last month, I remember this because he was twenty one (21) when I met him. I was introduced to him by his twin brother John DUTFIELD who I used to work with. He was brought to me for accommodation. I arranged for him to work as a printers labourer where I worked. Because of Billy's mental attitude, he left this job after 12 months.

4. Billy applied for Social Security benefits and was granted an invalid pension. To my knowledge he has not held a permanent job for the past nineteen years. He has done temporary work but not enough to jeopardise his pension.

5. We lived together at [REDACTED] from 1971 for about five years. Because we were continually fighting I asked Billy to leave, which he did.

6. He then moved into a room up at Kings Cross and got a job at the Rex Hotel in Kings Cross as a bar useful, picking up

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glasses. That is where I believe he met Arthur ASHWORTH.

7. Because of my friendship with Billy I was introduced to Arthur ASHWORTH shortly after that. Billy not long after that moved in to Arthur ASHWORTH'S unit at Kings Cross.

8. Sometime after that Billy and Arthur moved into a unit in Randwick hoping that Billy would become interested in strapping horses like he used to do. He continued receiving the invalid pension.

9. Four or five years later they moved to Military Road, Mosman and I remained in touch with them. About June,1991 Arthur moved to the Garrison Retirement village and Billy moved into [REDACTED] Spit Road, Mosman.

10. From June,1991 we saw and communicated regularly with one another a number of times a week. We would go to one another's homes and for a meal and a drink. We have in the past drank at the Mosman R.S.L club and the Bridge Point Tavern at Mosman. Mainly we entertained one another at our homes.

11. On Sunday the 17th of November,1991 the three of us had dinner at my home and they stayed the night. I didn't see Billy monday or tuesday.

12. About 6.20pm on Tuesday the 19th of November,1991 I telephoned Billy at his home and I asked him, " Would you be interested in helping me dig the gardens in my units ?" He said, " I will think about it." I said, " I have just cooked dinner and there is enough for two, would you like to come down ?" Billy said, " No, I'm having a boiled egg." This telephone call ended. At the time I was speaking with Billy I could tell that he was inebriated. He had enough to drink to make him bitter and sarcastic.

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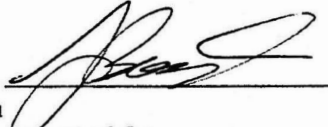
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13. About ten minutes later Billy rang me back and said, " I have rang, Ron ROUSE (CHAIRMAN OF MY BODY CORPORATE) and told him that your back is too weak to dig in the garden, so you don't have to worry about that anymore." This telephone call then ended.

14. I stayed home and had dinner by myself and watched television till about 11.00pm when I went to bed.

15. Billy would be very moody and when he was drinking you had to watch what you said, so that you would not offend him, because he would get upset and very angry. He was very sensitive when he had been drinking.

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J. Bowditch
Detective Constable
North Sydney Detectives
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