

EXHIBIT " 17 "

Inquest touching the death

of William Outfield

Coroners Court, 44-46

Parramatta Road, Glebe

(Date) 12.12.94

_____(Dep. Clerk)

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
DUTFIELD MURDER

Place: Mosman Police Station
Date: 21st November 1991

Name: 161

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Liquor Retail

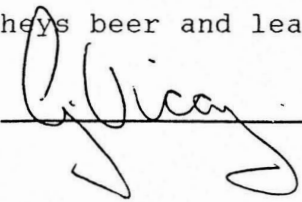
States:-

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 37 years.

3. I am an employee at the Mosman Cellars which is located at 156 Spit Rd Mosman. I have been working there for the past 4 years. As part of my employment I serve the persons coming into the store as well as deliveries to local customers. I work from Mondays to Fridays usually for 10.00am to 8.00pm.

4. On Tuesday the 19th November 1991 I was working behind the counter in the store. I was in the shop by myself. There is another person who works in the store with me, his name is Chris [REDACTED]. That evening Chris left the shop some time between 6.15pm and 6.30pm and was making deliveries in the local area. Just before 7.00pm that evening two male persons came into the shop. One male person the younger of the two who I would describe as about 5 feet 8 tall very thin, fair skin, he was about 45 years old, he had black hair that I could tell was a wig and he was wearing a white T shirt or a very light coloured with a pair of shorts. This man is a regular to the shop he comes in about 4 to 5 times a week, he usually buys 2 cans of Tooheys beer and leaves. The other man was much older he would

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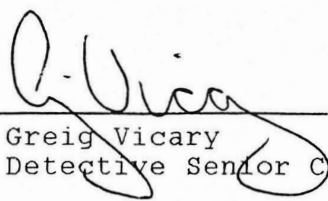
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have been in his 70's he looked old enough to be the first man father. I would describe him as taller than the first man, medium build, he was much bigger than the first man, I think he had grey hair and was going bald. At the time he was in the shop I thought it was strange the clothes that he was wearing because he seemed to have a lot of clothes on. It seemed to be unseasonal. I can't remember what he was wearing but he was dressed better than the first man.

5. The older man selected a some wine and he then approached me at the counter. I then said, " Good evening is that all?" He said " Yes." He then paid for the wine. I can't remember if he paid cash of or another way. He then took the wine and placed it in a bag that he was carrying. The bag I would describe as medium to large bag, I can't remember what colour it was. The bag didn't stand out from his clothes.

6. The younger man at this time was standing next to the older man at the counter, I acknowledge him and said, " Gday." He acknowledged me and he appeared to be in a very happy mood. This seemed a little strange as he is normally polite ^{but} frank. The two men then left the store and I followed as they walked from the store. The younger man whilst at the front door was jumping about still in this happy mood. Both men then left the store and turned south on Spit Road and walked out of sight.

7. Shortly after these men had gone Chris returned from the deliveries and parked the van out the front of the shop. In the clearway which finishes at 7.00pm.

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Detective Senior Constable

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