

EXHIBIT "18"

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:
Death of William DUTFIELD

Place: Paddington Police Station.
Date: 25 November, 1991.

Name: I64

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Pensioner.

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 64.

3. I have known William DUTFIELD for about 12 years, I always called him 'Willy' but I believe other people called him 'Bill' or 'Billy'. I met Willy through Aurther ASHWORTH about 12 years ago. Both Willy and Aurther ASHWORTH have stayed at my holiday house at Gerroa on the South Coast of New South Wales. I have little knowledge of Willy as I only ever saw him with Aurther. I did hear that Willy had a very low I.Q. and I had heard that he had fallen from a horse when he was a jockey and had a plate in his head. I was aware that Willy was going bald. Most of the time when I saw him he was wearing a cap, but when he went out, to go to clubs and thing, he would wear a wig. I would describe the relationship between Aurther and Willy as being a teacher, pupil type relationship.

4. The last time I saw Willy was about 2 months ago at about 10 O'Clock in the morning. I saw him in Oxford Street, Bondi Junction, near the railway station. When I asked him what he was doing there because I knew he lived on the north shore, he said "I feel a bit down today so I thought I would take a long walk." That was as far as the conversation went.

5. I have known Aurther ASHWORTH for atleast 25 years. We have been good friends for that time. I saw Aurther ASHWORTH last Wendsday morning, the 20th of November, 1991. We had made arrangements before hand for Aurther to visit me on that morning at 10am. He was a little early and arrived at my house at 9.45am. Whilst Aurther was at my house he had a cup of coffee and had general conversation. We were going to go to town for lunch but he had a teachers re-union to go to. On that morning Aurther seemed his normal self. During the conversation Willy was not mentioned. Aurther staed at my house for about haf an hour then we both walked to Edgecliff Railway Station and caught a train to the city. Both Aurther and I left the train at Martin Place and we both went our own

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ways. That would have been about 11 am. That was a regular occurrence between Aurther and I, we would take it in turn to go over to the other person's house for a cup of coffee and a chat.

6. On that morning Aurther was wearing Panamah style hat, and a brown jacket and brown pair of pants and he was carrying a brief case and had a rain coat in it.

7. About 6.30pm, that night I rang Aurther to see how his teachers re-union had gone and that is when he told me about what had happenned to Willy. Aurther said "Billy's dead. He's been murdered." and began to sob on the phone. From what Aurther told me on the telephone I believed that his friend 154 after trying to ring Willy at his home gone there and discovered the body when the telephone was not answered. I don't remember Aurther saying he had been to Willy's house but I was in a state of shock at the time after hearing this news.

8. The 154 that I refer to in the statement is a man that Aurther introduced to me and I have met about three times. I don't know much about him except that he is a calligrapher and lives in Mosman.

Witness:



D.Minehan.
Detective Constable 1/C
M.C.S.N. Chatswood.
25 November, 1991.

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