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SUBJECT: Re interview of Arthur ASHWORTH on 21.11.91

CASE

INVEST. MURDER OF WILLIAM JAMES DUTFIELD

Running Sheet Status: VETTED BY CO-ORDINATOR

PERSON INTERVIEWED : Suspect

Name: ASHWORTH, Arthur

Date of Birth / /

Sex M

CNI No: 000000000

Occupation: Pensioner

Home

Addr: The Garrison Unit [REDACTED]

Mosman

NSW 2088

Narrative:

On 21.11.91 the above mentioned person was further spoken to at his home address. There he informed Police that on the morning of the 20/11/91 he travelled to the Woolahra area via Wynyard. At Wynyard he dropped off a pair of blue coloured trousers at 'Lawrence' drycleaners. He then continued to a friend's premises at [REDACTED] Queens Road. The friend being one [REDACTED] 164 of that address. Phone number 3286881. He then returned to the city area with that person, (un confirmed at this time). He then attempted to contact the victim by telephone and there was no response. He then travelled alone by bus to the Spit Road address and found the victim.

On the 21/11/91 ASHWORTH again travelled to the city and retrieve the trousers in question. They have now been taken possession of by Police for examination purposes. However, ASHWORTH further stated that he believed that on the evening of the murder he had been wearing his "brown rig", which included a pair of dark brown pants, brown shoes, socks, beige shirt and light coloured jacket. These items of clothing were taken possession of by Det Sgt Egan for the purpose of Scientific examination.

ASHWORTH FURTHER STATED that he was quite sure of his times of movements with the deceased on the 19/11/91. However he stated that upon leaving the block of units where the deceased resided on the night of the offence he saw a male person described only as being between 20 and 30 years of age, clean shaven and wearing a 'Jersey' top step into the lift which he had just left. As of this time that person has not been identified.

In addition to the above ASHWORTH confirmed that

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154 had contacted the deceased by telephone about 6.20p.m. on 19.11.91. The deceased then made a phone call to Ronald ROUSE of [REDACTED] ASHWORTH stated that it was he who located ROUSE's phone number in the phone book and the deceased had at that time written the number on a small pad that was located on the hall table. That pad was later found on investigating Police at that same point.

At this time ASHWORTH further stated that he had contacted the Mosquito Restaurant and booked a table for dinner. The booking being for 7p.m.

ASHWORTH is to be further interviewed and a further statement obtained from him in regard to these mentioned facts.

DOWDING/KING

Serial No.18382

Date: 21/11/1991

Time: 2200Hrs

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Originating Officer: SENIOR CONSTABLE DOWDING

Assigned Location: M.C.S.N. Chatswood

Date & Time Created: 21/11/1991 9:30

Entered by: CONSTABLE

WAKELING

Date: 26/11/1991

Time 17:36

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