

NSW Police

INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE

Investigation: Murder of William DUTFIELD
Title of Note: [154] spoken to 04/11/2010

Narrative:

He advised that he had lived with DUTFIELD however was not in a relationship with him. He stated that he is not a Homosexual male and could not confirm with DUTFIELD or ASHWORTH were. They were all single males and were only friends. It was not the sort of thing they would talk about.

He advised police that he was a close friend of DUTFIELD and to a lesser extent ASHWORTH.

[154] stated that he had constantly thought about the matter since the murder however could not think of any further information that might assist police.

Stated that DUTFIELD had an alcohol problem and when he drank he became very sensitive and argumentative. He saw himself as not an equal intellectually to [154] or ASHWORTH as he was dyslexic and as a result of this when intoxicated he would put ASHWORTH and [154] down verbally and was quite abusive. He never saw DUTFIELD use violence towards anyone and DUTFIELD was a very short male and very weak physically and would be incapable of fighting.

He stated that he did not locate the body of DUTFIELD the first he heard of the death was a 5pm on the afternoon of his death the Detectives knocked at this door and questioned him about the incident and told him then. He stated he did not have a key to the unit and would not have been able to find the body. He was asked why ASHWORTH would have told someone else that he had found the body and could not answer why ASHWORTH would say that when it was ASHWORTH who located the body. He was unaware of ASHWORTH telling anyone this.

In relation to ASHWORTH he was aware that ASHWORTH owned the unit DUTFIELD lived. To his knowledge they were never in a relationship other than friends. ASHWORTH had moved into the Garrison Retirement Village and his health was reasonable. He was physically stronger than DUTFIELD. He never saw ASHWORTH fight physically with DUTFIELD or any other person.

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When asked if he had ever considered that ASHWORTH may have killed DUTFIELD he stated he had but the only reason for this was that police said everyone was a suspect and that he had a key to the unit.

ASHWORTH and **154** where not in the sort of friendship where they would share secrets. ASHWORTH never talked much about the death of DUTFIELD and was like a ZOMBIE after his death for quite a while.

ASHWORTH and **154** remained friends for a number of years until he moved into a nursing home. Can not recall when this was. He had heard of ASHWORTH's death but had not spoken to him for at least 5 or 6 years before that.

154 could not think of any other friends of ASHWORTH or DUTFIELD apart from family. He had met a couple of elderly friends of ASHWORTH's however he does not know there names.

154 stated he had never heard of Ridge Community Health Centre and was not aware of any approaches to this centre on behalf of DUTFIELD..

He advised police that he had heard the murder weapon was a sticky tape dispenser however he can not recall where he heard that. The police may have told him or he heard it at the inquest.

He stated he was happy to provide DNA if required.

He stated that neither ASHWORTH or him had a beard (relevant to ST13)

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