

NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE

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STATEMENT in matter of: John Raymond HOKIN, charged with
Manslaughter.

Place: Merrylands Police Station.

Date: 24th July, 1992.

Name: PLEDGE, Terence.

Tel. No: [REDACTED]

Address: C\ - Merrylands Police Station.

Occupation: Constable of Police. 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. I am 31 years of age.

3. About 1.50am on Thursday, the 23rd of July, 1992 a man, whom I now know to be the accused, John Raymond HOKIN came into the Merrylands Police Station. At that time the accused was wearing a grey/black college type jacket, black track pants and black socks. I saw that his face was flushed and that he was breathing heavily and I noticed grass clippings and dirt in his hair.

4. HOKIN said, "I've just been in a fight". With that the accused lifted up his jacket and I saw a number of cuts and lacerations to his stomach and torso, he said, "he's cut me up to buggery". I said, "Where did you have this fight"? The accused said, "In my backyard". I said, "Who did you fight"? He said, "Brian". I said, "Brian who"? He said, "Brian, I've only known him for a couple of days, I think he's dead". I said, "What! where is he"? He said, "He went all limp and I

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ran". I said, "Where is he"? He said, "At the back of my place". I said, "Where do you live"? He said, "The corner of [redacted] and Burnett, the place with the long grass". I said, "Where's Brian supposed to be"? He said, 'Round the back'.

5. Constable NASH and I went to the corner of Burnett and [redacted]. The house in question fronts Burnett Street and is located at number [redacted] Burnett Street, Merrylands.

6. I went to the front yard of the home and walked around the right hand side of the house to the rear yard. There I saw the body of a man aged about thirty years, the man appeared to be dead. I saw that there were no visible signs of injury to the body and the body appeared slightly cyanosed. I felt for a pulse in the carotid artery, but could feel nothing and I noticed that the body was still warm. I saw that the body was lying on its' back and its' legs were around a pole supporting the roof of a verandah. I saw the arms of the deceased were above his head and restrained by his clothing, his shirt being inside out and his hands still in the arms of his shirt. The body was also wearing a pair of bib and brace overalls with one strap securing them over his right shoulder.

7. I instructed Constable NASH to guard the scene and used the radio and requested an Ambulance attend the scene. I left the home and returned to the Merrylands Police Station, where I made a number of telephone calls and other inquiries.

8. About 6.00am on Thursday, the 23rd of July, 1992, I was introduced to Mr. Paul Alan MUMBLER, of [redacted], [redacted]. I went with Mr. MUMBLER to the viewing room of the Westmead Hospital Mortuary, where the body was displayed.

Witness: Signature:

M. J. Spencer

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I said, "Is that the body of Brian Wayne WALKER"? He said, "Yes". I said, "How long have you known Mr. WALKER"? He said, "Most of my life, about eighteen years". I then took a formal statement of identification from Mr. MUMBLER and returned with him to the Merrylands Police Station.

9. About 8.30am on Friday, the 24th of July, 1992, I went to the Westmead Hospital Mortuary where I identified the body of Brian Wayne WALKER, to Doctor ELLIS, the Government Medical Officer.

Witness:*M. J. Spencer*.....Signature:*[Handwritten Signature]*.....