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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:  
John Raymond HOKIN Charged.

Place: Ferguson Centre Parramatta  
Date: 5th August, 1992

Name: RUPP, Hans Friedrich

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: Homicide Squad, North West.

Occupation: Detective Sergeant.

## 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 36 years.

3. About 3.40am on Thursday 23rd of July with Detective Inglis I attended [REDACTED] Burnett Street, Merrylands. In the backyard of the premises I saw the body of Brian Wayne WALKER near the back door of the premises. I had a conversation with Sergeant Gibson and Sergeant Fluke and they told me certain things.

4. I carried out a number of enquiries in relation to the matter and I also went to [REDACTED] Burnett Street, Merrylands where I had a conversation with Craig and Julianne Donnelly.

5. A short time later I attended the Merrylands Police Station with Detective Inglis. In the dock of the Police Station I saw the defendant John Raymond HOKIN. I said, "My name is Detective Rupp and this is Detective Inglis. What is your name?" He said, "John Hokin." I said, "Would you tell me what happened at your house earlier tonight. I want you to understand that you need not say anything about this matter unless you wish, but whatever you say will be recorded and may later be given in

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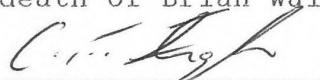
evidence. Do you understand that?" He said, "Yes." I said, "Are you prepared to tell me what happened?" He said, "I was trying to sleep when suddenly I saw Brian, I don't know his surname I only met him two days ago. I said, 'Lets get out the back and light a fire', we just sat around drinking and playing the guitar and singing songs. Then he just come onto me he kept touching my leg and I'm not like that I like women. He just bent down and picked up what I thought was a shovel. He swung it right at me and I ducked and grabbed him with both hands. I used a superior wrestling hold on him. I was head to head on him I had me arms around him and was lying on him. I don't know where he got his bloody strength, he kept struggling and obviously my left ribs asfixiated him. His legs ended up straddling the post that holds up a covering at the end of my house. I was afraid of that fella tonight, where the devil did he get the strength. I let him cut me with that bottle, I thought should I let go of him, but I held on and grit my teeth. I sure didn't cut my body like this cause I respect my body." He lifted his shirt and I saw some cuts to his stomach.

5. We then left the Police Station and returned to [REDACTED] Burnett Street, Merrylands. I had a further conversation with Detective Sergeant Gibson and Detective Sweeny from the Parramatta Physical Evidence Section. A short time later we returned to the Merrylands Police Station.

6. I carried out a number of enquiries in respect of the matter and I obtained the next master tape No.92/0011 and I took possession of one audio pack and one video tape. In company with Detective Inglis I took the defendant to an interview room on the first floor of the Police Station.

7. I said, "I am going to ask you some further questions about the death of Brian Walker at your home earlier this morning. My

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questions and any answers that you care to give will be electronically recorded both on video and audio tapes as the interview takes place. Do you understand that?" He said, "Yes." I said, "At the completion of the interview you will be given an audio tape copy of the interview. Do you understand that?" He said, "Yes."

8. I then asked the defendant a number of questions, those questions together with the defendant's answers were electronically recorded as the interview took place. The whole of that interview was electronically recorded in this way.

9. I then left the interview room and returned a short time later with Sergeant Dallmeijer. I said, "Okay John I'm going to leave the room now. This is Sergeant Dallmeijer. He's going to ask you some questions about this interview we've just had with you." He said, "Yeah. I said, "And the time now is 6.51. We're going to leave the room, Okay? He said, "Okay."

10. A short time later I returned to the interview room with Detective Inglis where I concluded the interview. I then labelled each tape and sealed the master audio tape in the presence of the defendant and Detective Inglis. I entered the details on the seal and signed it. I said to the defendant, "Would you witness this seal by signing here?" I indicated a position on the seal. I then saw him sign his name on the seal.

11. I then said to the defendant, "Are you prepared sign a receipt for a copy of this interview?" He said, "Yes." I then saw him sign a receipt for a copy of the white master tape. I witnessed the defendant's signature.

12. I then handed the defendant a copy of the white master audio tape of the interview. I then took the defendant to the

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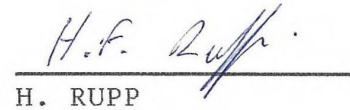
13. EXHIBIT. I produce a transcribed copy of the interview No. 92/0011.

14. Later that day together with Detective Inglis I accopmanied the defendant to the Westmead Hospital where I saw Dr NIRMALANANDA who took a blood sample from the defendant. I took possession of this blood sample which I later gave to Detective Sweeney.

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