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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Death of Brian WALKER.

Place: Homicide Squad Office.

Date: 6th August, 1992.

INGLIS, Craig Francis

Tel No.:

Address:

Homicide Squad NORTH WEST REGION

Occupation: Detective Senior Constable of Police

States:-

- 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 28.
- About 3.40am on Thursday 23rd of July with Detective Sergeant RUPP I attended Burnett Street, MERRYLANDS. In the backyard I saw the body of Brian Wayne WALKER near the back door of the premises. Detective Sergeant RUPP had a conversation with Detective Sergeant's Gibson and Fluke.
- Detective Sergeant RUPP and I conducted a canvass of surrounding houses during which we went to Burnett Street, MERRYLANDS where we had a conversation with Craig and Julianne DONNELLY.
- A short time later with Detective Sergeant RUPP I went to the MERRYLANDS Police Station and in the dock I saw the defendant, John Raymond HOKIN.

Detective Sergeant RUPP said, "My name is Detective Rupp and this is Detective Inglis. What is your name?" He replied, "John Hokin."

Detective Sergeant RUPP said, "Would you tell me what happened

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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 evidence. Do you understand that?" He replied, "Yes." Detective Sergeant RUPP said, "Are you prepared to tell me what happened?" He replied, "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. 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 asphyxiated 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." As he said this HOKIN lifted his shirt and indicated a number of lacerations to either side of his stomach.

- 6. We then left the Police Station and returned to Burnett Street, MERRYLANDS. I had a further conversation with Detective Sergeant GIBSON and Detective SWEENEY from the PARRAMATTA Physical Evidence Section. A short time later we returned to the MERRYLANDS Police Station.
- 7. Detective Sergeant RUPP made a number of inquiries about this matter, he also obtained the next master tape No.92/0011 and took possession of one audio pack and one video tape. In,

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company with Detective Sergeant RUPP, I took the defendant to an interview room on the first floor of the Police Station.

8. Detective Sergeant RUPP said, "I am going to ask you some further questions about the death of Brian Walker at your home earlier this morning. My 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 replied, "Yes."

Detective Sergeant RUPP said, "At the completion of the interview you will be given an audio tape copy of the interview. Do you understand that?" He replied, "Yes."

- 9. Detective Sergeant RUPP 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.
- 10. Detective Sergeant RUPP left the interview room and returned a short time later with Sergeant DALLMEIJER. Detective Sergeant RUPP 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 replied, "Yeah. Detective Sergeant RUPP said, "And the time now is 6.51. We're going to leave the room, Okay? He replied, "Okay."
- 11. A short time later I returned to the interview room with Detective Sergeant RUPP and the interview was concluded. Detective Sergeant RUPP then labelled each tape and sealed the master audio tape in the presence of the defendant and myself. He then entered the details on the seal and signed it. Detective Sergeant RUPP said to the defendant, "Would you

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witness this seal by signing here?" Indicating a position on the seal. I then saw the defendant sign his name on the seal.

- 12. Detective Sergeant RUPP said to the defendant, "Are you prepared sign a receipt for a copy of this interview?" He replied, "Yes." The defendant then signed a receipt for a copy of the white master tape and Detective Sergeant RUPP witnessed that signature.
- 13. The defendant was given a copy of the master audio tape of the interview. The defendant was taken to the charge room where he was charged with this offence.
- 14. Later that day together with Detective Sergeant RUPP I accompanied the defendant to the Westmead Hospital where I saw Dr NIRMALANANDA who took a blood sample from the defendant. Detective Sergeant RUPP took possession of this blood sample which I later gave to Detective SWEENEY.

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