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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:  
Death of Brian WALKER

Place: ■ Burnett Street,  
MERRYLANDS.

Date: 24th of July, 1992.

Name: DONNELLY, Craig Robert

Tel No.: ■■■■■■

Address: ■ Burnett Street, MERRYLANDS 2160

Occupation: Valve Mechanic

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 24.

3. I am living at the above address with my wife, Julianne and our son, Kieron. Since we moved here in February, 1991 I have come to know John who lives at number ■ Burnett Street.

4. During the evening of Wednesday the 22nd of July, 1992 I was at home when my wife called me into the spare room. I went in and heard some people singing, they were in John's back yard and I recognised his voice as one of the singer's. I think there was only two people singing.

5. I then went to the bathroom, which is at the back of the house. I opened the window about 10cm's, I could see into John's back yard and I could see him sitting on a chair. He was facing our house and there was another guy there as well, this guy was facing the back of John's house. They had a fire going and I could see the firelight reflecting off John's face but it was too dark to see the other guy apart from him having black hair. They had just finished the song that I had heard them

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singing before, they clapped their hands and said something like, 'Good one mate'.

6. I then moved the window until it was only about 2cm's open then went back into the lounge room. I just watched T.V then, I think was about 9.39pm we went to bed. Before I went to bed I went to the toilet and at this time I didn't hear any noises from next door.

7. The next thing I remember is that Julianne woke me and said something ("There's something going on next door, call the Police. John's calling your name for help. He said Craig twice.") I then went back out to the bathroom and again opened the window to about 10 cm's, I couldn't hear anything at all. That's when I noticed the side gate was shut. At this time Kevin, my other neighbour came out of his place and yelled to his dog ("shut up Sheiba"). I then walked to the other side of the house and I saw Kevin on his porch, he was bending down leaning against the wall. It looked like he was taking his shoe off. He went inside and shut the door.

8. That's when I went back to the bathroom window, the side gate was open and I could hear a sound like someone walking into things and mumouring. These sounds seemed to be coming from from a shed at the back of the house. I could see the back door of the house was open but the noise wasn't coming from there. I then backed away from the window and spoke to Julianne who had walked up behind me, we spoke for a few minutes. I went back to the window, the noise had stopped and saw the gate was shut I stayed there for about 5 minutes or slightly more. While I was waiting I saw a torch light or maybe two come into the yard. I heard someone say, " There's no pulse but the bodies still warm." Shortly after this I went back and spoke to Julianne.

Witness:

H.L. Reiff.

Signature:

C. Donnelly