

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Scientific Investigation SectionMurder of Gerald Leslie CUTHBERTHurstville Police Station

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Roger William JOHNSON

(Surname in capitals)

Address: Scientific Section, Hurstville Police Station

Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: Detective Sergeant 3rd Class of Police

STATES:—

About 7.45pm on the 18.10.81 I went to [redacted] Stephen Street, Paddington where I saw and spoke with Detective KILLEN and ARNDELL. Two uniformed Police present, Senior Constable M. ALLEN and Constable McCORMICK. Also present were two other male residents.

The naked body of Gerald Leslie CUTHBERT was lying face down on a double bed in the main bedroom, first room on the left from entrance door. There were multiple stab wounds to the back of the body and the throat was cut. The head was lying on two yellow and white striped pillows and one yellow pillow at the head of that bed. The bed covers were drawn back to the foot of the bed, (top sheet, a blanket and green and white bed spread.) Bed covers were covering the feet of the deceased. At the foot of the bed and on top of the bed covers laid a black briefcase, a red plastic wallet-carry bag, a sheet of white note paper, (various names and figures), a key and key tag with number 67B on it, a one cent piece, blue denim jacket (damp.) Not a great disturbance to bed or bed covers. The deceased was lying in a pool of blood. Blood splashes appeared on the pillow near the left shoulder of the deceased in an outward direction. Further blood splashes appeared on the bed head approximately 1 metre left of the head. The only other blood on the bed was a patch approximately 7cm x 4 cm (2½" x 1½"). A woven pattern appeared in this blood spot.

The room temperature taken at 8.20pm as 19.4°C. Body temperature (anal) at 8.20pm 24°C. Light consisted of a centrally placed overhead globe (light on). Aluminium outward opening windows, left window closed, right window open 1", curtain covering all windows. The general appearance of the room did not give the appearance of being ransacked. One men's handkerchief collected from floor on left side of the bed. The deceased's watch was located on bedside table on the left side of the bed. A tube of white hand cream found on bedside table on the right side of the bed. Tube opened and the top located on the floor. The deceased's clothing consisting of one long-sleeved white striped shirt, a pair of khaki jeans with wide brown belt, pair of brown patterned socks, were found in a pile on top of other clothes against the wall near the bedroom door, deceased's underpants green and white patterned briefs located on the floor near the foot of the bed. A search of the bedroom failed to reveal anything of a useful nature.

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What appeared to be footprints in blood (woven pattern possibly caused by socks evident) led from bed down the hallway into the bathroom. A pair of black socks collected from hallway. These blood marks photographed but insufficient print for identification. A wet and blood stained towel found lying on floor at the entrance of the lounge room. A search of the lounge room revealed two Marlborough cigarette butts in the ashtray on the coffee table.

Doctor BRIGHTON, Government Medical Officer arrived at 8.30pm. I was present when the Dr. made his examination. No obvious signs of disturbance to rest of dwelling. Search made of entire unit. Nothing of a nature to assist this enquiry was found. Hall lights were in working order but were in the off position at the time of our arrival. Weather conditions were cool and showers.

At 10am on the 10.10.81 I was present at the City Morgue re Post Mortem Examination of CUTHBERT by Dr. BRIGHTON.

The Post Mortem revealed the following:-

1. No blood on lower portion of body.
2. 48 stab wounds to back of body.
3. 6 stab wounds to left chest.
4. 8 stab wounds to left neck and shoulder region.
5. All stabbings to left side and back of body, 62 in total.
6. Neck gashed  $\frac{1}{4}$  to right of midline.
7. Suggested by Doctor that knife was sharp, and neck cut in one movement. (Thyroid cartilage cut above vocal chords.)
8. Carotid artery not severed, jugular vein severed, therefore bleeding more passive rather than a high pressure spurting.
9. Stab wounds appear to be 1.75cm wide, and tracks 9 to 10cms deep. Doctor suggests a single edged blade.
10. No blood in abdomen, very little blood in chest cavity. 16 punctures through left chest wall and into collapsed left lung. Right lung not collapsed.
11. Small amount of blood in pericardial sac (heart sac) and lower apex of heart punctured from left side. Doctor said that it was possible that this would immobilise the heart causing death.
12. Spleen punctured from left side.
13. Anterior margin of liver punctured.
14. Blood froth found in trachea, therefore suggesting victim was alive when throat was cut.
15. Doctor BRIGHTON remarked on the pale state of the internal organs and lack of internal bleeding. He further went on to suggest a fast death occurred but would not offer an opinion as to the progression of the attack.
16. Doctor BRIGHTON formed the opinion that death was caused by loss of blood.

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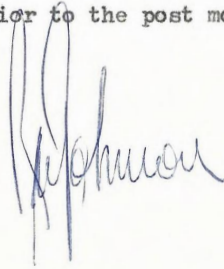
On the 20.10.81 I submitted the following exhibits to the Division of Forensic Medicine for examination by Mrs A. Henry.  
Sample of blood from body of CUTHBERT taken by Dr Brighton 19.10.81.  
A sample of hair taken from CUTHBERT by Dr. Brighton 19.10.81.  
A sample of pubic hair taken from CUTHBERT by Dr. Brighton on 19.10.81.  
Anal swabs from body of CUTHBERT taken by Dr. Brighton 19.10.81.  
Two cigarette butts found in ashtray on coffee table in lounge room of [REDACTED] Stephen Street 18.10.81. One mens handkerchief found alongside bed at [REDACTED] Stephen Street 10.10.81.

EXHIBIT: I produce three different view photographs showing the position and condition of the deceased CUTHBERT.

EXHIBIT: I produce a close up photograph showing the injuries to the deceased back.

EXHIBIT: I produce a photograph showing what appeared to be two footprints in sock covered feet appearing in the hallway.

EXHIBIT: I produce four colour photographs taken at the City Morgue prior to the post mortem examination showing injuries to the deceased.



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