

RECORD OF INTERVIEW BETWEEN DETECTIVE SERGEANT M.A.HAGAN and [REDACTED] 1212
AT WAVERLEY POLICE STATION ON THE 18th OCTOBER, 1981.

ALSO PRESENT : Detective Constable 1st Class M.J.Hunter (typist)

TIME COMMENCED : 10.10pm

- Q. 1 As I have already told you I am Detective Sergeant Hagan and this is Detective Hunter. We are from the homicide Squad B1B and we are investigating the death of Gerald Leslie CUTHBERT, who was found about 6.15pm tonight in a bedroom at flat [REDACTED] Stephen Street, Paddington. I am going to ask you some questions about this matter and my questions and any ~~quess~~ answer given by you will be recorded by Detective Hunter as the interview takes place. Do you understand that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. 2 What is your full name date of birth and address.
- A. [REDACTED] 1212, [REDACTED] 1943. [REDACTED] Stephens Street, Paddington.
- Q. 3 What is your occupation?
- A. Printer.
- Q. 4 Where are you employed?
- A. Government Printing Office.
- Q. 5 Where is your office situated?
- A. The Remington Centre, Environment and Planning, Government Printing Branch Office, 12 Level, Liverpool Street, Sydney. Phone Number [REDACTED].
- Q. 6 What position do you hold?
- A. I am the officer in charge of the branch.
- Q. 7 How long have you been employed there?
- A. Since August, 1963.
- Q. 8 Are you married or single?
- A. Single, I've never been married.
- Q. 9 How long have you resided at Stephen Street, Paddington?
- A. It must be four years.
- Q. 10 What is your family situation?
- A. Both parents are deceased. I have three brothers and three sisters.
- Q. 11 Where did you reside prior to Stephens Street.
- A. [REDACTED] Hargraves Street, Paddington.
- Q. 12 Do you own a motor vehicle?
- A. No.
- Q. 13 Do you have a drivers Licence?
- A. No, I've never had one.
- Q. 14 Did you know Gerald Leslie CUTHBERT?
- A. Yes,
- Q. 15 How long have you known Gerald Leslie CUTHBERT?
- A. For about 5 years.
- Q. 16 Would you care to tell us how you came to know him?
- A. I was introduced to him at a party and we became friends over a period of time communicating over the telephone and going out together to movies and to dinner. At that time Gerry was living at Manly and I found it inconvenient to travel back and forth so I suggested that we move into my place at Hargraves Street and live together for a period of time. We found it to small and we decided to move to a bigger and better place. We then moved to Stephens Street, Paddington and lived there.

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Q.17 Can you tell us what happened after you and Gerry moved to Stephen Street, Paddington.

A. When we moved in we took the lease in both our names for \$70.00 a week. We had a good relationship at the start. At that time Gerry was working at the Hilton hotel in the kitchen which he didn't like. All he wanted to become was a porter. Having been promoted to that position was when our relationship started to waver. He wanted to go out to parties and clubs and I did not. So he would tell me that he was going to go and drinks with work friends anyway after work. At this time he was on shift work at the Hilton and he was working all hours. We started to argue about Gerry going out but he still kept going out telling me not to worry about him. As a result of this my health deteriorated to the extent that I had to go to the Doctor for some sleeping tablets.

Q.18 What happened after that?

A. About June, 1980, Gerry had friends from Auckland New Zealand, Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Vicki SAMPSON. They stayed with us for about a month. It was during this time that Gerry started to question his homosexual relationship with me and wanted to know what the bible said about having homosexual relationships. As a result of Gerry's relationship with Paul and Vicki he became a Christian and didn't want to continue his homosexual relationship with me. He told me he wanted to make a complete break from homosexuality. About a week after Paul and Vicki went back to New Zealand and went to Fulbourne Road, Pennant Hills to live with five other Christian guys in a house. I remember the day he left because it was American Independence day the 4th July, 1980.

Q.19 What did Gerry take with him when he left your premises?

A. His clothes and his stereo, and the keys to the unit.

Q.20 When did you next see Gerry after he left your premises?

A. I saw him the next week as it was my birthday and he gave me a present and then I didn't see him again until it was his birthday on the 27th July, 1980. At this stage he was still working at the Hilton as a Porter. I went to see him on his birthday to give him a present but he wouldn't accept it so I didn't hassle him. We just had coffee and I left. After this I spoke to Gerry several times on the phone but I did not see him for about four months. About January, February this year I saw Gerry again and he told me that he had left the Hilton and had a job fencing with the friends from the Church called the Christian Faith Centre at Wahroonga. Later on Gerry told me that he was having problems with homosexuality again and I tried to tell him that it was wrong as I had now become a Christian myself and knew that those things were wrong. Because of problems he was asked to leave Pennant Hills and then he moved to the YMCA. I asked him if he wanted to come back as a temporary with me but he said no and went to the Y.M.C.A. Whilst he was living at the YMCA he was coming to my place for meals and to shower and on the odd nights stay overnight. For the last three or four months Gerry has been coming every night to my place and I suggested that I give him a key to the place so that he could cook his meals when he arrived after working out at the gym. It was on a friendship relationship and it was working out alright.

Q.21 When is the last time you had a homosexual relationship with Gerry?

A. Before the 4th July, 1980.

Q.22 When is the last time you saw Gerry CUTHBERT alive?

A. Last Thursday night he was around for a meal.

Q.23 Would you care to tell us the circumstances of that meeting?

A. I rang Gerry to invite ~~around~~ ~~for~~ him down to Nowra for the weekend to a Christian concert but he said no that he wouldn't come to Nowra because he couldn't afford it as he wanted to pay his taxation fine and then I asked him what he was doing on Thursday night and he said nothing so I invited him around for a meal. On Thursday the night Gerry came to dinner with Simon and myself and we just chatted talked and played records and as the time was getting on he said he must go and Simon said well I'll drive you in to the YMCA. So Simon drove him and myself to the YMCA and we dropped Gerry off about midnight. That's the last time I saw Gerry alive.

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- Q.24 Would you care to tell me your ^{movements} ~~moments~~ from midnight last Thursday to tonight?
- A. On Friday I went to my usual job and got home about ten to five. I had tea at home with my friend June BENNETTS and we went to a play, 'How to Succeed in Business without really trying' at Rockdale Town Hall. After the play June came back to my place and we had coffee and she left about 12.30am and I went to bed. Saturday I got up and got ready to go to Nowra and Simon and myself left the unit around 9am and went to Central Railway Station to meet up with other friends from the Bondi Fellowship. We then caught the 9.35am train to Bomaderry arriving there about 12.30pm. We left there and we were taken to the Willows Caravan Park in Nowra. We slept during the afternoon and then we got up, showered went for food and then got ready for the concert ~~for the~~ in the School of Arts Hall at Nowra. The concert finished about 9.30pm and then we went to a coffee shop for coffee and later we returned to the Caravan Park and we all went into one caravan and we talked until about midnight and then we went to bed. This morning we got up and had breakfast at the Caravan Park and checked out of the Caravan Park about 10 o'clock and then we went to the Shoalhaven Christian Faith Centre Church. This finished about midday and then we were invited to the Pastor's house for lunch. We did this and caught the train from Bomaderry at 2.35pm back to Sydney, getting into Central about 5.40pm. We ~~th~~ waited for a cab and got back to the unit about 6.15pm tonight. I opened the door with my key and went inside and there was stains on the carpet which I thought was boot polish. Then I went into the Loungeroom and found Gerry's boots on the floor and I thought that he was in my bed with somebody. I went into the room and switched the light on and found Gerry. My immediate reaction was to scream out that something was wrong with Gerry. Then I ran out of the bedroom into the hallway and then the others came up and then I went back into the bedroom and felt that he was cold. Then Simon rang the Police and the Ambulance.
- Q.25 Who is Simon?
- A. Simon CANT, he is living in the unit with me now. He moved in on the 1st of October this year
- Q.26 Could you tell us the names of the people from the Bondi Fellowship with whom you went to Nowra?
- A. Mark and Linda PORCHERON, Phillip PORCHERON, Simon CANT, Linda HALL and her daughter Cassidy.
- Q.27 Where is the Bondi Fellowship situated?
- A. Its unit 4, I don't know the number but its Penkivill Street, Bondi
- Q.28 Do you know anything about the death of Gerry CUTHBERT?
- A. No.
- Q.29 Do you know any person who would want to cause the death of Gerry CUTHBERT?
- A. No.
- Q.30 Can you suggest any person who may have been involved in his death?
- A. On Saturday the 3rd October, 1981, I went to see Gerry at the YMCA and while I was there another guy come into the room and he was introduced to me as either Ray or Reg but I think it was Ray. This guy seemed to know Gerry. I would describe him as between 26 to 28 old, Australian, about 5'-8", medium build, medium complexion, brown hair with a bushy moustache. On his right arm he had a tattoo of a leopard spreadout. It was on the upper part of the arm. On his left upper arm he had a tattoo of a dagger with blood dripping off it and across the dagger was the word 'suck'. There was also another tattoo on his upper left arm but I don't know what it was. I think it was a skull.
- Q.31 Where was Gerry employed up until today?
- A. He worked for a few months for a place in Hornsby called 'Contract'. Because of a personality clash with his boss he had to leave and on the 30th September, 1981, he started working as a storeman and parker for a material place in Dixon Street, Sydney. He said they were Jewish people.

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Q.32 Is there anything further that you can tell us about this matter?
A. Nothing at this stage.

Q.33 Have the answers that have been recorded in this record of interview been made of your own free will?
A. Yes.

Q.34 Would you now read this record of interview and if it is a true and correct record of our interview would you be prepared to sign it?
A. Yes.

TIME CONCLUDED : 12.50am

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