

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
Death of STOCKTON

Place: Surry Hills Police Station
Date: 13 November, 1996

Name: Esmond Henry STOCKTON

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: [REDACTED]

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 eighty three (83) years.

3. I am the father of Carl Gregory STOCKTON. He was born on the 31st of October, 1944 at Sydney Sanitarium Hospital, Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga.

4. Our home at the time of his birth was [REDACTED]. In 1952 the family built a new house at the address given above and the family still lives in the same house.

5. The house at [REDACTED] Mort Street, Surry Hills was purchased in 1976 and was rented to tenants for a short period after which Carl occupied it himself and has been there ever since. The title registration of the home is the name Carl Gregory STOCKTON. At Mort Street Carl has never had a companion either male or female. He has always lived alone.

6. I have never known Carl to be much of a drinker. We would see Carl at intervals of a few weeks when he visited the family

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home for dinner. I cannot ever remember Carl having the smell of alcohol on him.

7. He was a quiet person, never a fighting man, however, he did have a circle of friends, most of them unknown to me. Carl is a member of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club of Australia, but I do not know any of the other members.

8. Besides the Rolls-Royce he is the registered owner of a Renault [REDACTED] number [REDACTED] and has recently purchased a Holden Commodore Station Wagon the number is unknown to me. He bought the Holden thinking that the Renault was old and beyond reasonable service, but, he has since found out it is really in good shape. These two vehicles are garaged in a block of home units in Bourke Street, immediately opposite the junction with Mort Street. The Rolls-Royce is garaged in Mort Street. Keys for the garage and this car are in possession of Geoffrey TYSON.

9. Some years ago, possibly six or seven, Carl was assaulted in Mort Street, I think by two or three people. He only suffered from the point of view of medical science a broken finger. As a result of this attack he was apprehensive of further attack.

10. Some months ago entry was made to his home and camera and electronic gear, together with antique jewellery was taken. He reported this break in to Surry Hills Police Station. I was told that one of his front windows was wedged open and it was on a day when there was a large use of the parking area in Moore Park. As a result of the break in dead locks were fitted the rear and front doors.

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11. Yesterday with the help of a building contractor named Dominique DEGUIO we gained entry to the upper bedroom via the french doors and windows above the door. Access to the upper veranda was gained by the use of an extension ladder brought with us. I had arranged with Detective Sergeant MOSS to contact him when we had gained access. But we didn't make any entry until the police group arrived. When we went inside with the police we looked in various rooms and found a brief case in the upper bedroom. This brief case contained a number of papers and a set of keys of which some apply to the motor vehicles and some to the deadlocks on the front and rear doors. We checked that we had keys which would open the deadlocks and we found it to be so.

12. Today I visited Mort Street with another group of police and after inspecting several rooms handed one of the keys which opened the deadlocks to Detective ALLISON. We checked the messages on the tape of Carl's telephone answering device and identified all callers. The first call was, Wayne RYAN a cousin inviting him to a class reunion. The second was [1197] his god child inviting him to a school formal. The third was [1208] the mother of [1197] who was calling because they haven't seen Carl for a while.

13. I gave permission for Detective ALLISON to make a further search of the premises and return the key when he finished his work.

14. After the break in when the camera and electronic equipment was stolen Carl appeared to be down hearted. Included amongst the papers in the home was a referral from a local doctor to Dr GOW, who is a skin specialist at Castle Hill. This referral was for a check on Carl's skin condition. Dr GOW is a life long

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friend of Carl's and I spoke to her today. She told me that the appointment had recently been kept and she has found Carl in good health and in good spirits.

15. There has been since from 1949 until 1985 a family business of which Carl was a share holder, it was from this interest that the money which payed for Carl's home was supplied. When this business was terminated the assets were transferred to a family trust in which Carl was a director. The two senior members of the family have reached the middle eighties and there was a family discussion on the 16th of June last at a share holders meeting of the trustee company. At this meeting it was stated that the wills of the two senior members were already twenty years old and it had seemed sensible to have new ones prepared. At this time Carl suggested that he might get a will also. To my knowledge no such will has been prepared. Last Friday the 8th of November, I spoke to his friend Geoffrey TYSON who mentioned that Carl had also spoken to him about having a will prepared, but he also thinks no instructions have been given.

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