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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Surry Hills Police Station

Death of STOCKTON

14 November, 1996 Date:

Name:

Geoffrey Raymond TYSON

Tel No.:

Address:

Occupation: Human Resource Consultant

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.
- My age is fifty one (51). 2.
- I have known Carl STOCKTON since 1982 through a shared interest in motor vehicles. I would describe him as a fairly solitary person, introspective in nature. Since I have known Carl he has lived at Mort Street, Surry Hills. To my knowledge he has always lived alone and in recent years he was reluctant to invite friends or other people in his home. When I say other people, I mean when someone dropped him off home, he would not invite them in for a cup of coffee. He had a small group of friends, however, these people didn't intermingle. You would rarely meet them, you just knew them by name.
- Carl granted me what he termed as `custodianship' of his Rolls-Royce. It is a black 1954 Silver Dawn, registered number , chassis number . In general it meant that I maintained the vehicle, both mechanically and cosmetically, whilst contributing towards repair costs. Carl always paid the insurance and registration fees. Carl was quite generous in this arrangement and I had full access to the vehic \sharp e at any

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time and for whatever purpose. This arrangement evolved gradually but was really put into effect in the mid 1980's. I would just tend to use it for maintenance purposes and to go for a drive on the weekends. He also owned a green 1976 Renault 16 and a white 1992 Holden VP station wagon. Carl purchased the station wagon from me earlier this year.

- 5. To the best of my recollection Carl used to carry a substantial bunch of keys which he could clip onto his trouser belt loop. I think these consisted of two metal rings hanging off each other, with each holding a number of keys. Amongst these keys I would have expected to find, the house keys, keys to his post office box, keys to the Holden and Renault cars, a key to the parking area for those cars and keys associated with his work at the railways.
- Since the 'Cleveland Inn' became the 'Bar Cleveland' and went up market Carl would go there for a meal and a drink. 'Bar Cleveland' is on the corner of Bourke and Cleveland Streets. I think that he would often be there by himself because when an interesting car would go past he would ring friends on his mobile and tell theme about it. I would think he would go the 'Bar Cleveland' mainly on his days off and not necessarily on days that he was working. Carl joined the railways as train driver primarily because he had a life long interest in trains and secondly because he believed that his obligations as a train driver would restrict his opportunities to drink. He was not someone who I would refer to as an alcoholic, however, his lifestyle was such that on occasions he drank too much. He was inoffensive and not the type to cause trouble. Carl wouldn't go to the pub to socialise but would rather keep to himself, enjoying watching the world go by.

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7. Carl told me that he was on medication for depression together with other medication for his broken collar bone. I am not aware of the circumstances in which he injured his collar bone. He told me within some days of injuring himself but did not elaborate. I think the injury happened in September this year and resulted in his taking sick leave from work. He did not mention any other injury at the time.

- 8. Carl was not in the habit of carrying large sums of money on his person or at home. He would withdraw amounts of cash through auto tellers when required. Carl did not gamble, he would not have bet on the Melbourne Cup. He dressed in an unprepossessing manner and generally minded his own business.
- 9. To my knowledge Carl has been assaulted three times. Once in the city about ten years ago (this was a result of a traffic incident) and on two other occasions in Moore Park. I think these incidents all took place within two years of each other. From these assaults he received physical injuries and suffered mental anguish which required medical treatment. After these assaults he became a little more withdrawn.
- 10. About half way through this year he told me that his house had been broken in to and about \$10,000.00 worth of goods stolen. I can recall that he went to the police and requested fingerprints be taken. The police suggested that he visit some local pawn shops to try and identify some of his camera equipment. After this incident he became apprehensive of living in the area. Subsequent to his collar bone injury he mentioned to me that, "people around here don't like me." and spoke of moving to another suburb. He didn't specify who these people may have been.

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11. Although Carl spoke to me as recently as about June of this year regarding his intentions in making a will, he appears to have died intestate. I have made some inquiries with a solicitor and I am fairly confident that he did not leave a will. In our discussions he mentioned that he would like to leave the bulk of his estate to his sister's children and that he would leave me the Rolls-Royce.

I am unaware of his movements on the night that he received his injuries and I can think of no reason for any person to harm him.

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