

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
Death of STOCKTON

Place: Surry Hills Police Station
Date: 12 November, 1996

Name: Andrew PHILLIPS

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Student

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 twenty five (25).

3. I am a regular drinker at the Bar Cleveland which is a hotel on the corner Bourke and Cleveland Streets, Redfern. On average I would go to the hotel about three or four times a week. I would go more often on the weekend than during the week. For the past two years I have been going to the pub.

4. Last Tuesday, Melbourne Cup day around 11.00pm, I remember it was quite late evening when I went to Bar Cleveland. I just went up by myself, but my friends, Gavin JAMES and Nathan were up there. I don't know Nathan's last name. I joined my friends in playing pool. We played on the front table in the front bar. The front bar is the bar facing Bourke Street.

5. I could have been playing pool for about an hour or two and then I went outside. I left by the Bourke Street exit and I did this because I thought I saw a friend, Jeremy or someone leave the pub. Outside the pub I saw a group of three or four people. They were on the footpath on the corner of Cleveland and Bourke

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Street. I could see they were standing around in a circle. I then went back into the pub by the same door that I had come from.

6. Once inside Gavin JAMES went outside. He went out by the door in the front bar, facing Cleveland Street. I saw him approach the group of people. Most of the people then left and I saw him talking to a guy. They were both sitting on the window ledge of the pub. They appeared to be talking. I think Brent the bar manager went outside and helped Gavin bring the guy in. Inside they sat him on the chair next to the door. Brent got the phone book out on the bar and looked for the number of Mission Beat. He said he was going to call them. I was sitting at the bar at the time. Gavin and the guy were sitting on chairs. Gavin was talking to the guy and holding an ice pack over his eye and eyebrow area.

7. Gavin continued to talk to him for a while until the Mission Beat van arrived. The van stopped in Cleveland Street, just outside the pub doors. I would say that it would have been about 2.00am at this time. The Mission Beat people approached the guy and it appeared that he didn't want to go with them. Gavin then spoke to him for a little longer, then Gavin and one of the Mission Beat men took the guy outside. Once they were outside it appeared that Gavin spoke to the guy a little longer. The Mission Beat people then spoke to the guy and put him in the van through the side door. They closed the door and left. The whole time I was sitting at the front bar.

8. I remember the guy looked unkept, late twenties to early thirties and he had a beard, I can't remember anything more about him at the moment. I don't think I have seen this guy before.

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9. Tonight, Tuesday the 12 November, 1996 at Surry Hills Police Station, Detective COMAN showed me a coloured photocopy of a photograph. It is a picture of a man and a woman. The man in the photo is the same person who I have referred to in my statement as the 'guy'. However, he hair was cut shorter and he looks a little healthier in the photograph. I then signed and dated the photocopy of the man.

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Carl Stodolom
Nov, 76

Handwritten signature and date: Andrew Phillips 12/11/96.