

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
DEATH OF CARL GREGORY STOCKTON

Place: SURRY HILLS DETECTIVES
OFFICE

Date: 18 NOVEMBER 1996

Name: PAROISSIEN, BRIGETTE DIANA

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] BOURKE STREET REDFERN

Occupation: STUDENT/BAR ATTENDANT

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 21

3. About 12.50am on Wednesday 6 November 1996 I entered my back gate at [REDACTED] Bourke Street, Redfern. The gate is a heavy metal gate with a sliding lock and padlocks either side of it. You have got to fiddle with the gate to get it open. On this occasion I pushed the gate open without using the locks I remember thinking that someone had left the gate open. I saw a man sitting in a ball in the center of my backyard on cement. His head was up and he was just staring at the back of my house.

4. I stopped for a minute because I thought he was a robber but then because he just sat so still I thought he was perverting at my flatmate because her room is at the back house. I then stepped forward and said, "Excuse me what are you doing in my backyard?" He did not answer me. I was standing in front of him by now and I repeated the question a number of times.

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5. I felt unnerved because I had my pay packet and guitar so I ran into the house. I looked back and he had not moved at all. I put down my stuff and I walked back out. I then talked to him for a while. He spoke pretty clearly but I got the feeling he had not idea what he was saying. He spoke slowly and his eyes were looking all over the place. He said things like, " This is my piece of cement " and he kept saying, "I live here"

6. I sat down with him for about half an hour. I was trying to talk him out of the backyard. I said to him, " Come on give me your hand I'll help you up " He said, " Nah I can't move" He looked at me as if he had a bit of life in his face.

7. I can remember trying to get near him and he pulled away and rolled over onto the cement. He struggled and got back up.

8. I then went back inside and woke up my boyfriend Robert DILIBERTO. I said, "Babe get up get dressed and help me move this guy in the backyard he's really drunk" We both went back outside into the yard. He was still in the same position. Robert said to him, " Hey mate do yo need a hand getting out of the backyard ?" He just grunted and then we both knelt down to try and lift him up. I saw that he had a sling on his arm.

9. We then started asking him about his arm, where he lived, where he had been and what he was on. He didn't answer any of these questions. We tried to put his sling on but he would not let us. Robert then picked him up under both his arms, his legs did not respond at all. He could not even put his heels on the ground. I helped his legs along and opened the rear gate. We got him outside and leaned him up against our back fence. We lowered him to the ground.

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10. Robert had already gone back inside the gate when I glanced around and noticed him getting up. He got up and then tripped about three steps and fell stomach first onto some garbage bins and then head first off them onto the ground. I called out to Robert and he came out. By then the guys head had come back up. I told him that he was near Cleveland Street in Surry Hills and I asked him where he live. He answered Surry Hills and I asked him what street and he said Cleveland Street. I got the impression he only repeated the last words I said to him about where he lived.

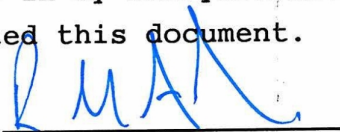
11. We asked him if he was alright and he started mumbling again so we left him.

12. I did not notice any injuries to his face. I could definitely smell alcohol on him. I also remember he had dirt on his back. He could of got this when he opened my rear gate because he may have fallen onto some loose bricks sitting in soil which are in the backyard.

13. I have never seen this person before. When he fell over in the garbage bins it was not a very heavy fall, he first fell onto the bins which broke his fall, the bins collapsed and then he rolled off head first. I did not see any persons in the laneway.

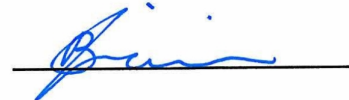
13. Detective ALLISON showed me a photocopied colour photograph of a man and a woman. I recognise the man as being the person I saw in my backyard and helped into the laneway. I signed and dated this document.

Witness:



R.M.Allison
Detective Senior Constable
Homicide Unit

Signature:



Witness:

Signature:



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