

## New South Wales Police

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STATEMENT in the matter of:  
Death of STOCKTON

Place: Surry Hills  
Police Station  
Date : 11 November 1996

Name: Robert William DILIBERTO

Address: [REDACTED]

Tel. No.: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Excavator/Operator

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 anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. I am 26 years of age.

3. On Wednesday the 6th of November 1996 I was at [REDACTED] Bourke Street Redfern. About 1.00am that morning I was awoken by my girlfriend, Brigette PAROISSIEN. She said there is a freaky bloke in the backyard I think he is on drugs. She tried to get him to leave and he would not go. She wanted me to come out and get him to leave.

4. I got dressed and went downstairs. I walked into the backyard and I saw a man sitting cross legged at the base of a little dirt ramp that leads in from the back lane.

5. I would describe this person as wearing a tracksuit, he had a beard which I think was grey. He was Australian, about forty five old, probably older. He had a sling on his right shoulder. It was just hanging off that shoulder.

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6. I went up and said, " Mate what are you doing you cant stay here you are in someone else's backyard" He said, "I cant get up" I said, "We'll I'll give you a hand " He held out his arm and I went to pick him up and then he said, " Can you use both my hands ?" I used both his hands and stood him up. I proceeded to walk him up the back hill. Brigitte was right next to us, she held the gate open.

7. After a lot of stumbling I got him out into the alley way. We took two steps towards Cleveland Street and I said, " Do you know where you are ?" He said, " Where ?" I said, "Cleveland Street " He said, " I know" I said, " You're behind the Cleveland Hotel" He said, " I know " I said, " You're in Surry Hills you're behind the Cleveland Hotel in Cleveland Street." He then started to sit down in the laneway in a position directly behind our house. I then turned around and began to walk back to our gate. He then stood back up and staggered against the wall down towards Cleveland Street. Brigitte was standing near the back gate at this time. By this stage I started to walk into our backyard.

8. I then heard the crash of bottles and Brigitte said, "He has fallen over." Brigitte had remained standing near the gate and kept watching the man. I stuck my head out and looked down the land towards Cleveland Street. He was trying to sit up it looked like he had fallen into the middle of some garbage bins at the back of the Cleveland Hotel.

9. Myself and Brigitte then went back into our house. I have not seen that person since.

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10. During the time that I was with this person I did not see any injuries on him. While I was talking with him he did not have a slur, I could understand him perfectly. This made me think something was odd about him. His motor skills however were bugged. When I was helping him out of our yard I had hold of the back of his top, I could feel damp soil. I think this top was a sloppy joe. This made me think he may have leaned on our gate, (sometimes its left open) and fallen straight into our yard and onto the soil in the yard.

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