

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in the matter of:

Death of Simon Blair WARK.

Place: Regional Crime Squad
South - Homicide.

Date; 27 January, 1990.

Name: W A R K Ian Anderson

Address: [REDACTED], Frenches Forrest. Phn no. [REDACTED]

Occupation: Owner/operator finance Company. STATES:-

1. This statement, made by me, accurately sets out the evidence I would be prepared, if necessary, to give at Court as a witness.

2. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge 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.

3. My date of birth is the [REDACTED].

4. I am Ian Anderson WARK, I am the owner/operator of Dee Why Finance Pty. Ltd., and I presently reside at the above address with my wife and daughter. I am the father of the person Simon Blair WARK.

5. Blair (Simon preferred being called by his middle name) has not lived at home for the past 10 years, since at boarding school, although he has stayed at home for periods up to 3 months in that time. At the time of his death Blair was 28 years old and resided, alone, at the Prymont Arms Hotel, situated at [REDACTED] Harris St, Prymont. He was employed as a technical officer with the 'City Art Institute' in Albion Street, Sydney.

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I. Wark

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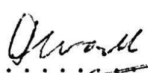
6. On Friday the 5 January, 1990, around 3pm, Blair rang me at home. At this time Blair asked a loan of \$500-00. He wanted this money for a bond and costs in moving in with two friends of his, [1179] and a girl I only know as [1180]. At that time I told Blair I would have to think about it. I was not keen on the idea as [1179] is known to me as a person who is on parole for drug related offences and I did not think Blair should associate with him. I am also aware [1179] is a heroin addict. Blair told me he would call back.

7. Blair later rang back and said not to worry about the money as he 'had been accommodated anyway'. I took this to mean that Blair had obtain the money from other means.

8. On Sunday the 7 January, 1990, Blair again rang and spoke to my wife and I. On this Occasion, Blair told me that 'everyone has told me it is a silly move', in referring to his moving in with [1179] and [1180].

9. We have subsequently learnt from [1182], a priest who is a close friend of Blair's, that Blair stayed with him on both Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th of January.

10. On Monday the 8 January, 1990, Blair arrived at our house at 12.30pm. At this time he was in a visibly distressed condition. In a previous statement made by myself I have described Blair as appearing to hallucinate. Upon reflection, I do not think this accurately sums up his condition at the time. Blair was shaking and distraught, he appeared

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nervous and was constantly on the move. I formed the opinion that he was in fear of his life base on my observations of his physical condition at this time and from subsequent conversation. When Blair arrived he had his swim gear with him and told us that he was on his way to North Sydney Pool when something had taken place. I asked Blair why he appeared so frightened. He said to my wife and I, " I really thought it was a Real Estate Agents. I've been stupid. I was a 'Shooting Gallery'. I've been set up." I then said, "Where are you talking about?" He said, "Better you don't know Dad." I then asked him who was trying to get him. He said, "The Triads." We then talked some more and Blair mentioned [REDACTED] My wife Enid then said, " Who, [REDACTED] 1179 and Michael HUTCHENCE." Blair then said, " Don't even mention their names, don't even say them aloud."

11. Due to Blairs' condition, upon his arrival, I contacted our local Doctor, Dr. Glenn MARRIOTT, who arrived about 1.30pm. Blair appeared to claim down upon the doctors arrival, at the vary least constrain himself. Blair told the doctor that he was not there at his invitation and that the matter was private. Due to Blairs' attitude, he made no examination of him and left a short time later. Upon the doctor leaving Blair then wanted to leave as he said his continued presence put us in danger, although he was'nt specific as to this danger, other than Michael (he did'nt say which one) had had 'a kick up the bum that morning', which I took to mean that this was tied in the the shooting gallery reference he had made earlier.

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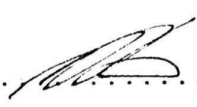
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12. I subsequently drove Blair to the Pymont Arms Hotel, and gave him \$20-00, as he was out of money and left him there. At 6pm that evening he called our home. At this time he spoke to my wife, who said that he sounded calmer. He made another call to the house at 11.45pm when he spoke to my daughter Rebecca.

13. As a result of this second phone call, Blair arrived by Taxi at our house at 12.20am on the 9 January, 1990. Blair appeared far calmer than on the previous occasion that we had seen him. He spoke mainly to my daughter. He stayed the night and rose at 6am the next morning. At this time Blair again became apprehensive. He insisted on getting to an automatic Bank teller (although he did not say why he required money). I recall he said he also had an appointment at the MLC Centre at 1pm that date. This was a psychologists appointment. He had apparently come to her over his drinking habits. Blair then left the house on foot despite requests from us for him to stay, indeed we followed him up the road, stopping him and again requesting that he stay. He declined to do so. This was the last time we saw Blair alive.


14. Over the next two days we tried to contact Blair by phone a number of time without success, both at his place of work and at place we knew he frequented.

15. Blairs' condition on Monday the 8 January, 1990, was out of the ordinary for him. I am aware that Blair was a homosexual, to my knowledge he had no fixed person with whom he was romantically involved.

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I am aware that he was very good friends with [1179]
[1179], whom he had assisted in getting on a methadone
programme. I am also aware that Blair had lent
[1179] around \$500-00 in money over a period of time.
Blair was also a good friend of [1182], a 59 year
old priest, who was Blair's lecturer at Art College.
To my knowledge Blair is not a user of drugs, although
he did drink moderately / heavily. Blair did in his
early 20's try marijuana and possibly other drugs
however nothing recently. I am not aware of any
heavy debts owed by Blair, nor am I aware of any
enemies that Blair may of had.

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M. PLOTECKI
Detective Constable 1st class.
RCSS Homicide Squad.
27 January, 1990.

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I. WARK