

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
Death of Simon Blair WARK.

Place: Regional Crime
Squad South.

Date: 18 March, 1990.

Name: W A R K Rebecca Sharon.

Address: [REDACTED], Frenches Forrest, 2086. Tel No.: [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 date of birth is [REDACTED].

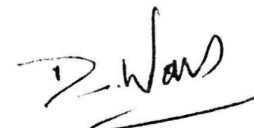
3. I am Rebecca Sharon WARK, I am a single woman and I reside at the above address with my parents. I am presently studying landscape architecture at the University of New South Wales. I am in my fourth year of study. I am the sister of the person Simon Blair WARK.

4. Blair (Simon preferred to be called Blair), went to boarding school around 1977, since then he has not lived for any significant time at home. At the time of Blairs' death I am aware that he resided at Harris Street, Prymont, at the Prymont Hotel. Blair was a technical officer in the print office of the "City Art Institute".

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5. About 4.30pm on Monday the 8 January, 1990, I arrived home from the city after shopping, with Heather BURRELL. My mother was concerned and told me that Blair had been over and that he was evidently disturbed. So disturbed in fact that her and my father had felt the need to call Dr Glen MARRIOT, our family doctor. Apparently shortly after this Blair had left with my father, but had promised to call home, which he did about 6pm that evening.

6. About 12.20am on the morning of Tuesday the 9 January, 1990, Blair arrived at home in a taxi. I recall giving Blair the money to pay for this taxi, \$20-00, and that he would not let me go out to the taxi to pay the bill. At this time Blair appeared exhausted, nervous and was sweating and shaking. Blair said to me at this time, "The last three days have been outrageous." At this time Blair was dressed in a pair of fly button jeans, a tropical shirt, mainly green and thongs.

7. I sat up talking with Blair for a while and I can remember that he said he had been set up and that 1179 and 1179 and Michael HUTCHENCES had been involved. I cannot recall in any specific fashion what Blair said at this time, only that this 'set up' involved these persons. Blair appear not to be himself. I did not get the impression that Blair had been drinking or using drugs.

8. About 1am I put Blair to bed in the front room. He was upset over this and wanted to sleep in a back room however I had a friend over and told him it was not possible. He seemed quite happy with his sleeping arrangements after this.

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9. About 4am that morning Blair came into my bedroom in a crouching position. He said to me, "I am serious, they are going to kill me, they are coming to get me." Blair appear very scare. I questioned him as to his statement, asking him who was going to kill him. He then told me the names, [1179], Michael HUTCHENCE and the persons Nick WOO and Mrs WOO. These last two persons being mixed up with the Triads, however he did not tell me how. I know of [1179] as a friend of Blairs, however I have never met him, and have heard about him only through Blair. Michael HUTCHENCE is an old school friend of my brother Malcolm, however he also knew Blair. Michael HUTCHENCE is presently the lead singer of the pop group INXS.

10. Blair also mentioned going to the real estate agent, where he and [1179] were going to rent a flat from in Potts Point. Blair said of this, That he did not realize what he was getting into and that it was a 'shooting gallery' and that he was innocent. I was unaware of what to make of this. During the course of this conversation with Blair he claimed that there was somebody outside. I wanted to go and have a look but Blair stopped me. I did not hear anybody myself. Blair then said he wanted to go back to the Prymont Arms Hotel, as he was higher in the building and he could see people coming. I offered to take him to the Police, and he said it could be a good idea. He then became side-tracked however and subsequently decided to leave. He asked me to lend him my car and I said 'No'. so he took off on foot. At this time Blair said that whoever had been outside was gone. He was also very

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concerned with getting to an appointment with his psychologist, 1181. This appointment was at 1pm that day. I noticed and got the impression that Blair had lost his sense of time and was a day ahead of the actual date. Blair left about 6am. This was the last time I saw Blair.

11. On Wednesday the 10 January, 1990, I became concerned, as I had not heard from Blair since Monday. I contacted the caretaker at the Prymont Arms, a man I know as Carl. He informed me that he had last seen Blair on Tuesday morning (9 January). I also made inquiries with a number of Blairs friends and associates without success.

12. I described my relationship with Blair as being close. I would see him regularly, usually at least once a month. We would often talk at length about various topics. I know that Blair was homosexual. I do not believe Blair had any problems with this fact. Blair did not discuss his love life with me nor did I ask him about it in any fashion. I know that Blair used to take medication for settle him. I also know that Blair used to drink quite a lot, and I would describe him as a heavy drinker. To my knowledge, Blair did not use illegal drugs, and his attitude was that he preferred alcohol.

13. After Blairs death, his wallet was returned to us by Police. In the wallet were receipts from 'David Jones', one for a bag check and the other for clothes. The bag check receipt was for property allegedly Blair had handed in. I went to David Jones city store on Tuesday the 16 January, 1990 as a result of this and spoke to a Miss Katie DANIELS.

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I asked to look at the property that was handed in by Blair and found it to consist of some clean clothes, underwear, shaving kit (in a leather pouch Blair had made), an alarm clock, a fob watch, a towel and a pair of wet jeans. I recognized most of this property as belonging to Blair. David Jones released this property to me.

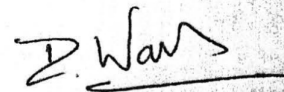
14. The clothing that was left on the cliffs was also returned to the family. I have notice that this clothing is all brand new and receipts from Blairs' wallet indicate that it cost in the vicinity of \$150.00. These items were all purchased on the 9 January, 1990. This was inconsistent to me with statements Blair made to me on the morning of the 9 January, 1990 that he had no money. Inquiries with Blairs Banks have also shown no withdrawals at that time.

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Detective Constable First Class.
Regional Crime Squad South,
Homicide Squad.
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