

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Place: Sydney Water Police  
Death of Simon WARK Date: 24 January, 1990.

Name: Stephen William BIRD (Surname in capitals)  
Address: [redacted], Pendle Hill Tel. No. [redacted]  
Occupation: Ferry Master STATES:-

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.

On Wednesday, 10 January, 1990, I was the master of the Ferry ' Freshwater'. On berthing at Manly wharf a passenger reported to Deckboy, Drew Shannon, that she had seen a body floating in the water somewhere north of Dobroyd Head.

After informing the Ferries "Curl Curl" and "Narrabeen", who were in that vicinity, I informed the Maritime Services Board Tower.

We then departed Manly wharf at 0915 Hrs and all the crew were called to the bridge as lookouts. When we were approximately 300 metres North east of Dobroyd Head I saw a body floating face down in the water.

We stood by the body until 0932 Hrs when the Maritime Services vessel ' Olin' arrived to relieve us. A short time later I saw a Police boat arrive.

I then continued on my normal run to Circular Quay in Sydney Cove.

Witness: J. Cox Constable HC Signature: [Handwritten Signature]