

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Sydney Water Police Station.

Death of Simon Blair WARK found in  
the waters off Dobroyd Head.

Date: 24 January, 1990.

Name: Lisa Gaye FORD  
(Surname in capitals)

Address: c/- Sydney Water Police Station. Tel. No. [REDACTED]

Occupation: Constable of Police. 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 my rostered duties were between 7.00am to 3.30pm. I was rostered to perform duty with Constable 1/c Cox as the duty launch crew.

At about 9.20am on Wednesday 10 January, 1990 in response to a radio message from the ferry, Freshwater, attended the location of Dobroyd Head re the sighting of a deceased person. Police Launch Price in company with crew Constable Cox arrived at 9.35am at a position of 200 metres north east of Dobroyd Head which the ferry Freshwater was standing by. At this location we sighted a body of a male person floating face down, wearing a pair of navy blue denim jeans, a pair of black socks and a pair of shoes, lace up.

With the assistance of Constable 1/c Cox, the body was recovered and placed onboard Launch Price. The body had no sign of any apparent external injuries. The body was then conveyed to the Sydney Water Police Station awaiting the arrival of the Government contractors. A short time later the Government contractors arrived and conveyed the body to Prince Alfred Hospital where life was pronounced extinct by Doctors Chan & Chu. The body was then conveyed to the City Morgue at Glebe.

On Thursday 11 January, 1990 Mrs Enid WARK of [REDACTED], Frenchs Forest contacted the Sydney Water Police Stating that

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her son had been missing. A short time later in company with her husband, Mr Ian Anderson WARK attended Sydney Water Police Station. I gave them a description of the unidentified person and if fitted the description of there missing son. At 2.30pm on Thursday Mr & Mrs Wark accompanied me to the City Morgue at Glebe where they positively identified the body as Simon Blair WARK, D.O.B. 15.9.61 of The Pymont Arms Hotel, Harris Street, Pymont.

I then returned to the Station where I obtained a statement from Mr Ian Anderson Wark which is attached to these papers. Mr Wark stated that his son has been very distraught over the last couple of days prior to his death, not sure of the reason, though stated that he was a homosexual and wasn't coping with life. Mr Wark also stated that he had seen a Doctor Sleep from Randwick, then he was referred to another doctor in town who was a Psychologist, and was unsure he he was taking any medication.

I then contacted Doctor Sleep from [REDACTED] Alison Road, Randwick who stated that he only saw Simon Wark twice, he resently finished an 8 year relationship and was on Prothiaden 75ml daily(Anti-depressent). He was a homosexual and had an Aids test which was negative. Dr Sleep referred Simon Wark to [REDACTED] 1181, Psychologist. A medical history is attached. [REDACTED] 1181 stated that Simon Blairs depression stemmed from the termination of an 8 year homosexual relationship. Simon Blair also tried to contact [REDACTED] 1181 at 10pm 8.1.90 and 9.1.90 at her home at Double Bay but she was not home.

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At about 5pm, Tuesday 11 January, 1990 property belonging to the deceased was found by Mr Neil Champion of [REDACTED], Woollahra on the cliffs at the Gap Bluff.

On 14 January, 1990 I was contacted by Dr Bradhurst from the City Morgue informing me that whilst a Post Mortum was being carried out on the deceased, deep seated bruising was noticed around the neck. At 5.30pm this date in company with Det S/C Plotecki and Det S/C Doig from the Homicide Squad, and Con 1/c Stewartson from Physical Evidence Section attended the Morgue at Glebe for a full autopsy of Simon Blair Wark by Dr Bradhurst. The result of the autopsy showed that the bruising around the neck was caused by a break in the spinal cord, also it was found that Wark sustained multiply breaks to the rib cage and Pelvis. Dr Bradhurst concluded that the injuries received to Simon Wark were consistent to having fallen from a great height. He further concluded that he found no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death of Simon Blair Wark.

I feel that after extensive enquiries and statements that Simon Blair Wark took his own life by jumping from the Gap Bluff due to the completion of an eight year homosexual relationship and loneliness.

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Signature: *R. J. [Signature]*