

New South Wales PoliceSTATEMENT in matter of:  
Jeffrey MILLER.Place: Newcastle Police StationCHARGED. "MURDER" (Richard SLATER) Date: 1st November, 1982Name: POWER. Alfred James.  
(Surname in capitals)Address: Police Station Newcastle Tel. No. [REDACTED]Occupation: Sergeant 3/c of Police. STATES:—

1. I am a Sergeant 3/c of Police attached to the Newcastle Police Station.

2. On Friday 19th December, 1980 I was performing duty at the Newcastle Police Station as P.D driver with Sergeant 2/c Marsh as observer.

3. At 1.06pm on that date ( 19-12-1980) as a result of a wireless message directed to our P.D vehicle and in company with Sergeant Marsh I went to the public Toilets in Birdwood Park, King Street. Newcastle.

4. On arrival at the Birdwood Park Toilet Block, I observed an ambulance already in attendance, I then went inside the gents area of that toilet block, where I saw two ambulance officers attending to a male person who was laying on the floor in front of the urinal with his head towards the centre division between the urinal and water closets and his right foot positioned across the front edge of the urinal trough.

5. I also saw that the man the ambulance officers were treating was dressed in a pair of brown coloured check trousers and orange coloured shirt and wearing a brown coloured pair of sandals and socks. His clothing was in a state of disarray his both eyes were severely swollen and his face was covered in blood. I also observed that the male persons shirt was undone and his trousers and underpants were down below his hips towards the cheeks of his buttocks.

6. I made an inspection of this toilet block and saw a large amount of blood on the floor of the toilet in the vicinity of the junction of the urinal tray where this man was laying, there was also a large quantity of what appeared to be blood spots on the walls and toilet tiles in the vicinity of the urinal

7. I then conducted a number of inquiries in the vicinity of this toilet and made a search of the grounds in Birdwood Park. A short time later I had a further conversation with Detectives Clarke and Guyatt. The injured person was a short time later conveyed to hospital, and I continued my inquiries

Witness: in this area.Signature: *[Signature]*