

New South Wales PoliceSTATEMENT in matter of:
Jeffrey MILLER

Place: Newcastle Police Station

CHARGED. " MURDER" (SLATER)

Date: 1st November, 1982

Name: MARSH. Douglas Oliver
(Surname in capitals)

Address: Newcastle Police, Licensing Branch Tel. No. [REDACTED]

Occupation: Sergeant 1/c of Police. STATES:—

1. On Friday the 19th December, 1980 I was performing duty with Sergeant Power and at 1.06pm that date as a result of a wireless message received we attended the Public Toilet block, at Birdwood Park, King Street, Newcastle.

2. On arriving at that toilet block a few minutes later both sergeant Power and myself entered the gents section of that toilet block where I saw two ambulance paramedics attending to a male person who was laying in a pool of blood on the floor of that toilet in front of the urinal. I observed that this male person appeared to be an elderly man, his face was covered in blood and his both eyes were severely swollen. He was wearing brown coloured check pants, orange coloured shirt and brown sandals. his clothing was in a state of disarray his shirt open and his trousers were undone and pulled down below his hips.

3. I had a conversation with the ambulance paramedics who were attending to this male person, the ambulance officers were continually speaking to this man who appeared to be unable to converse with these officers.

4. I then made an examination of the inside of this toilet including the two cubicles adjacent to the urinal area and I saw what appeared to be a large amount of blood spots on the tiled wall area in front of the urinal and also side wall and I also saw what appeared to be dried blood smears on the second row of tiles in the centre division of the cubicle wall.

5. When I first saw this male person in the toilet he was laying on his back, with his head towards the centre division between the urinal and two water closets which are situated at the eastern end of the toilet. His right foot was positioned across the front edge of the urinal trough with his heel in the trough. There was also what appeared to be a small pool of blood on the floor of the toilet in the vicinity of the junction of the urinal tray and the centre division.

6. A short time later Detectives Clarke and Guyatt arrived at this toilet and I had a conversation with them, and at this time the injured man from the toilet was placed on a stretcher placed in the ambulance and conveyed to hospital.

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7. I remained present at this toilet block and secured this area until the arrival of Newcastle Scientific Police and I then had a conversation with Detective Clausen, and I then assisted him in a scientific examination of this toilet and was present when he took a series of photographs .



Witness: _____ Signature: _____