

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: Newcastle Police Station  
INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard SLATER. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1st June, 1981.

Name: Gary John CLAUSEN.  
(Surname in capitals)  
Address: Scientific Investigation Section, Newcastle. Tel. No. [REDACTED]  
Occupation: Constable 1st Class of Police. STATES:—

1. About 1.40pm on Friday the 19th December, 1980, I attended the toilet block in Birdwood Park, off King Street, Newcastle West, where I spoke to Detective Clark. The toilet block is of brick construction and divided by a wall for use by both men and women.

2. I made an examination of the toilet block in the mens section in the vicinity of the urinal. There were numerous small spots of blood on the toilet wall above the urinal and the wall separating the urinal from the toilet cisterns and also on the urinal itself. There was a large pool of blood on the floor in the corner adjacent to the wall separating the cistern from the urinal. I took a blood swab from the main pool of blood on the floor and a second swab from blood on the toilet separation wall. I took a number of photographs showing the toilet block and bloodstaining in the vicinity of the mens urinal.

I PRODUCE eight photographs labelled 1A to 1H, showing the toilet block and the interior of the mens section in the vicinity of the urinal.

3. About 2.45pm that date, I went to the casualty section of Newcastle Hospital, and again spoke with Detective Clark. I saw the person, Richard SLATER, lying on a bed, his face was bloodstained with the areas about both eyes badly bruised and the left side of his face was badly swollen. His left ear had a laceration on the front portion and a large laceration behind the ear. I took a number of photographs of the person, Richard SLATER, showing injuries about the head.

I PRODUCE four photographs labelled 2A to 2D, showing the injuries.

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4. Shortly after, Detective Clark handed to me the clothing worn by SLATER on which there was bloodstaining to be retained for examination.

5. About 9.30am on Monday the 22nd December, 1980, with Detective Clark, I went to the morgue at Newcastle Hospital, where I examined and took a number of photographs of the deceased during the post mortem examination carried out by Dr. Banathy.

Q. NO..... I PRODUCE three photographs labelled 3A to 3C, showing views of the deceased.

A. NO..... I PRODUCE seven colour photographs labelled 4A to 4G, showing various views during the post mortem.

6. On Tuesday the 30th December, 1980, I attended the Division of Forensic Medicine, Glebe, where I handed to Sandra GORRINGE, Forensic Biologist, a number of exhibits for examination consisting of: a sample of blood and clothing taken from the deceased, together with two blood swabs taken from the toilet block on the 19th December, 1980.

7. On Monday the 12th January, 1981, I attended the Newcastle City Morgue, where I received from Dr. Banathy two anal smears taken from the deceased on the 22nd December, 1980.

8. On Thursday the 15th January, 1981, I attended the Division of Forensic Medicine, Glebe, where I handed to Sandra GORRINGE, Forensic Biologist, two anal smears for examination.

9. I have since received the exhibits from the Division of Forensic Medicine, Glebe, together with a certificate signed by Sandra GORRINGE, Forensic Biologist, setting out the result of her examination.

Q. NO..... I PRODUCE that certificate.

A. NO..... I PRODUCE the clothing, blood swabs and smears which were examined.

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10. On Tuesday the 26th October, 1982 I returned to the toilet block in Birdwood Park and took a number of photographs showing the interior and cubicle areas of the mens section, together with one photograph showing the exterior and nearby area looking towards Stewart Avenue.

EX.NO... I produce four photographs labelled 5A to 5D.

EX.NO... I produce two aerial photographs labelled 6A and 6B showing Birdwood Park and surrounding area.

EX.NO... I produce one photograph labelled 7, being an enlargement of portion of map 13 of Gregory's Street Directory for Newcastle and Districts.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Gary A. Clause