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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: MILLER. Jeffrey Place: Police Station, NEWCASTLE.
 Charged :- MURDER. Date: 28th October, 1982.
 Name: WILSON. Peter James.
 (Surname in capitals)
 Address: Newcastle Police Station. Tel. No. [REDACTED]
 Occupation: P.O. Senior Constable of Police. STATES:—

1. On the 27th August, 1982 in company with Detective Senior Constable INKSTER I had a conversation with I219, he supplied us with information in relation the murder of Richard SLATER at Newcastle on the 19th December, 1980. Detective INKSTER conducted a record of interview with I219. I typed that interview.
2. As a result of the information received from I219, Detective INKSTER and myself made a number of inquiries in relation to this murder inquiry.
3. On the 31st August, 1982 in company with Detective INKSTER I had a conversation with I217 I217 at the Newcastle Police Station. He also supplied us with information in relation to the SLATER murder. Detective INKSTER conducted a record of interview with I217. I typed that interview.
4. On the 1st September, 1982 in company with Detective INKSTER I had a conversation with I216 I216. A record of interview was also conducted with him. I typed that interview.
5. About 3.45pm on the 1st September, 1982 in company with Detective Sergeant McDONALD and Detective INKSTER I went to the Cessnock Corrective Centre. There I had a conversation with the Superintendent of that Centre Mr. CORNFORD in relation to an inmate, Jeffrey MILLER.
6. A short time later in company with Detective INKSTER I had a conversation with the prisoner Jeffrey MILLER in the office section to the Corrective Centre.

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7. Detective INKSTER said to him, " As you know I am Detective INKSTER and this is Detective WILSON. We have received information that you may be responsible for the death of a male person named Richard SLATER, who was assaulted in the Birdwood Park Toilets, Newcastle about 1.00pm on the 19th December, 1980 and subsequently died of injuries he received from that assault at Newcastle Hospital on the 22nd December, 1980. I am going to ask you some questions about this matter and I want you to understand that you don't have to say anything unless you wish, but whatever you do say may later be tendered in evidence at Court. Is that clear." He said, " Yes, I remember that, I already made a statement to the Police when that happened, and I was with [1217] all day on that day. She made a statement too." INKSTER SAID, " I have already interviewed a number of witnesses who have informed me that you went into the Birdwood Park toilet alone, sometime between 12.30pm and 1.00pm on that day." He said, " I never went into that toilet at all, who said that I did." INKSTER said, " We have spoken to [1219], [1216] and [1217] [1217]. They have told us you went into the toilet alone between those times to crack it with a man who was inside that toilet at that time." He said, " Did [1217] make any statement on paper to you." INKSTER said, " Yes." He said, " I knew I couldn't trust that bitch, she has always been a cunt. She just can't keep her mouth shut." INKSTER said, " Well did you go into that toilet between 12.30pm and 1.00pm on that day." He said, " YES, there is not much use in saying I didn't now." INKSTER said, " I would like you to accompany us back to Newcastle Police Station where I will interview you further about this matter." He said, " Okay, I suppose I'll have to face up sometime. I knew it would come to this. I want to get it cleared up."

8. Detective INKSTER then left the room and I remained with the defendant. A short time later Detective INKSTER returned to the room with Detective Sergeant McDONALD and Mr. CORNFORD.

9. Mr. CORNFORD said to the defendant, " Are you prepared to go back to Newcastle Police Station with these Detectives." MILLER said, "Yes, I want to get it cleared up."

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10. Mr. CORNFORD then left the room. A short time later he returned and had a conversation with Detective Sergeant McDONALD and INKSTER. I then accompanied both these detectives and the defendant to the police vehicle that was parked outside the office area of the Centre.

11. Detective INKSTER then said to the defendant, " Jeff this is Detective Sergeant McDONALD, he is assisting us in this inquiry." He said, " Yes, I have seen you before."

12. The defendant was then placed in the rear seat of the Police vehicle and I commenced to drive back to Newcastle.

13. Whilst enroute the defendant said, " This is pretty serious, isn't it." Detective INKSTER said, " There is nothing more serious than murder, Jeff." MILLER said, " What would happen if I say the old bloke had a go at me first," INKSTER said, " All we want from you is the truth, and I would prefer to talk about it back at the Police Station, but I would like you to show us what you did at the toilet on that day on our way back." He said, " Yes, okay."

14. When we reached the Newcastle area I drove the vehicle to the area of the Birdwood Park toilet block and parked the vehicle outside those toilets. Detective INKSTER said to him, " Is this the toilet that you went to on the 19th December, 1980." He said, " Yes." INKSTER said, " Are you prepared to show us what you did on that day." He said, " Yes."

15. Detective Sergeant McDONALD, Detective INKSTER and the defendant then left the vehicle and walked to an area near the entrance of the toilet block. I saw the defendant point in the direction of the toilet entrance and then point in a westerly direction.

16. A short time later all three persons returned to the police vehicle and I then drove to the Newcastle Police Station.

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17. The defendant was then take to an Interview Room at the Detectives Office. He then said, " Can I read what statements the others have made about me." INKSTER said, " Yes, there is a record of Interview with **I216**, **I219** and **I217**. Detective INKSTER then handed a copy of these records of interview to the defendant and said, " You can read these records of Interview but I must warn you that when you read through them you are not obliged to say anything in reply to them, but whatever you do say will be recorded and may later be used in evidence. Is that clear." He said, " Yes, I know that."

18. The defendant then appeared to read each page of the three records of interview. When he had finished he said, " That's beautiful, they can get fucked now."

19. Detective INKSTER then said to the defendant, " I intend to conduct a record of interview with you in relation to this matter and my questions and any answers that you care to give to those questions will be recorded on the typewriter by Detective WILSON as the conversation takes place. At the completion of the interview you will be given the opportunity of reading through the interview and if you are satisfied that it has been correctly recorded you may, if you wish sign each page and a complete copy of that interview will be supplied to you for your own use. Is this course satisfactory to you." He said, " Yes."

20. Detective INKSTER then asked the defendant a number of questions, these questions and the answers that the defendant gave to those questions were recorded on the typewriter by me as the interview took place. At the completion of the interview Detective INKSTER said to him, " Are you prepared to sign for a copy of this interview which I will give to you." He said, " Yes."

21. Detective INKSTER then left the room and a short time later returned with Detective Sergeant 1/c PARSONS. INKSTER then said to the defendant, " Jeff this is Sergeant PARSONS, the officer in charge of Newcastle Detectives, he is going to ask you some questions regarding the Interview we have just completed. Is this alright with you." He said, " Yes."

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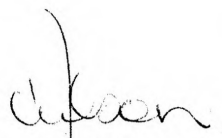
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22. Detective Sergeant PARSONS then asked the defendant a number of questions which the defendant answered. I then saw Detective PARSONS place his signature and the date on the last page of the interview. He then left the room.

23. Detective INKSTER said, " You will be charged now with the Murder of Richard SLATER at Newcastle on the 19th December, 1980." He said, " Yes, I know. Can I ring my father." The defendant then made a telephone call from the general office area. When he had completed this phone call Detective INKSTER took him to the Charge Room of the Police Station where he was charged.



P.J. Wilson
P.P. Senior Constable.

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