

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: **Death of Richard SLATER.** Place: **A.R.A. Royal Newcastle Hospital.** Date: **13th January, 1981.**

Name: **BENNETT Alfred Paul.** (Surname in capitals)
Address: **Royal Newcastle Hospital.** Tel. No. [Redacted]
Occupation: **Resident Medical Officer.** STATES:-

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT :

I am a resident Medical Officer at the Royal Newcastle Hospital. I am a legally qualified medical practitioner with the qualifications of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery.

About 2pm on 19th December, 1980, I examined a patient named Richard SLATER. This person was brought to the Hospital by an ambulance after being found injured in the toilet at Birwood Park, Newcastle. SLATER at the time was conscious but dis-orientated and I was unable to ascertain from him as to how he came by the injuries he was suffering. I made an examination of him and I noted that he was suffering from the following injuries :-

- (i) A large lump on the right side of his skull,
- (ii) A large lump in front of the left ear.
- (iii) A swollen left ear.
- (iv) Bruising and considerable swelling under both eyes.
- (v) Contusions to his face,

There was a considerable amount of dried blood on SLATER's face. The bruising and swelling to both eyes was pronounced and blackening had occurred.

In my opinion the injuries received by SLATER are consistent with having being punched or kicked. I am unable to offer any opinion as to the length of time which would have elapsed between his receiving those injuries and the time that I examined him.

After my initial examination of the person SLATER, I directed that X-Rays be taken, I then handed the care of the patient SLATER over to Dr. Newton, the Surgical Registrar.

WITNESS:
R. R. CLARK,
Detective Senior Constable.

Witness: Signature: *A. P. Bennett*