

RECORD OF INTERVIEW BETWEEN DETECTIVE SENIOR CONSTABLE INKSTER
AND [REDACTED] 1216 AT THE NEWCASTLE DETECTIVES OFFICE ON THE
1st SEPTEMBER, 1982.

PRESENT :- Detective Senior Constable INKSTER
P.C. Senior Constable WILSON (Typist)

TIME COMMENCED :- 10.10am

- Q. 1 As I have already explained to you I am making some enquiries in relation to the murder of a person named Richard SLATER who was savagely assaulted in the Burwood Park Toilet Newcastle on the 19th December, 1980 and subsequently died as a result of the injury occasioned to him a few days later. I have received information that you may be able to assist us in this inquiry and I intend to conduct a record of interview with you in relation to this matter. I want you to understand that you are not obliged to say anything or answer any of my questions unless you wish but whatever you do say will be recorded on the typewriter by Detective WILSON as the interview takes place. At the completion of the interview you will be given the opportunity of reading through the interview and if you are satisfied it has been recorded correctly you may sign it if you wish and a copy will be given to you. Is this course satisfactory to you.
- A. Yes.
- Q. 2 For the purpose of this interview will you tell me your full name, date of birth and address.
- A. [REDACTED] 1216, [REDACTED] and my address is [REDACTED] the Junction.
- Q. 3 Are you married or single.
- A. I am single.
- Q. 4 Are you employed.
- A. No. I am on sickness benefits.
- Q. 5 Would you care to tell me who you reside with at that address.
- A. [REDACTED].
- Q. 6 Do you agree that you were first spoken to in relation to this enquiry on the 23rd December, 1980.
- A. Yes.
- Q. 7 Do you agree that on that day you made a statement to Police and signed this statement.
- A. Yes.
- Q. 8 Do you also agree that you had the opportunity of reading through that statement prior to the commencement of this interview.
- A. Yes.
- Q. 9 Do you also agree that after reading that statement you volunteered to accompany Detective WILSON and myself to the Burwood Park toilet area.
- A. Yes.

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Q. 10 Do you agree that whilst you were in our company at the Burwood Park toilets earlier today you indicated certain things to us.

A. Yes.

Q. 11 In relation to the original statement that you made to the Police on the 23rd December, 1980. Is there anything else you wish to add or retract from that statement.

A. Can I have another look at the statement.

STATEMENT HANDED TO [1216]. [1216] APPEARS TO READ SAME.

There is nothing in the statement that I wish to retract but after going to the toilet block in Burwood Park and talking to you there is a lot more detail that I can supply as to what happened that day.

Q. 12 Can you tell us that additional detail now.

A. What I have said in my original statement up to paragraph three is all correct as are paragraph five and six but I would like to elaborate on paragraph four.

Q. 13 Would you care to tell me what you would like to add to that paragraph.

A. As I have said in paragraph four after leaving Harrys Baggs we crossed King street and proceeded to Doctor RUNDELLS Surgery. The persons being MILLER, [1217], [1218] and myself. On leaving the Surgery, I think it was shut, we crossed National Park street and King street again and then we went to walk up the street between Young and Greens and Burwood Park. When I say we I mean MILLER, [1217], [1218] and myself. Could you supply me with paper and I will draw a sketch of the events that happened.

PAPER AND PEN SUPPLIED TO [1216]. [1216] DRAWS SKETCH PLAN OF AREA OF BURWOOD PARK. PHOTOSTATE COPIES OF THIS PLAN SUPPLIED TO [1216].

ANSWER TO QUESTION 13 CONTINUED.

WE proceeded from Dr. RUNDEL's Surgery by the route indicated on sketch No.4 and that's where I told the others that I had to go to the toilet. I then proceeded to the toilet while the others proceeded on the route indicated on diagram 1. Then I went into the men's toilet and the others waited at the spot marked on the sketch near the trees. I walked into the toilet and used the urinal and when I was in there this man walked in and stood on my right at the urinal. He pulled out his penis and stood there as if urinating. [1218] and the others were outside saying things like "[1216]'s doing the beat." and other such comments of Gay orientation this meant that I was going to pick up a guy but I was only going to use the urinal. I was only in there for a minute or two then I left. The man that came in was about middle aged, he was about my height about 5' 6" approximately and of medium build. I only just caught a glimpse of him as I was leaving the toilet block. I think he was wearing grey trousers at the time but I can't be sure. I don't know what type of shirt he had on. I don't remember what colour hair he had but I think he was going a bit thin on top.

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- Q. 14 What happened then.
 A. As I left the toilet block I went to the spot marked on the diagram 2. where the three others were waiting for me. [1218] said something to the effect of "How was the beat dear, was he very big." I then replied with words similar to "Come off it, what do you think I am, there is only one old bloke in there." MILLER then said something to the effect, I can't recall his exact words but I gained the impression that he was entering the toilet block for sexual reasons.
- Q. 15 What gave you the impression that MILLER was going into the toilets for sexual reasons.
 A. Because I was aware of his behaviour as a homosexual.
- Q. 16 Did you see anyother person enter or leave the toilets since the time that you came out of those toilets.
 A. No.
- Q. 17 Can you recall about what time it was that you left came out of those toilets.
 A. I can't be sure but it was about 12 or 12.30pm when I left the toilet block.
- Q. 18 Did you see Jeffrey MILLER enter those toilets.
 A. I didn't see him enter the toilets because I was talking to [1217] and [1218] and [1218] and [1217] said that they were not going to hang around. They used similar words to "Fuck this were not going to hang around, we will meet you across the road. They then walked away. When MILLER entered the toilet I was standing where I have marked on diagram 2. [1218] and [1217] walked along the edge of the park towards the Pink Elephant Markets. I remained waiting in the vicinity of the second tree near the toilets.
- Q. 19 WHAT happened while you were waiting outside the toilets for MILLER.
 A. I just waited near the tree for about two or three minutes. Then I saw MILLER walk out of the toilet and I called out to him, "Hurry up the others are up ahead of us".
- Q. 20 How far away from the toilet block were you standing waiting for MILLER.
 A. About twenty paces.
- Q. 21 Did you hear any noise coming from the toilet block while MILLER was inside that toilet.
 A. No.
- Q. 22 What did you do when MILLER came out of the toilet.
 A. MILLER started to run up on the Northern side of the road and I started to run up with him towards the others who were just about to cross City Road towards the Pink Elephant side entrance. I have marked this on diagram 3. We both skurried up to the others.
- Q. 23 Was there anyother person in the vicinity of the toilets when you left that vicinity.
 A. No, not that I noticed.
- Q. 24 Can you tell me how long MILLER remained in the toilets while you were waiting for him.
 A. About two to three minutes.
- Q. 25 Did you notice anything about MILLER when he came out of the toilets.

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I didn't take any specific notice because he ran across the road and I was more interested in catching up to the others.

- Q. 26 Can you tell me why you waited for MILLER when he went into the toilet and knew you knew that he was going in there for sexual reasons.
- A. I didn't know that he was going in there for sexual reasons. It was only what he said that gave me the impression that he was going to the toilet for sex reasons because I am aware of his homosexual behaviour. I decided to wait for him, for no other reason.
- Q. 27 Can you tell me what happened after that.
- A. We both ran up the road and crossed City Road and met up with [1218] and [1217] at the side entrance of the Pink Elephant Markets. I think we stayed at the Pink Elephant Markets for a short time, I don't know how long and then [1217] and MILLER left together. I don't know where they went but I stayed with [1218] and finished the shopping and our activities continued as per the original statement in paragraphs four-and-five five and six.
- Q. 28 When you and MILLER met up with [1217] and [1218] at the Pink Elephant Markets did MILLER say anything to [1217] .
- A. He could have, he was talking to everybody. It was that long ago.
- Q. 29 In one of your answers in this interview you said, " While you were in the toilet [1218] yelled out " [1216] 's doing the beat". Would you care to tell me what that means.
- A. The word ' beat ' in it's Gay orientation means a place usually a toilet block where Homosexuals congregate for the purpose of sexual activities with homosexuals.
- Q. 30 How long have you known Jeffrey MILLER.
- A. Approximately two years.
- Q. 31 Are you aware of his homosexual activities during that time.
- A. Jeff MILLER has told me about some of his sexual activities but I don't want to say anything about them.
- Q. 32 The information you have now related in this interview is more comprehensive than your initial statement you made to the police on the 23rd December, 1980. Can you explain this.
- A. In my initial interview I wasn't aware of any assault committed by MILLER and there for I only related my activities to the Police on that day. However when the Detectives spoke to me today and I went with them to the Burwood Park Toilets this morning. I could recall that the activities of the other persons I was with on that day.
- Q. 33 Is there anything further that you wish to tell us about this matter.
- A. No. I have told you every thing to the best of my memory and knowledge.
- Q. 34 Are you prepared to attend a Court and give evidence as to what you have told us in this record of interview.
- A. Yes.
- Q. 35 Will you now read aloud each page of this record of interview.
- A. Yes.

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- Q. 36 Do you agree that you have just read aloud each page of this record of interview.
- A. Yes.
- Q. 37 Are you satisfied that this record of interview has been correctly recorded.
- A. Yes.
- Q. 38 Have the answers that you have given as recorded in this record of interview been made of your own free will.
- A. Yes.
- Q. 39 Was any threat, promise or inducement been held out to you to give the answers that have been recorded in this record of interview.
- A. ~~Ye~~ No.
- Q. 40 Will you now sign each page of this record of interview.
- A. Yes.
- Q. 41 Will you now read these additional questions and answers.
- A. Yes.

TIME COMPLETED :- 1215pm.

WITNESS.....*G. Inkster*.....
 G. A. INKSTER.
 Detective Senior Constable
 Newcastle Police Station..

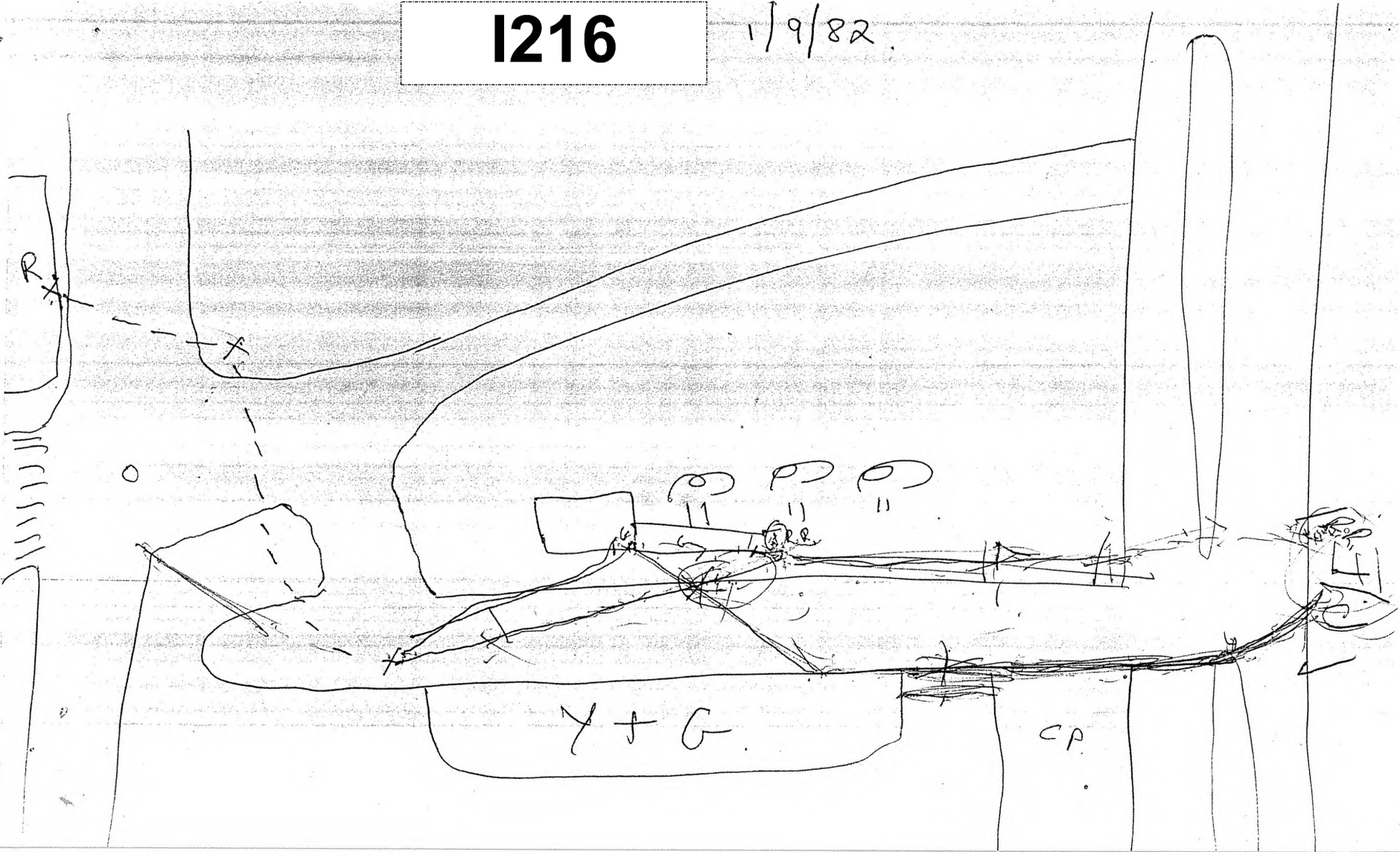
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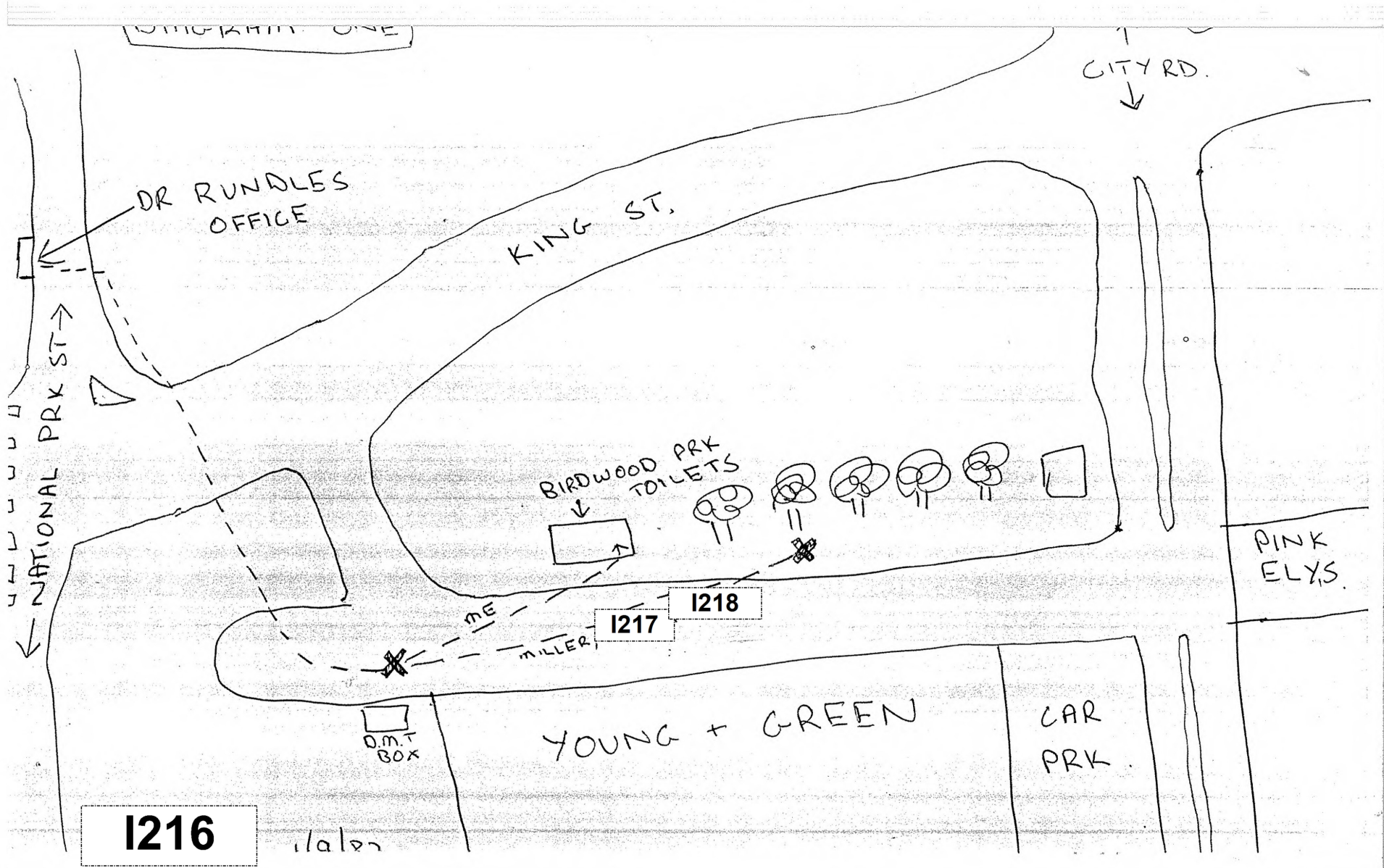
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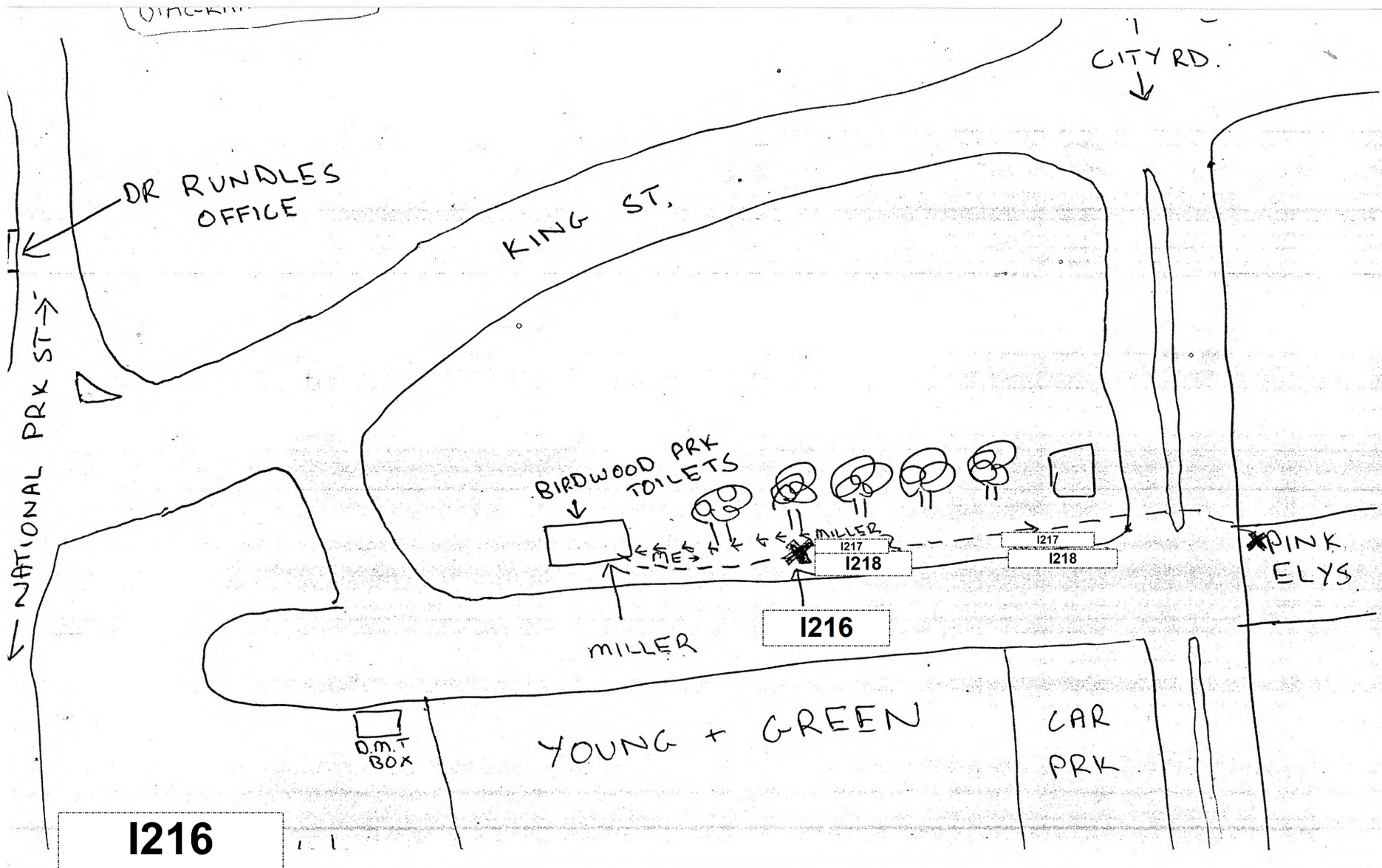
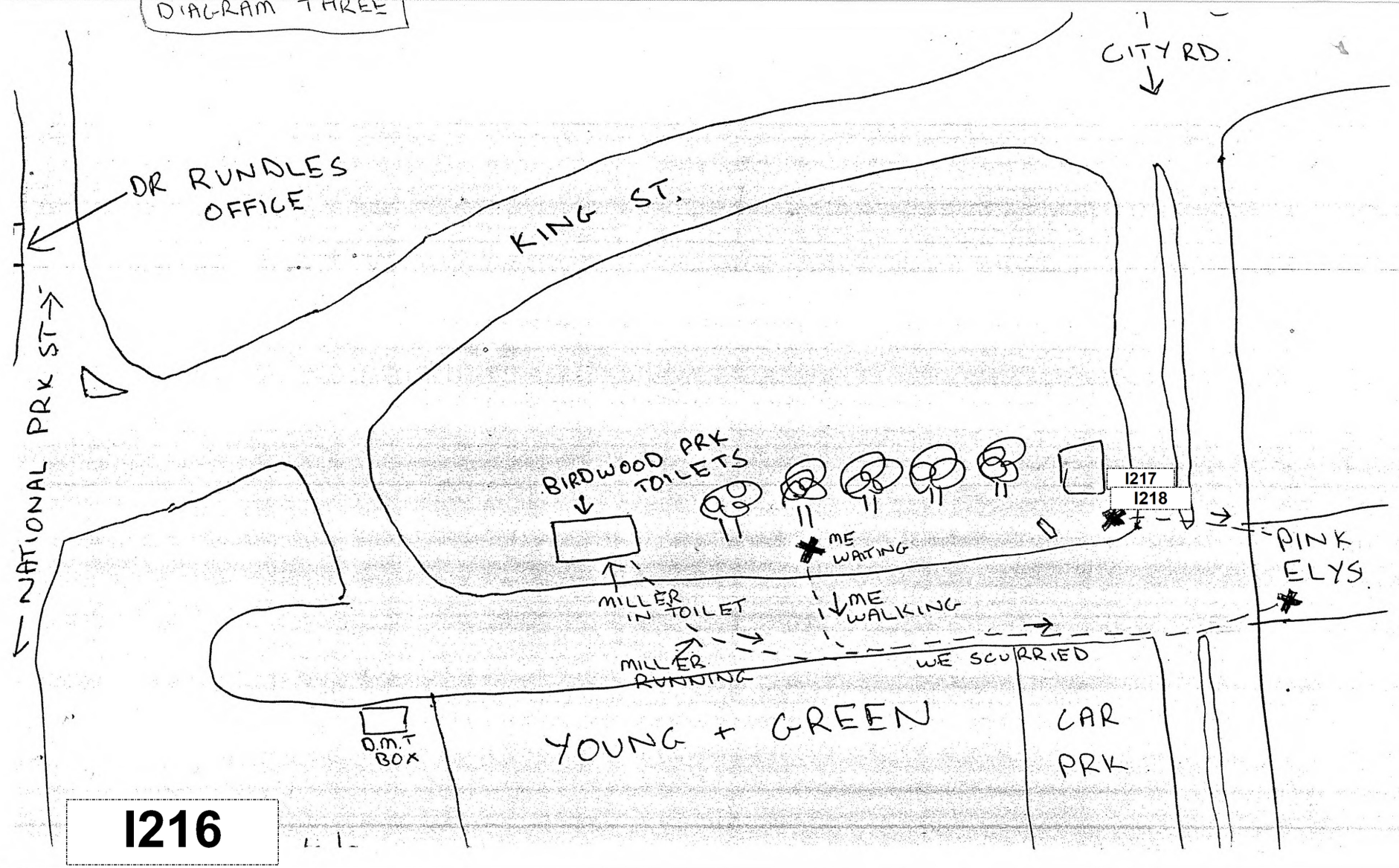


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PINK ELYS

YOUNG + GREEN

ME WAITING

ME WALKING

WE SCURRIED

MILLER IN TOILET

MILLER RUNNING

BIRDWOOD PRX TOILETS

KING ST.

DR RUNDLES OFFICE

CITY RD.

NATIONAL PRX ST.

DMT BOX