

RECORD OF INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BETWEEN DETECTIVE WILSON AND [1218]
 [1218] AT THE NEWCASTLE POLICE STATION ON THE 3rd SEPTEMBER, 1982.

THOSE PRESENT :- Detective Senior Constable G.R.Inkster (Typist)
 Detective Senior Constable P.J.Wilson (Questions)

TIME COMMENCED. 5.00pm

Q.1 As I have already explained to you Detective Inkster and I are making inquiries into the murder of Richard Slater, which took place at the Burwood Park Toilets, Newcastle on the 19th December 1980. We have received information that you may be able to assist us with our inquiries into this matter. I am going to ask you some questions 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 Inkster as the interview takes place. 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. [1218] I was born on [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED] Islington.

Q.3 Are you married or single?

A. Single.

Q.4 What is your occupation?.

A. Unemployed.

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Q.6 Do you agree that Detective Inkster and I first spoke to you a short time ago at your home at [REDACTED] Islington?.

A. Yes.

Q.7 Do you agree that you volunteered to accompany us to the Newcastle Police Station to supply further information in relation to the Slater murder?

A. Yes

Q.8. Do you agree that about 4.40pm on the 22nd December, 1980 you were spoken to by other police in relation to this matter?.

A. Yes, but they didn't ask me to make a statement then.

Q.9 Would you care to tell us to the best of your recollection the events that occurred on the 19th December, 1980?

A. Yes I can remember that because that was the time that I just got out of jail a few days before.

Q.10 Can you recall what you did on that day the 19th December, 1980?

A. At that time I was staying with [1217] in her flat at [REDACTED] Newcastle and then later that day Jeff Miller and [1216] [1216] came to the flat and we all decided to go down town to do some Christmas shopping.

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Q.11 What happened then?.

A. We all left about 11 o'clock and walked to a bank in Darby Street, then we walked down to this warehouse in King Street Newcastle, I don't know the name of the place but we all went in and had a look around in there, I can't remember if we bought anything, then we come out and walked along the Street towards the Pink Elephant markets, and while we were walking near the Burwood park toilets, 1216 said that he wanted to go to the toilet, then he ran ahead of us across the road and went into the mens toilet, we walked up towards the toilet and waited for him near the car yard opposite the toilets, I yelled out something to 1216 while he was in the toilet but I can't remember what it was. Then after a few minutes 1216 came back out of the toilets to where me, 1217 and Jeff were standing.

Q.12 What happened then?

A. I think 1216 said something to Jeff, then me and 1217 said to 1216 and Jeff that we were going to walk on ahead of them to go to the Pink Elephant Markets and we would meet them there. Then me and 1217 walked up the road to the Pink Elephant and left 1216 and Jeff talking near the toilets.

Q.13 What happened then?.

A Me and 1217 had walked up the road and I think we had just crossed over the road near the side gate at the Pink Elephant when Jeff and 1216 came running up to us.

Q.14 What happened then?

A We all walked into the Pink Elephant together and looked around in the shops, for a while then Jeff and 1217 left us to go somewhere, I think Jeff was going over to his mothers place to get his cheque.

Q.15 What happened then?.

A Me and 1216 did some more shopping in a shop just up past the Bank corner in a clothes shop then we walked home to 1217's flat and 1216 stopped at the flat for a while then he went home?.

Q.16 Can you recall the approximate time that 1216 would have entered the toilets at Burwood Park?

A. We left home about 11 o'clock walked down the town for a while it would have been about an hour or an hour and a half after we left home.

Q.17 When Jeff Miller and 1216 met you when you were at the Pink Elephant Markets, did you notice anything out of the ordinary about either person?

A. I can't remember.

Q.18 How long after you entered the Pink Elephant Markets did Jeff Miller and 1217 leave your company?

A. Shortly after we arrived at the Pink Elephant.

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 P. C. G. G. G.

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- Q.19 Do you recall what time it was that you arrived home to **1217** flat that afternoon, after completing your shopping.
- A. About 2.30 I think.
- Q.20 When you left the pink elephant markets on that day did you go anywhere near the burwood park toilets that afternoon?
- A. No we walked up the main Street in Newcastle.
- Q.21. Was there anybody else at the flat when you arrived home that afternoon?
- A. No, me and **1216** were the first ones home.
- Q.22 When was the next time that you saw Jeff Miller that day?
- A. It was that afternoon sometime after we got home that Jeff came back home by himself and then sometime after that **1217** came home after doing some shopping.
- Q.23 We have been informed that Jeff Miller, **1217** and yourself left the flat that afternoon and went to Islington and borrowed a motor vehicle. Can you recall that?.
- A. We could have but I am not real sure.
- Q.24 Can you recall what else you done that afternoon?.
- A. We all drove out to **1219** grandmothers place because Jeff wanted to see **1219** about something?
- Q.25 What happened when you arrived at **1219** 's place?
- A. Jeff Miller got out of the car and was talking to **1219** out the front of his place, then they were arguing about something and yelling at each other, then **1219** 's aunty came out to where they were, then Jeff got back into the car and left after **1219** 's Aunty air raided him.
- Q.26 In your answer to the last question you used the term air raided can you tell me what that means?.
- A. Yelled at him.
- Q.27 Can you recall what time it was that you went to **1219** 's place that afternoon?
- A. It would have been later that afternoon.
- Q.28 When Jeff Miller got back into the panel Van did he say anything to you about what happened between him and **1219** ?
- A. I can't remember it is a long time ago, he could have.
- Q.29 What happened after you left **1219** 's place ?
- A. I think we just went home to **1217** flat.
- Q.30 Is there anything further that you wish to tell us about this matter?.
- A. I think I have told you everything I know but if I remember anything I will come and tell you about it, it has been a long time since that heppened, I will try and remember

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*W. J. Brown
RC Pen Gmt*

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Q.31. Are you prepared to attend a Court and give evidence in relation to what you have just told me in this record of Interview?.

A. If I am needed yes.

Q.32 Will you now read aloud each page of this record of Interview

A. I can't read.

Q.33 Are you prepared for me to arrange for an independant Police officer to read the contents of this record of interview to you.

A. Yes.

6.00pm ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR SERGEANT DELLFORCE TO ATTEND OFFICE AND READ ALOUD THIS RECORD OF INTERVIEW.

RECORD REMOVED FROM TYPEWRITER AND HANDED TO SERGEANT DELLFORCE WHO READ ALOUD THE CONTENTS OF THIS INTERVIEW

Q.34. Do you agree that Sergeant Dellforce has just read aloud to you the contents of this record of Interview?.

A. Yes.

Q.35 Do you agree that it is a true record of this interview?.

A. Yes.

Q.36 Has any threat promise or inducement been held out to you to give the answers that have been recorded in this record of Interview?.

A. No.

Q.37 Have the contents of this record of Interview been given of your own free will?.

A. Yes.

Q.38 Sergeant Dellforce will now read aloud to you these additional questions, have they been correctly recorded?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS R&D ALOUD BY SERGEANT DELLFORCE.

A. Yes.

Q.39 Will you now signe each page of this record of Interview?

A. Yes.

TIME COMPLETED. 6.40pm

WITNESS.....

G.R. Inkst
P.J WILSON.
Detective Senior Constable
Newcastle Police Station.

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