

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Place: Newcastle Police Station.
Death of Richard SLATER
Date: 22nd December, 1980.

Name: CLEMENTS Arthur Geoffrey.
(Surname in capitals)
Address: [Redacted] Islington. Tel. No. [Redacted]
Occupation: Franciscan Brother. STATES:—

1. My name now is Brother MASSEO of the order of Society of Saint FRANCIS. The headquarters of this order in Newcastle is at 14 Sheddon Street, Islington. The Australian headquarters is located at Brookfield Road, Brookfield (Brisbane, Queensland). The order has about twenty Brothers in Australia. My duties in Newcastle include part time work for the mission of Seamen, youth work and caring for those in need. I have been a lay Brother for five years, I have been working in Newcastle for the last two years.

2. About 1pm on last Friday the 19th December, 1980 I was at Burwood Park, Newcastle West looking for any needy persons whom I might be able to assist. I walked to the toilet block in Burwood Park and went inside to use the urinal. When I walked inside the block I saw a man lying in front of the urinal with his face towards the urinal and he had his left leg in the trough of the urinal and I saw blood on the left side of his face towards his ear, he was moaning and making a gurgling sort of sound. I saw that his trousers were down below his buttox but they were above his knees. His bare bottom was visible.

3. I realised that the man needed help so I started to walk out of the toilet as I was leaving the toilet an elderly man with glasses entered the toilet. I said to him, "There is a man lying in the urinal he looks like he needs help". This man went inside and came out straight away. I said, "I'll go and ring the Police, ". I then left and walked across to Young and Green where I spoke to a man in the office and I told him what I saw and asked him to ring the Police. Before the man could make the phone call the elderly man who I had spoken to earlier said to me, "You had better get the ambulance he looks in a bad way". I saw the man from Young and Green make a phone call.

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4. After the man from Young and Green made the phone call to the Police I walked back over to the toilet block, I went inside and I saw that the injured man was still lying in the same place but he was trying to pull his trousers up with his left hand. He was still making a moaning sort of sound. I then walked outside the toilet and I had a conversation with the elderly man.

5. I then realised that there was nothing else that I could do so I left.

6. I did not see any person leave the toilets prior to my entering and I did not see any person behaving in any manner to arouse my suspicions.

WITNESS *A.J.L. White*
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Detective Constable 1st Class
Newcastle C.I.B.
22nd December, 1980.

SIGNED *Arthur Geoffrey Clements* SSF

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