

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Manly Police StationInquest into the death  
of Paul Edward RATH.Date: 10th August, 1977.Name: PARRY Ross  
(Surname in capitals)Address: Manly Police Station. Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_Occupation: Constable of Police. STATES:—

At about 7.30am on the 17th June, 1977, as a result of a phone call, I attended the parking area, at the end of Bower Street, Fairy Bower, where I spoke to Mr. Alfred BARRETT. He then led me to a position at the base of cliffs approximately 300 metres south of the parking area. There I saw the body of a male person, wedged between rocks, in a sitting position with his head between his legs, at the foot of a 150 foot ledge. I observed that the body, which was apparently dead, was dressed in a brown suit, which the trousers down to almost knee level. I found a piece of prose written on paper in the pocket of the coat. A search of the near vicinity also found a set of rosary beads and a right shoe both belonging to the deceased. I made an examination of the ledge from where the deceased apparently fell, however, I found no notes left by the deceased or signs of a struggle.

I made arrangements for Detective Sergeant Ezart of the Scientific Branch to attend and examine the body and take photographs. I then arranged for the Police Rescue Squad to attend and recover the body which was then conveyed to the Manly District Hospital, where life was pronounced extinct by Dr. Jones. The body was then conveyed to the City Morgue where later that date I arranged for Peter Gregory ROWAN to attend those premises and identify the body of the deceased, as that of his brother-in-law, Paul Edward RATH.

The deceased had apparently suffered from a nervous condition for some years and had been receiving treatment from Dr. Reichard of Pennant Hills. A note with treatment has been obtained along with statements from Mr. Elwyn RATH, father of deceased, Gregory RATH, brother of deceased, Alfred BARRETT and Peter ROWAN. Photographs of scene and position of deceased, are produced.

As a result of my inquiries into the death of the deceased I could find no evidence that the deceased had taken his life. In view of all the circumstances, in my opinion the deceased went to the Fairy Bower area at a time when it was almost dark and whilst on the ledge apparently lost his footing and fell to his death.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: PARRY

EXHIBIT " 1 "

Inquest touching the death  
 of Rath

Coranys Court, 44-46  
 Parramatta Road, Glebe

(Date) 16/9/77

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On the 18th June, 1977, I identified the body of the deceased, Paul Edward RATH, to the Government Medical Officer.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: *Parry*

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