

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Parramatta Police Station

Date: 2nd December 1980

Name: BROWNE Brant Warland (Surname in capitals)

Address: [Redacted] Tel. No [Redacted]

Occupation: Shop Proprietor STATES:-

I am a shop Proprietor of a Coffee Lounge in Parramatta Arcade, Darcy St., Parramatta. I am 52 years of age.

Sometime between 1pm and 2pm this afternoon, I went outside the coffee lounge into Darcy Street to check on my car. As I walked to the car I noticed a male person standing at the front of the alley way next to the Antique Shop which is at the start of the Arcade in Darcy Street. I thought it was strange that he should be standing there because it is always drafty and a mess. As I walked past him he was looking up and down the street and I thought he might be looking for somebody. As I approached my car, I looked again at him and I realised that he appeared to be agitated. I became suspicious, so I/unlocked the driver's side door and got in and wound down the window. I sat there for awhile and/he kept looking up and down the street. He then looked over at me and I then deliberately looked him up and down. He put his head down and then walked back up Darcy Street in an easterly direction. I kept an eye on him in the rear vision mirror but then lost sight of him. I got out of my car again and I saw him walk up past the Commonwealth Bank, and disappear into one of the buildings. I then went back to my shop after stopping for a short time and talking to Phil the Greengrocer.

About twenty minutes later, somebody ran into my shop and asked me to ring an Ambulance, which I did. I then walked up to the front of the Arcade and saw a male person lying on the floor of the fruit shop, covered in blood. A short time later I discovered that the male person who was covered in blood was in fact John BEDSER, the owner of the Antique Store.

I would describe the male person whom I saw standing in the alley way as being about late 30's to early 40's, 5'6" to 5'8" tall, very solid stocky build, black wavy hair a bit shorter than collar length, olive complexion and wearing brown coloured trousers, a light brown patterned shirt, with a similar coloured long sleeve jacket on.

The main reason that I took notice of this person was as I said earlier, that he appeared to be agitated.

Witness:

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Signature:

[Handwritten signature of Brant Warland]