

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Place: Parramatta Police Station
Death of Walter John BEDSER
Date: 3rd December, 1980

Name: Jeffery Robert ENGLISH (Surname in capitals)
Address: [Redacted] Tel. No. [Redacted]
Occupation: Sales Representative STATES:-

I am a married man, and I reside at the above address with my wife. I am a sales representative employed by Wattel Paints, 4 Steel Street, Blacktown. I have been employed by this firm for about 14 months.

I have known the deceased, John Bedser for about 5 years. I first met John when he had a furniture shop in Merrylands. It was in a lane way running off Pitt St. near the railway. I used to do up old furniture, and I would give it to John to sell through the shop for me.

I used to see John quite regularly, he would come to my home socially. The last occasion I saw him would have been approximately 6 months ago, my wife and I called into his shop to see him.

About 6 months after I first met Him (John) he made a homosexual advance towards me. I explained to him that I was not that way inclined, and if he wished to continue our friendship, these advances had to cease. Since that time he openly talked about his homosexual tendencies in front of me.

I do not know of any particular friends that John may have had. He was a fairly quite quiet person who kept to himself.

About 6 months ago, John came to our house to show us a new white station wagon he had just purchased. I think

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it had the imitation wood grain panelling on the sides.
At the time he had another person with him, I would describe him as being:- Male, 16years of old with a young looking face, about 5'6" tall, reasonably thick set, dark hair, olive complexion, and dark eyes. I think he could have been of Lebanese, Italian or Maltese origin.

I am not sure, but I think John said the young person was working for him at the shop in Parramatta. He would quite often place a notice in the shop window saying, 'boys wanted for afternoon work - apply within' or something like that.

WITNESS I.D. McArthur
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SIGNED Jeff English

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