

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Place: Parramatta Police Station
Date: 5th December, 1980

Name: TURNER Mavis Adelaide. (Surname in capitals)
Address: [Redacted] Tel. No. [Redacted]
Occupation: Pensioner. STATES:-

- 1. I am a married woman, 61 years of age, a pensioner and I live at the above address with my husband.
2. About fifteen years ago my husband and I opened a second hand furniture shop in Merrylands. Shortly after we opened the store I met John [Redacted] Bedser. John would come to the store to buy furniture to furnish some flats he was letting at the time. I mainly saw John at the store, however my husband and I did go out socially with him a few times. I don't recall ever going to his home. About 4 years ago John opened an antique shop at Merrylands and at that stage I became friendly with his mother and sister.
3. John later opened a antique shop in Darcy Street, Parramatta and one day I called in there to see him. At that stage we were living at [Redacted]. A short time after that John rang me at home and asked me if I would like to work on a casual basis at his shop. Eventually I agreed to go to his shop and stay there when he had to go elsewhere on business. The arrangement was for John to ring me at home when he had to leave the shop and I would go there and look after it until he returned. About 18 months ago John asked me to work of a Saturday morning between 8am and 12 mid day. This I did up until May this year when my husband retired. I did work a few more Staurdays after that, the last being last Saturday the 29th November, 1980. That day I arrived at the store about 9am and opened it. About 10am Joh rang to say that he didn't think he would be in and if I wanted him he would be at home. He rang again after eleven to say that he would not be in. He didn't say why he wasn't coming in. I closed the store about 12.30pm on the 29th November, 1980. I last saw John personally about two to three weeks ago.
4. The only other person I met who worked for John was [Redacted] NP58. I don't know his surname. He cleaned the windows and other odd jobs around that shop. He also did some work around John's home.
5. I never met any of John's personal friends although people would come into the store asking for him

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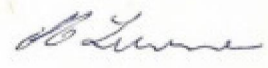
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mainly men.

6. I have heard the decription of the man seen leaving the Antigie shop on Tuesday and I cannot recall ever seeing a person of this description in the store.

7. I can honestly say that I have never heard an arguement between John and any other person whilst I was working at his shop. John was a quite sort of man, very polite and seemed to get on well with everyone.


R.E. Burnett
Detective Senior Constable



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