

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Parramatta Police StationDeath of Walter John BEDSERDate: 14th December 1980Name: C L A R K E Emma Ellen

(Surname in capitals)

Address: [REDACTED] Tel. No. [REDACTED]

Occupation: Domestic Duties. STATES:—

1. I am a widow and I reside at the above address with my daughter, her husband and one child.

2. On Tuesday, 2nd December, 1980, I took my grandson [REDACTED] to School at Arthur Phillip Infants School Corner Smith and Macquarie Streets, Parramatta. I left him at the School at 8.55am. I then walked around to the toy shop in the Arcade off Darcy Street, Parramatta. I arrived at the shop between 9.10 and 9.15am. I had to get a layOby out. I was being attended to in the shop. About two to three minutes later, I heard some chimes sound. These chimes operate when someone enters the shop. I looked around to see who had come into the shop, but I couldn't see anybody. A short time later, the girl that was serving me said, "Can I help you?" The girl was looking directly behind me at the time. The next thing I heard a man's voice from behind me say "I want a black handled knife out the window." The girl said, "You'll have to come over here. They're in the glass casing." The man then said, "The one with the coloured cords around the handle." By this stage, this man had walked in front of me and was standing between myself and the counter. I had taken a pace back to allow this man to get in front of me because I was waiting to have another parcel wrapped. At this stage, I was very close to this man and to the rear and slightly to his right. The girl behind the counter that was attending to this man was the younger of the two girls in the shop and had fair hair. I saw her remove a knife and a leather sheath from the glass case under the counter. She place both the knife and the sheath on the counter. The knife had a sharp point [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. The blade was very shiny. The sheath was brown leather. The girl said to this man, "Is this the one?" The man said, "Yes." She then placed the knife in the sheath and buttoned a strap around the top of the handle. I heard the girl say something to the man about fourteen. By this stage, I was talking to the other girl in the shop about my parcel.

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Name: CLARKE Emma Ellen

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I didn't see this man pay for the knife. I then picked up my parcels and walked out of the shop into the arcade. This man walked out just in front of me. I saw him walk towards Church Street. I walked the other way into Darcy Street.

3. I would describe this man as being Australian, 35 to 40 old, 5/10 tall, solidly built around the chest, tanned complexion, dark brown hair, untidy appearance as though not combed for some time, about collar length, wearing light coloured possibly bone colour trousers, bordering on brown, with a jacket which was a darker brown, which was open in the front. I didn't notice the type and colour of the shirt he was wearing. He was wearing shoes, possibly brown in colour. He was clean shaven and have had beakie sort of nose. His nose was average in size, but came to a point downwards towards the top lip. He spoke very quietly whilst in the shop.

4. I feel that I can identify this man if I saw him again.

Witness: *[Signature]*  
E Feszczuk  
Detective Senior Constable  
Homicide Squad.

*E Clarke*

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