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17/12/80	DOUGLASS GEORGE SAMUELS RE INTERVIEWED <u>RE BEDSER MURDER</u>	
	<p>About 9.00am on 17/12/80, at Parramatta Police Station, interviewed Douglass George SAMUELS of [redacted]. Telephone [redacted]. He is the Claims Manager of N.R.M.A. Insurance Limited, 85 George Street, Parramatta Telephone [redacted]. SAMUELS WAS spoken to on 3/12/80 See R/S 26 concerning a Claim on hand from NP58 which he considered suspicious.</p>	
	<p>SAMUELS stated that on 20/3/80 a comprehensive Motor Vehicle Insurance Policy No. [redacted] was effected by NP60 and NP59 [redacted] of [redacted], in respect of a 1973 Ford Escort Sedan No. [redacted]. The vehicle was insured for \$2,999-00. This vehicle was purchased by NP60 on 9/3/80 from Keith James Autos, 39-41 Woodville Road, Old Guildford Telephone [redacted] or [redacted].</p>	
	<p>On 3/10/80 SAMUELS received a telephone call from an anonymous male who had a high pitched voice and sound as though he spoke through his nose. The caller informed SAMUELS that he either had or was about to receive a Claim for a stolen car owned by [redacted] NP58. The caller stated that NP58 paid a person called [redacted] 142 the sum of \$400-00 to burn it for him. The caller was asked why he was giving this information to which he replied that his reasons were personal. The caller stated that he had lent the money to the Family of NP58 family to purchase the car which was to be repaid the following week. However, the money was not repaid as arranged, but was paid to the caller in installments. The sum of \$800-00 was still outstanding and the Family of NP58's had refused to pay it. This caller went to to say that he got on very well with the family having purchased a colour T.V. the previous Christmas. He stated that since the problem with the money, they had fallen out and were not on speaking terms. The caller added that he had won the lottery and was able to afford to finance the Family of NP58 in the</p>	

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	<p>purchase of the vehicle. The caller would not identify himself and suggested to SAMUELS that he would endeavour to find out the identity of [redacted] 142 and get back to him. SAMUELS then caused the Central Records System of the N.R.M.A. to be marked so that any claim would be referred to him personally. SAMUELS received a number of subsequent telephone calls from the same caller asking progress in the matter. He also added on one such occasion that NP58's car had deteriorated in its condition because NP58 didn't treat the car very well. He went onto say that the Police had issued a Defent on the car and that NP58 had in fact removed the label from the car without having effected the necessary repairs.</p>	
	<p>On 2/10/80 a Claim Form was received by the N.R.M.A. in respect of the theft of a 1973 Ford Escort Sedan, Yellow M [redacted]. According to records at the S.V.I. it was reported stolen NP58 at Campsie Police Station at 1.55am on 28/9/80. He alleged that the vehicle was stolen from Percid Street, Belfield between 9.00pm on 27/9/80 and 12.40am on 28/9/80. It would appear that NP58 had a number of persons with him at the time of reporting the car stolen including [redacted] 147 of [redacted] and [redacted] 142 of [redacted], a long time friend. NP58's vehicle was located by Police in Roseberry Avenue, Kellyville by Const. Price of Castle Hill Police Station at 11.15am 30/9/80. The vehicle was subsequerntly towed to the Golden Fleece Garage, Poole Road, Kellyville. Mr. Phillip HEE NIXON an assessor of the NRMA viewed the vehicle at that location on 2/10/80 and assessed it as a total loss due to an extensive fire that had taken place inside the vehicle.</p>	
	<p>On 30/10/80, NP58 attended the Parramatta Office of the N.R.M.A. to be interviewed in connection with his claim. Mrs. Maria Carmen ARITA, of [redacted] telephone [redacted]</p>	

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	<p>conducted the interview. She states that she asked NP58 a series of standard questions concerning his claim. She was aware of the anonymous information at hand at the time of this interview. She obtained a signed Statutory Declaration from NP58 setting out his knowledge of the theft. In that Declaration, NP58 states that the vehicle was purchased by his father for him with money he had borrowed from John BEDSER of Parramatta Antiques. He added that in July OR August 1980, he received a defect notice in respect of this vehicle in respect of Tyres and Headlights. He also suggested that when he presented the vehicle for inspection at the D.M.T., a discrepancy was found in the engine number, which was subsequently checked out by Det. BRENT of Parramatta. He indicated that he didn't have any intention of disposing of the vehicle due to lack of funds and denied having been involved in anything unlawful in connection with his Claim. Mrs. ARITI then asked him some other questions including the situation regarding the finance in the purchase of the vehicle. NP58 stated that all but \$200 had been repaid to BEDSER and NP58's father told him that NP58 should pay the remaining \$200. NP58 stated that he had an argument with BEDSER because he was late in paying this money, which he eventually paid. Mrs. ARITI also mentioned to NP58 about a Defect Notice in respect of the said vehicle.</p>	
	<p>Mr Ross William THOMPSON of [REDACTED] Telephone [REDACTED], A Representative employed by NRMA Telephone [REDACTED] was instructed to interview Mr. John BEDSER about his knowledge of the Claim made by NP58 due to his having financed the purchase of the car. THOMPSON was interviewed on 17/12/80 and he stated that he spoke to BEDSER at the Shop on the afternoon of 21/11/80. He had called at the shop earlier in the day but was told by BEDSER's sister that he wouldn't be at the shop until later that day. BEDSER admitted to THOMPSON that he knew NP58 and that he had loaned</p>	

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	<p>\$2,900-00 to a member of the Family of NP58 family for the purchase of the said car. BEDSER admitted having heard something about the theft of NP58's car but denied having ever contacted the Parramatta or any other Office of the NRMA in connection with same. He also denied having been owed money in connection with that loan and produced a receipt book and referred to a receipt on 23/9/80 for the sum of \$100-00 and suggested that the receipt referred to the last payment made. BEDSER also denied every- having won the lottery. THOMPSON asked BEDSER whether he knew a friend of NP58's named 142. BEDSER did mention a short foreign name to THOMPSON which he can't recall at this time.</p>	
	<p>THOMPSON interviewed a 142 of [redacted] on 25/11/80 and obtained a Statutory Declaration concerning his knowledge of the theft of NP58's vehicle. In that Declaration, 142 who is about 18 old corroborates NP58's account and mentions that the following persons were at the Belfield R.S.L. Club with he and NP58 on the night of 27/9/80:</p>	
	<p>147 - Thomas St. Parramatta. [redacted] 147 sister.</p>	
	<p>On 1st December, 1980 THOMPSON and SAMUELS conferred about the Claim. Both are convinced that the anonymous information concerning NP58's Claim is BEDSER. They are happy that the Claim is fraudulent. However, there is little supporting evidence to stop the Claim which amounts to \$2,900-00.</p>	
	<p>On 16/12/80, Mrs. NP59 NP59 contacted the NRMA and inquired as to when the cheque would be available. After discussions with us, it is anticipated that the NRMA will not settle the Claim until further inquiries are made. SAMUELS is of the opinion that NP58 knows who the anonymous informant was and in fact knows it was BEDSER.</p>	

