

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Place: N.R.M.A. Office, George Street, Parramatta. Date: 17th December, 1980. Death of Walter John BEDSER.

Name: A. R. I. I. Maria Carmen (Surname in capitals) Address: [Redacted] Tel. No. [Redacted] Occupation: Claims Clerk STATES:-

1. I am a married lady and I am employed by the N.R.M.A. Insurance Limited as a Claims Clerk at our Parramatta Office at 95 George Street, Parramatta.

2. On 30th October, 1980, I was at our Parramatta Office, when I had occasion to interview Mr. NP58 with respect to a Motor Vehicle Claim. This claim was considered suspicious as we had information that some other person disposed of the vehicle with the knowledge of the insured, NP58. It is one of my duties to interview the insured in these type of matters.

I said to NP58 "My name is Mrs. ARTI. I will be conducting the interview. As you are probably aware, a lot of people are having their vehicles destroyed and claiming the insurance money. As we can't tell the situation from the documents we have I intend to ask you some questions about your claim. The answers to my questions will be taken down in the form of a Statutory Declaration. Do you know that that means?"

He said, "No. I dont." I said, "It's a legal document and all answers must be true and correct to the best of your knowledge. I will get you to read the statement and sign it before a Justice of the Peace. There are penalties at law for false declarations. Do you understand that?"

He said, "Yes." I said, "I will be asking standard type questions. Some of those questions you dont have to answer because of the Privacy Act. Do you understand that?"

He said, "Yes." I then asked Mr. NP58 a number of questions, and completed a Statutory Declaration. He later read the Statutory Declaration aloud and later signed it before Mr. Ken SCOTT who was the Relieving Claims Manager. During the course of my conversation with him, I told Mr. NP58 that we had received a telephone call the Police had received a telephone call advising them that he had organised disposal of his motor vehicle. I asked him

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if he was responsible for the disposal of his car. He denied that. I asked him if he had any enemies. He laughed at that and said, "Not that I know of."  
I said, "Who would want to get into trouble like that?"  
He said, "I dont know."  
I said, "In the Statutory Declaration, you have indicated that Mr. John BEDSER loaned your father ~~the~~ money to purchase the car. Has that money been paid back."  
He said, "Oh Yes. But we had an argument about it."  
I said, "You had an argument about it."  
He said, "Yes. There's was \$200-00 left owing. My father told me that I had to pay that back. I was a couple of weeks later and he (John Bedser) get angry and I told him stick it and gave him the money."  
I said, "Would this Mr. BEDSER have stolen your car because of this argument?"  
He said, "No."

I recall that **NP58** was dressed in an open neck shirt grey or blue colour, and was wearing a chain around his neck. He had blue or grey trousers possibly dress up jeans. The outfit matche. He appeared well dressed. I didn't see anyone with him. I spoke to this person for about 1 1/2-2 Hours all thold. I commenced my interview with **NP58** about 9.30am and he left the Officer between 11.00am and 11.30am. I recall asking him about a defect notice in respect of his car. This was mentioned in the telephone call from the Anonymous person. He told me that there was a defect notice issue but that he had fixed all the problems up, but that the Parramatta Police still had his registration papers as the engine number had been stretched out or something and they were checking to see if the engine had been stolen.

3. About two to three weeks after my interview with **NP58** he returned and showed me registration papers of his vehicle which I photocopied them and handed him back the original. He then left the office.

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