

New South Wales Police

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STATEMENT in the matter of:

Place: Zetland

Police Rescue Unit

Date : 23 December 1997

Name: BARRY THOMPSON

Address: STATE MAJOR INCIDENT GROUP

Tel. No.: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Senior Constable of Police

STATES:-

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

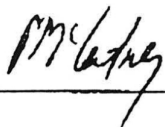
2. I am 47 years of age.

3. At about 11.05 Hours on the 22 December 1997, Senior Constable Sladden and myself were requested by Police to attend Unit [REDACTED] Addison Road, Kensington. On arrival we spoke to Police who informed us there was concern for the welfare of the male occupant of that Unit, and they required us to gain entry to the third floor unit.

4. Senior Constable Sladden and myself then placed the extension ladder off the Rescue Truck to beneath the kitchen window of that unit. I climbed the ladder to that window which was fully opened, and entered the unit through that window.

5. As I was climbing through the window I noticed a male person, apparantly deceased, lying on his back near the kitchen table. I noticed with what appeared to be dried blood around his nasal area and down the sides of his face.

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6. I then summoned Senior Constable SLADDEN to the Unit, who climbed the ladder and entered the Unit through the same window. I went straight to the front door to let Police in, but noticed that the door was locked from the inside by way of two security locks, and could not open the door. A short time later Senior Constable SLADDEN informed me that he had located a set of keys in the bedroom. I then seen Senior Constable SLADDEN open the front door by unlocking the two security locks, and Police entered the Unit. I indicated the deceased to Constable SIMS, and a short time later Senior Constable SLADDEN and myself left the scene.

7. When I entered the kitchen window initially, I noticed the telephone on the bench and the hand piece hanging to the floor. There was also a broken plate on the kitchen floor. When I walked from the kitchen to the lounge room I noticed a television lying face down, an ironing board tipped on its side, and pictures on the floor. The balcony door leading from the lounge room was open, the screen was closed but unlocked. When I walked from the lounge room to the hallway, I noticed which what appeared to be an answering machine upside down on the floor.

Witness: *P. McLarty*

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*