

New South Wales Police

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STATEMENT in the matter of:

Place: ZETLAND

Rescue Unit

Date : 23 December 1997

Name: Maxwell John SLADDEN

Address: RESCUE UNIT

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 50 years of age.

3. At about 11.05 hours this date Senior Constable THOMPSON and myself attended flat [REDACTED] Addison Rd. Kensington re a concern for welfare. On arrival at this location we were informed by Police at the scene that they required us to gain entry to a third floor unit.

4. An extension ladder was placed against the rear (southern end) of the units, under the kitchen window. Senior Constable THOMPSON then climbed the ladder and entered through an open window. A short time later Senior Constable THOMPSON requested a Police Officer to attend the front door of the unit. I was also then requested to climb the ladder and assist in locating some keys to open the front door.

5. As I climbed through the kitchen window, I noticed a male person lying on his back on the floor with what appeared to be

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dried blood around his nasal area. I also saw a phone which was located on a bench in the kitchen area, had the receiver hanging down to the floor. There was also a smashed plate on the kitchen floor. Senior Constable THOMPSON then asked me to try and locate some keys to open the front door which was locked.

6. As I left the kitchen area into what appeared to be the lounge room, I noticed an ironing board tipped on to its side and a television upside down next to it. There also were picture frames on the floor. I then walked along the hallway towards the front door and saw what appeared to be an answering machine upside down on the floor. I then went to the front bedroom area of the unit and located a key wallet on the lounge next to a black bumbag. I informed Senior Constable THOMPSON that I had located some keys and would try the locks. The deadlock and a second lock were opened using the keys obtained.

7. The deadlock and the lower lock were in a locked position prior to opening the front door. No items were removed or touched by myself other than the key wallet.

8. Constable SIMS then entered the premises and was shown to where the deceased was located. A short time later Senior Constable THOMPSON and I left the premises to resume our duties.

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