

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Death of BRENNAN Place: Darlinghurst Police Station
 Date: 30 April 1985

Name: CROWE, Patrick Lackey
 (Surname in capitals)
 Address: [REDACTED] Darlinghurst Tel. No. [REDACTED]
 Occupation: Accountant. STATES:- [REDACTED]

1. I am aware that if I sign this statement and any part of it is untrue to my knowledge, I may be liable to punishment.
2. I am presently employed as an Accountant, my date of birth is the [REDACTED] 1941.
3. For about the last two years, I have known a drag queen by the name of Wendy WAYNE. Sometimes she used the name Diane LEE, but her real name as far as I know is Wayne BRENNAN.
4. As well as being an Accountant during the day, I co-ordinate the shows at a revue restaurant known as 'Pete's Beat' at 80 Oxford Street Darlinghurst. I came to know Wendy while working there. As well as working in the restaurant on Thursday Friday and Saturday nights in the show, and sometimes on a Sunday night, she also cleaned the restaurant on Wednesdays through to Sundays. She had no starting time when she cleaned the club, as long as the club was clean before we opened at 6pm. Normally, although the show times vary from show to show, Wendy would arrive at the restaurant around 11.30pm on one night and leave around 2.30am the next morning.
5. As well as working at the restaurant, I believe Wendy also worked as a prostitute in St. Peters Lane, Darlinghurst I have no idea when she worked or how often, but the laneway I mean is the one at the top of the stairs in Forbes Street, that lead down to William Street.
6. About 5pm on Sunday the 28th of April 1985, Wendy came over to my place. We left my place about 6pm and went to Ole Madrid Restaurant, in Oxford Street and we had dinner there. We stayed at the restaurant for about an hour and Graham KING a friend of mine of Plaza Towers, in Crown Street joined us and when we left the restaurant we went to Kings Cross by taxi. There we went to the 'Love Art Shop' in Roslyn Street, we stayed there for about half an hour. After we left the shop we walked back towards Darlinghurst Road and I stopped to talk one of the men who run The Kings Cross Steak House, in Roslyn Street. I forgot

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his name.

7. By the time I walked up to Darlington Road, Graham was still there and he said to me, "Wendy's gone to the chemist shop (HE INDICATED THE CHEMIST SHOP, NORTH OF ROSLYN STREET ON THE EASTERN FOOTPATH) and she said she'd see you tonight at the club." With that I went back to my place with Graham. Wendy didn't come to the club that night and I have'nt seen her since.

8. About 6pm on Monday the 29th of April 1985, I tried to ring Wendy at home, but there was no answer. About 11.30am this morning, David COOK rang me at work and told me that he hadn't been able to contact Wendy. After we finished talking, I rang [1230] and spoke to him, I said, "Have you seen Wendy?" He said, "No." I said, "You live closest to her you go around and see if she's there. David's tried to ring her today and I tried last night." He said, "Yeah, I'll jump in my car and go right now." That was about 12Mid-day that I spoke to [1230], about 12.10pm [1230] rang me and said, "The doors open, the television and heater are on. The bedrooms a mess, but Wendy's not here." I said, "Will you wait, she must have gone out or something. Get her to ring me when she comes back?" He said, "Okay."

9. It would have been only a few minutes later, [1230] rang me back, he was crying and he said, "Wendy's on the floor and there's blood everywhere." I said, "I'm coming over." I went and saw my boss, Gus HERSTIK, at my work at 94 McEvoy Street Alexandria and I said to him, "Wendy's been attacked, Ross would you drive me over to Wendy's?" Gus said to me, "Do you want the Police?" I said, "No, wait till we get over there?" With that I left work with Ross CRITCH, and he drove me to [redacted] Darlington Road Darlington, wendy's address. There we both went into Wendy's gorund floor unit, number one, via the balcony door that was open. I saw that the electric heater was on as well as the television. I went into the bedroom and saw Wendy lying face down alongside her bed. I looked at her, she didn't have any clothes on I think, and there seemed so be a small mark on her back. I touched her and she was cold. I also remember that her wig was under her. I then went outside to the loungeroom and saw [1230], he said, "Is she alright?" I said, "No, she's dead." Ross then rang our office, and I think they must have rung the Police. A few minutes later some uniformed Police came in a Paddy Wagon.

Witness: T.P. FLANDERS Signature: [Signature]
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7. I declare that no part of this statement is untrue to my knowledge. I understand that it may be used in legal proceedings. It accurately sets out the evidence I would be prepared to give, if necessary, in Court as a witness.

8. I just remembered, I told you earlier that Graham joined us at the restaurant, he didn't he came to my place and was there when Wendy arrived, before we left to go out Sunday night.

Witness T.P. Flanders
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T.P. FLANDERS
Detective Senior Constable

EXHIBIT " 7. "

Inquest touching the death

of Hayne Brennan

Coroner's Court, 44-46

Parramatta Road, Glebe

(Date) 18/7/86

..... (Dep. Clerk)