

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Murder Victim Wayne BRANNAN Place: Darlinghurst Police Station
 _____ Date: 30 April 1985

 Name: Stephen Mark COLES
 (Surname in capitals)
 Address: Darlinghurst Police Station Tel. No. ██████████
 Occupation: Senior Constable of Police STATES:—

I am aware that if I issue this statement and any part of this statement is untrue to my knowledge, I may be liable to punishment.

On Tuesday the 30 April 1985 about 12.30pm in Company with Constable First Class Austin attended outside unit ██████████ Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross.

I there spoke to ██████████ 1230 of ██████████ East Sydney and he told me something. Also present were Mr Ross Steven CRICH of ██████████ Dulwich Hill and Mr Patrick Lackey CROWE of ██████████ Darlinghurst and they told us something. Mr ██████████ 1230 then directed us to the bedroom of the unit.

Unit ██████████ Darlinghurst Road is a single bedroom unit with a lounge room dining room to the front of the premises, a kitchen to the left-hand side behind the lounge room and a hallway to the right-hand of the flat leading to a bathroom laundry which runs off to the left off the hallway. At the end of the hallway there is the bedroom.

The front door of the premises were open and I saw a set of keys in the inside lock. We walked into the lounge room and saw that the television was on and a small electric heater was on, set on the high setting. We walked through the hallway to the bedroom.

On entering the bedroom I saw a double-bed in the centre of the room against the eastern wall. I saw the bedspread and a blanket had been pulled down slightly in the centre of the otherwise made bed and I saw a blood soaked pillow partially covered by the bedspread towards the centre of the bed. There also appeared to be a hole through the blanket similar to a bullet hole. I also saw what appeared to be blood spots on the lower part of the bedspread.

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On either side of the bed there was a bedside table. As I stood at the foot of the bed, the bedside table to the right had a blood smear on the front left side of the table. There were also blood smears on the wall to the left of the table (Southern Wall). In front of this table I saw what appeared to be the body of a deceased female person lying naked on the floor. The body was lying face down and there was a large calibre bullet wound between the shoulder blades and also in the back of the left hand. The legs of the deceased were spread about 1 metre apart and the left arm was outstretched above the head. The right arm was under the right armpit. There were two pools of blood in front of the body, one just above the left hand the other to the right of the first. The second blood pool had a blood smear leading to where the head now was and under the head there was another pool of blood.

The body of the deceased was then identified to me by Mr Patrick Lackey CROWE as that of a friend and employee who he knew as Wendy Wayne BRANNAN.

We then left the unit and arranged for the detectives to attend. A short time later Detective Sergeant Smith attended with other detectives. I had a conversation with Sergeant Smith and told him something. At his request the Ballistics Section was contacted and they arrived a short time later and conducted an examination of the scene.

With Constable Austin I then attended the City Morgue where I identified the body of a deceased male person to the Government Medical Officer Doctor Oettly as that of Wayne BRANNAN. I was also present when Senior Constable BULLIVANT of the Fingerprint Section confirmed by fingerprints the identity of the deceased to Detective Sergeant HAGAN of the Homicide Squad.

I declare that no part of this statement is untrue to my knowledge. I know that it may be used in legal proceedings. It accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in Court as a witness.



Witness: _____

Signature: _____