

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Wayne BRANNAN

Place: Ballistics Unit

Scientific Investigation Section

Date: 4 May 1986

Name: Raymond CONSTABLE

(Surname in capitals)

date of birth: [redacted] 1957

Address: Ballistics Unit, Sydney

Tel. No. [redacted]

Occupation: Plain Clothes Constable 1st Class of Police STATES:—

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

I am a Plain Clothes Constable of Police attached to the Ballistics Unit, Sydney, where my daily duties include the technical investigation of crime involving firearms and the collection and preservation of exhibits.

About 1.20pm on the 30 April 1985, I went to [redacted] Darlinghurst Road Kings Cross, where I made an examination of portion of the premises, took a number of photographs and collected certain exhibits.

I produce a photograph of [redacted] Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross, Ex...

I saw a deceased male body later identified to me as Wayne BRANNAN on the floor of the bedroom on the left side of the double bed near the southern wall. The deceased was naked and lying on his stomach with his legs outstretched and slightly apart. The left arm was stretched up with a slight bend at the elbow. The right arm was bent with the hand under the neck area. The deceased had sustained a wound to the centre of the back between the shoulder blades. There were two areas of blood on the carpet with a trail of blood leading to the head of the deceased.

I produce six photographs showing some of the details described, Ex... Ex... Ex... Ex... Ex... Ex...

The bedspread had been partially turned down and when turned back I saw blood on top of the spread and pillow. I saw a hole through the spread in the vicinity of this blood.

I produce a photograph showing some of the detail described, Ex...

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Witness:

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Signature:

[Handwritten signature]

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The deceased was conveyed to the City Morgue at Glebe and a guard placed at the premises. Later that day I attended the City Morgue and was present when Dr OETTLE performed a post mortem examination on the deceased Wayne BRANNAN.

I produce a photograph of the deceased Wayne BRANNAN, Ex...

The deceased had sustained a bullet entry wound to the back approximately 149cm from the left heel and approximately 10mm left of the midline. This wound is consistent with having been caused by the passage of a large calibre projectile with the muzzle of the weapon held in contact with the skin at the time of discharge. The projectile travelled slightly upwards and slightly to the right exiting at the front of the neck approximately 151cm from the left heel and just right of centre. The deceased had sustained a second bullet entry wound to the base of the skull approximately 20mm right of the midline. This wound is consistent with having been caused by the passage of a large calibre projectile with the muzzle of the weapon held in contact with the skin at the time of discharge. This projectile exited from under the chin approximately 3cm left of the midline. There was a third entry exit wound to the back of the left hand.

I produce four photographs showing some of the details described, Ex... Ex... Ex... Ex...

Later that night I returned to [redacted] Darlinghurst Road Kings Cross where I made a further search of the premises for possible spent bullets or fired cartridge cases. This search also consisted of the removal of the carpet for possible damage to the floor boards by the projectiles. A thorough search was made and I could not locate any fired cartridge cases or spent bullets.

On the 1 May 1985, together with Senior Constable CARVEN of the Mapping Unit, I returned to [redacted] Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross and assisted him in the measuring of the unit.

I produce a plan of [redacted] Darlinghurst Road Kings Cross, Ex...

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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On the 9 May 1985, I attended the Division of Forensic Medicine at Glebe and handed to Rudolph WEIGNER an analyst of that department the following:

An anal swab labelled as taken from Wayne BRANNAN by Dr OETTLE on the 30.4.85.

A phial of blood taken from the body of Wayne BRANNAN by Dr OETTLE on the 30.4.85.

Samples of hair taken from the left hand of the deceased Wayne BRANNAN.

Six cigarette butts labelled as taken from an ashtray in the lounge room at [REDACTED] Darlinghurst Road Kings Cross.

I produce a certificate under the hand of Rudolph WEIGNER setting out the results of his examination, Ex...

From my examination of the bedroom I am of the opinion that the deceased was lying naked, face down on the bed and the first shot fired was either in the back or the neck, the bullet exiting the deceased and travelling through the bedspread stopping at the blanket. The deceased was then pushed off the left side of the bed onto the floor and the second shot discharged into the body. The offender then partially removed the bedspread to where the bullet had stopped at the blanket and removed it. The deceased was then dragged rearwards on the carpet and the bullet believed to be beneath him was recovered. A search was made of the room and the fired cartridge cases were found and all of these items removed from the scene by the offender, who then left the premises.

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]
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Signature: [Signature]

EXHIBIT "10"
Inquest touching the death
of Wayne BRENNAN.
Coroners Court, 44-46
Parramatta Road, Glebe
(Date) 18/9/88

(Dep. Clerk)