

## New South Wales Police

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**STATEMENT in the matter of:**

Deceased: Scott Stuart Miller  
Wharf 4, Hickson Road, Darling Harbour.

**Place:** The Rocks

Police Station

**Date :** 6 March 1997

**Name:** Brendan Anthony CROWE  
**Address:** The Rocks Patrol  
**Occupation:** Senior Constable of Police

**Tel. No.:** [REDACTED]**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.

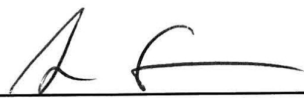
2. I am 25 years of age.

3. On Monday the 3rd of March, 1997 I was rostered to perform my Policing Duties as Observer of Rocks 1 with Constable COATES as Driver.

4. At 8.00am this date we received via Police radio a message for us to attend the vicinity of Wharf 4, Hickson Road, Darling Harbour in relation to a deceased male.

5. Constable COATES and I then arrived at the entrance gate to Wharf 4. Once inside the confines of the Wharf we were directed to the Northern end of the Wharf, just below Munn Reserve.

6. Upon arrival I noticed two Ambulances. One was the motor cycle rider Paul RILEY. Constable COATES and I then approached Mr RILEY and he stated that he was the first to arrive at the scene at 7.58am and then confirmed to us the male person was

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deceased and lying face down near the stone cliff face wall. Constable COATES, Mr RILEY and I then walked over to the deceased male. The deceased was covered with a grey woollen blanket.

7. I then removed the blanket from the deceased to verify the fact that the person was deceased. I would describe the deceased as male caucasian, about 180cm - 190cm tall, solid build, short light brown hair, about 20-25 years of age. I also noticed that he was lying face down with his head tilted to the right. His right arm was bent and tucked under his body. his left arm was alongside his body with the palm facing upwards. I also noticed a small cut to his lower left forearm. There was also a considerable amount of blood coming from the head region. There was also a small trail of blood flowing along the bitumen from the head wound. There was also bruising and swell to the right eye area in the form of a black eye.

8. The deceased was wearing a white collared short sleeve T-Shirt, blue denim jeans with brown leather belt, blue socks and brown leather shoes. There was a large amount of blood on the right sleeve of the T-shirt.

9. Constable COATES then checked the right rear jean to see if the deceased had any form of identification. Constable COATES then located a black leather wallet containing 1 x N.S.W. Drivers license in the name of Scott Stuart MILLER, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Orange with a date of birth 20/07/1975. There was also a railway concession card, a University of Western Sydney Nepean I.D card. Constable COATES then placed the wallet back in the right rear pocket of the deceased.

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10. Constable COATES then left me and walked over to a group of males who located the deceased.

11. I then Police taped off the area around the deceased to make the crime scene as secure as possible. I then contacted via Police radio the Supervisor, Detectives and the Crime Scene Unit to attend our location to assist us with the investigation.

12. About 8.30am Sergeant WILSON and Senior Constable WHEELER attended the scene. I then explained to them what we have done thus far in relation to the investigation. I then told them to attend the vicinity of Munn Reserve and Police tape that area off also as that would also be part of the Crime Scene.


13. About 8.35am Detectives Lane and CRANER from the Rocks Detectives attended the scene and Constable COATES I then explained to them what we had done thus far in relation to the investigation.

14. I then drove up to Munn Reserve with Detective Senior Constable LANE to examine the crime scene above the deceased. Upon arrival I briefly spoke with Sergeant WILSON and Senior Constable WHEELER in regards to the deceased and the crime scene.

15. A short time later Detective Senior Constable LANE and I returned to the base of the cliff crime scene. About 9.25am Senior Constable ROSE from the Police Media Unit attended the scene to assist us in controlling the ever increasing Media.

16. About 9.30am Senior Constable VAN LEEUWEN and NEAL from the

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East Sydney Crime Scene Unit arrived at the scene. Constable COATES and I then briefed them both about the investigation thus far.

17. Senior Constable VAN LEEUWEN and NEAL then entered the Crime Scene and assessed the situation. After a short time Senior Constable VAN LEEUWEN explained to me that it appeared that he thought it was a suspicious death and asked the Government Medical Officer to attend the scene.


18. I then left the scene and attended the Rocks Police Station to change into my Police Overalls so that I could properly search the crime scene above the deceased in Munn Reserve.

19. About 10.40pm I attended the upper Crime Scene in Munn Reserve and explained to Sergeant WILSON and Senior Constable WHEELER what I was going to do. We then walked along the fence line to a clear area of bush. Senior Constable WHEELER and I then cut through the fence to make a hole big enough for me to get through so that I could thoroughly search the cliff ledge located about 7 metres above the deceased.

20. Once through the fence I began a search of the immediate area and located nothing that could assist us in the investigation.

21. A short time later Senior Constables VAN LEEUWEN and HOWE attended the upper Crime Scene and began to make a search of the area. I then assisted Senior Constable VAN LEEUWEN through the wire fence. He then began to take a series of photographs of the cliff ledge and the deceased.

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22. About 11.30am I returned to the lower Crime Scene where I noticed that the Government Medical Officer, Detective Sergeant ROGERSON, Detective Senior Constables MILLIGAN and HOWE and the Patrol Commander, Senior Sergeant WYSE at the scene.

23. At 11.55am Detective Sergeant ROGERSON, Senior Constable MILLIGAN, HOWE, VAN LEEUWEN and NEAL entered the crime scene. The deceased wallet was then removed from the right rear pocket of his jeans.

24. I then had a short conversation with Detective Senior Constable VAN LEEUWEN about the investigation thus far. He informed that he had contacted Homicide and the Photogrammetry Unit to attend the scene.

25. About midday Detective Sergeant LAIDLAW from the Homicide Unit and Senior Constables STREATFEILD and FLIPPENCE arrived at the lower Crime Scene and assessed the crime scene.

26. Senior Constables STREATFEILD and FLIPPENCE measured the area and then took a series of photographs of the inner and outer crime scene.

27. At 1.25pm the Government Contractors arrived at the scene. The deceased was then placed in the rear of their van and conveyed to Sydney Hospital. Constable COATES and I then left the area and made our way to the Glebe Morgue. At 1.40pm a Life Pronounced Certificate was issued by Doctor Elizabeth CATHERWOOD in relation to the deceased.

28. At 1.55pm we arrived at Glebe Morgue. A short time later

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Detective Sergeant ROGERSON and Detective Senior Constable HOWE arrived at the Morgue. I then walked to the arrival bay of the Morgue and identified the deceased to the Morgue attendant.

29. Constable COATES and I then began the relevant paperwork regarding the report of death to the Coroner.

30. At 2.30pm detective Sergeant WALSH, a cousin of the deceased attended the Morgue and identified the deceased to Detective Sergeant ROGERSON, Cst COATES and myself.



31. I then obtained a Identification Statement from Detective Sergeant WALSH in relation to the deceased.

32. Constable COATES and I then returned to complete the necessary paperwork.

33. At 3.30pm Detective Sergeant ROGERSON, Detective Senior Constable HOWE, Constable COATES and I then observed a Post Mortem that was conducted upon the deceased that was performed by Dr Du FLOU. Also present were Detective Senior Constable LEEUWEN and NEAL from the Crime Scene Unit.

34. At 5.30pm Constable COATES and I left the Glebe Morgue at the completion of the Post Mortem and made our way to The Rocks Police Station.

35. At 6.00pm we arrived at The Rocks police station and completed the necessary paperwork in relation to the deceased.

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