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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: The Rocks Detectives

Death of Scott MILLER

Date: 6th March 1997

Name: GOULD, Jim

Tel No.:

Address:

Occupation: Plant Mechanic

States:-

- 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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
- My age is 29 2.
- I am employed by the Patrick Stevedoring, which is a shipping company. My duties as a plant mechanic include maintenance of forklifts and machinery on the plant. I have been employed here for fourteen years.
- On Monday the 3rd of March 1997, I started work at 7am at Wharf 6 workshop. I left the workshop about 7.20am with Peter COWAN. We got into the work truck and drove to Wharf 3. As we were driving we were looking for forklifts that may have been about from the night before. If we need the forklifts we check it out and jump on it and take it to where it is needed.
- There were no forklifts on Wharf 3 at the time, so we then 5. started heading back to wharf six constantly looking for forklifts needed. As we drove coming from Wharf three heading to wharf 4 we drove past the attachments yard. This yard is a fenced off area that contains forklift attachments.

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It was about five to eight as we drove past the attachment yard, I was in the passengers seat and noticed out of the corner of my eye a body laying on the ground inside the attachment yard. I said, "Pete there is someone over there, quick, drive closer. We drove fairly close and then I said, "Quick get the first aid." I noticed the body wasn't moving and I thought he was dead. We stayed in the truck and went and got the first aid man. I said to him, "Quick, there's a body over there. I'm sure his dead."

He then picked up his bags and told me to call the ambulance as he headed out.

- I rang the ambulance from his office and told them of the situation. I walked out the front and Pete picked me back up and we drove over to where the body was. The first aid officer said something like, "Yep, here's been dead for a while." At the time we were standing about three to four metres away from the body. The body was a male about in his mid twenties, he had jeans and boots on, but I don't remember what shirt he had on. He had blood on his head and all around on the ground. He was lying close to the cliff wall and I looked up and presumed that he had come from up there. He was lying straight down like he was sleeping. Pete and I then went to Gate 5 and told the watchmen there would be an ambulance coming and to send it to the attachment yard.
- At this time I remember that it wasn't raining or cold. The attachment yard is used by mechanics and occasionally by the gear store. The yard is used on a regular basis including weekends.
- As a result of seeing this body I immediately felt sick. It upset me as I have never seen a dead body before. I definitely felt as though I was in shock and it's taken a couple of days to

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come to terms with it. I don't really want to go near the attachments yard. I am going to see a councillor and talking to my friends has helped.

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