

NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE

STATEMENT in matter of:

Murder of James William MEEK

Job # 95-0240

Place: Level 5, Sydney Police Centre

151 Goulburn St, Surry Hills 2010

Date: 2 April, 1995

Name: WHYBRO Suzana Catherine

AGE: 26

Address: East Sydney Zone Crime Scene Unit

Tel.No. [REDACTED]

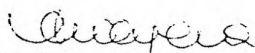
Occupation: P.C Constable First Class of Police.

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 prosecutions if I have stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

- (1) I am attached to the East Sydney Zone Crime Scene Unit of the Major Crime Squad, South, where part of my daily duties include the examination of scenes of crime, incidences, occurrences, the collection of physical evidence, the taking and processing of photographs and the preparation of scale plans. I am currently undertaking a Diploma of Applied Science in Forensic Investigation. Some of the subjects successfully completed include Forensic Physics, Forensic Chemistry, Crime Scene Examination I and II and Fire Examination I and II. I have been performing Crime Scene Duties since 1990.
- (2) About 4.40pm Wednesday 8 March, 1995 I attended Unit [REDACTED] Floor 12, [REDACTED] of the Northcott Flats in Belvoir Street, SURRY HILLS. There I spoke to Constables HUMPHREYS and RICHMOND of Surry Hills Police Station.
- (3) [REDACTED] Northcott Flats is situated on the northern side of Belvoir Street. This building is a Housing Commission block of residential units. It comprises of fifteen floors.

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Access to the floors can be gained by stairs or two lifts at the northern end of the front ground floor foyer.

EXHIBIT I PRODUCE THREE (3) COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS LABELLED '1' TO '3' SHOWING THE NORTHCOTT FLATS, [REDACTED], SURRY HILLS.

PHOTO '1' View north towards [REDACTED] Northcott Flats, Belvoir Street, SURRY HILLS.

PHOTO '2' View north towards the front main entry on the ground floor of the Northcott Flats.

PHOTO '3' View north inside the front foyer area of the ground floor.

(4) On the twelfth (12) floor, a public walkway gave access to the residential units along the northern side of the walkway. A balcony ran along the length of the southern side of the walkway.

EXHIBIT I PRODUCE TWO (2) COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS LABELLED '4' TO '5' SHOWING THE PUBLIC WALKWAY ON THE TWELFTH FLOOR.

PHOTO '4' View south east from the lift area towards the public walkway on the twelfth floor.

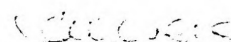
PHOTO '5' View east along the public walkway towards the units.

(5) Outside Unit [REDACTED] I saw a security mesh door which was in the open position. I also saw the front timber door slightly ajar. There were a number of 'bunched up' newspapers along the base of the door between the front timber door and

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security mesh door. I saw that the locks on the exterior and interior surfaces of the front door were intact.

- (6) Unit ■ comprises of one bedroom, lounge/dining room combined, bathroom and kitchen. Inside the doorway I saw the body of a deceased male lying face down in the hallway. Behind the front door at the western wall was a mop sponge on a handle and a blue packet of dried dog food biscuits. The deceased was later identified to me as James William MEEK. A kitchen was just to the east (right) of the hallway.

EXHIBIT I PRODUCE TWO (2) COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS LABELLED '6' TO '7' SHOWING THE FRONT DOOR AND DECEASED MALE IN HALLWAY.

PHOTO '6' View north towards the front door and newspapers at the base of the door.

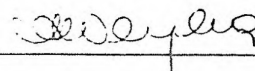
PHOTO '7' View north from the front door into the unit.

- (7) The deceased was lying face down on the floor with his head and chest lying on a hall runner rug. His legs were straight and extended towards the entry to the kitchen. He was wearing a grey coloured short sleeved shirt, blue shorts and blue thongs. The deceased's feet were resting on spread out newspapers on the vinyl floor of the kitchen. At the rear of the deceased was an empty plastic bottle and tea towel. Further south of the deceased was a dirty blue sock on the hall runner rug. Near the deceased's arms were pieces of broken ceramic bowl. Alongside this broken bowl were scattered dried dog food pellets.

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- (8) The kitchen was situated in the southern corner of the unit. There were washed dishes in the sink draining tray on the sink. The kitchen appeared to be generally tidy.

EXHIBIT I PRODUCE FOUR (4) COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS LABELLED '8' TO '11' SHOWING THE DECEASED JAMES WILLIAM MEEK.

PHOTO '8' View north towards the deceased James William MEEK.

PHOTO '9' View east towards the kitchen from the hallway.

PHOTO '10' View north towards the back of the deceased James William MEEK.

PHOTO '11' View south towards the front door of Unit [REDACTED]

- (9) On closer examination of the deceased I saw deep/dark lividity in his face. The left side of his face was on the carpet runner and the deceased's nose was down on the rug and there was blood pooled on the rug under his nostrils. The deceased's tongue was slightly protruding. His left arm was stretched out across towards the right side of his chest at shoulder height. His right arm was bent at the elbow and the right wrist was under the left forearm. The deceased had a set of keys in his right hands. A house key was positioned in between his index and middle finger of his right hand with the remote control resting in the palm of his hand. There was lividity in both palms and fingertips.

EXHIBIT I PRODUCE FIVE (5) COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS LABELLED '12' TO '16' SHOWING THE DECEASED JAMES WILLIAM MEEK.

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PHOTO '12' Close view of the right side of the deceased's head.

PHOTO '13' Close view of the broken ceramic bowl, dried dog pellets and deceased's hands.

PHOTO '14' View of the deceased's back.

PHOTO '15' View of the chest and face of the deceased.

PHOTO '16' Close view of the face of the deceased.

(10) The lounge room was at the northern end of the unit. The window at the northern wall was slightly open with the curtains tied into the centre. There was a china cabinet and a lounge at the western wall in the lounge room. At the southern end of the china cabinet I saw an empty resealable plastic bag with a label from the Surry Hills Veterinary Clinic'. In the north eastern corner was a table with a television, video, electric fan and other items on top. There was a square table with two chairs in about the centre of the room. Amongst other items on the table, I saw two ashtrays with cigarette butts, three coffee mugs. The lounge room was in general disarray.

EXHIBIT I PRODUCE SIX (6) COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS LABELLED '17' TO '24' SHOWING THE LOUNGEROOM.

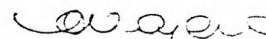
PHOTO '17' View north towards the lounge room.

PHOTO '18' View north towards the dining table.

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PHOTO '19' View west towards the southern end of the dresser at the western wall of the lounge room.

PHOTO '20' Close view of the resealable plastic bag on the cabinet.

PHOTO '21' View of the open top right drawer at the northern end of the cabinet in the lounge room.

PHOTO '22' Close view of Ventolin inhaler in the top right drawer of the cabinet in the lounge room.

PHOTO '23' View south east towards the bathroom door from the lounge room.

PHOTO '24' View east of the table in the north eastern corner of the lounge room.

- (11) The bedroom was at the north eastern corner of the unit. I saw a double bed at the eastern wall. There was a brown patchwork bed spread cover over the bed. The bedspread was pulled up at the head of the bed but the bed cover was generally crumpled. There was a two draw bedside table on the western side of the bed. There was a wardrobe adjacent to the bed at the northern side. There was a chest of drawers at the western wall inside the bedroom door and a wardrobe on the northern side of the chest of drawers. There was a large amount of clothing stacked on top of this dresser. At the southern end of the chest of drawers there were a number of homosexual pornographic magazines, a blue 'bum' bag and a used condom.

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(12) On the bedside table adjacent to the bed I saw a radio cassette player. There were several packs of lubricants, 'Brylcream' and hankie on top of the table. In the top draw of this table I saw several packets of condoms and papers. The bottom drawer contained personal affects.

EXHIBIT I PRODUCE SEVEN (7) COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS LABELLED '25' TO '31' SHOWING THE BEDROOM.

PHOTO '25' View north into the bedroom.

PHOTO '26' View east towards the double bed.

PHOTO '27' View west towards homosexual pornographic magazines and blue 'bum' bag on the chest of drawers in the bedroom.

PHOTO '28' Close view of the lubricants, radio/cassette and other items on the bedside table.

PHOTO '29' Close view inside the top drawer of the bedside table.

PHOTO '30' Close view inside the bottom drawer of the bedside table.

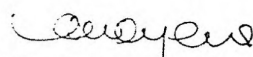
PHOTO '31' View south towards the bedroom door.

(13) The bathroom was located south of the bedroom in the south eastern corner of the unit. In the bathroom I saw a bath, toilet and hand basin. I saw several stained sheets of newspapers laid out on the tiled floor. On top of these papers I saw what appeared to be dog faeces.

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EXHIBIT I PRODUCE ONE (1) COLOUR PHOTOGRAPH LABELLED '32' SHOWING THE BATHROOM.

PHOTO '32' View south into the bathroom.

(14) The unit was untidy but did not appear to have been ransacked or recently disturbed. There were no signs of forced entry to the premises. Due to the lividity present to the deceased's face, and the impression of the carpet runner on the left side of his face, I could not see any obvious signs of abrasions. The deceased's chest and back appeared to be clear and no apparent injuries. He did not appear to be the subject of recent trauma.

(15) On Tuesday 14 March, 1995 I submitted the following items to the Division of Analytical Laboratories, Lidcombe where it was received by Forensic Biologist C.GILL:

- (1) Blood sample in the name of James William MEEK.
- (2) Fingernail scrapings from the right and left hands of James William MEEK.
- (3) Swabs and smears from the body of James William MEEK.
- (4) Blood swab collected from the kitchen floor on 11.3.95.

EXHIBIT I PRODUCE ONE SIGNED CERTIFICATE FROM FORENSIC BIOLOGIST CHRISTINE GILL OF THE DIVISION OF ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES, LIDCOMBE SETTING OUT THE RESULTS OF HER EXAMINATION.

EXHIBIT I PRODUCE ONE CAD SKETCH PLAN OF UNIT [REDACTED], [REDACTED], NORTHCOTT FLATS, BELVOIR STREET, SURRY HILLS.

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