

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Operation Fireweed

Date: 10 April 1995

Name: VALENTIK, Radoslav Michal

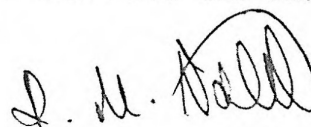
Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Northcott Apartments, Belvoir Street Surry Hills.

Occupation: Pensioner

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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
2. My age is 45.
3. I reside at the above address alone. I have lived in Northcott apartments for the past two years. I am presently unemployed and in of receipt of The Commonwealth Government pension.
4. I have known Jim MEEK for the past twelve months. Jim used to live in an apartment on the twelfth floor right at the end. I don't remember the number of the Unit. I recall first talking with Jim when I was working on my car. Jim was walking his dog. We became engaged in a conversation and Jim ended up helping me with the repairs to my car. We formed a friendship after this meeting which developed. I am aware that Jim might have been a homosexual but Jim never attempted to solicit me with the view of having sex with me.
5. Jim was a nice guy and we got along pretty well together. Jim would some times come to my house and he would have coffee with me. I would also go to Jim's place and have tea and some



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alcohol. Jim would come to my house on average about once a month and I would visit him at his house on about the same basis. While Jim and I were friends we were not close. Jim was somebody I knew.

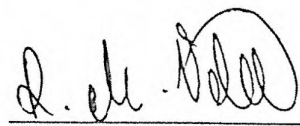
6. I was aware that Jim was waiting for a compensation pay out. Before he received this money Jim would often come and borrow my car. Jim promised me that he would buy my car after he received his money but he never did. Jim used to borrow my car to visit his family and friends. When Jim borrowed my car I never knew where he was going or visiting. In conversations I had with Jim, Jim never discussed many aspects of his personal life. I knew he had a daughter and that was all.

7. I do not remember the date, it could have been a Wednesday or Thursday, but I remember seeing an ambulance in the car park of the apartments. One of the residents, Peter I do not know his second name, told me that Jim had died. It was the week after the Mardi Gras. Two days before Jim died, I rang Jim and asked him to drive me to Bronte so I could visit a friend. Jim agreed and we left in the morning and he drove me to Bronte. While Jim was driving me to Bronte he told me he was expecting a phone call from a Church. Jim told me that he was expecting this phone call because he was going to go to Africa and these people were going to pay for his airfare and accommodation. Jim told me that he was going to Africa to talk to people about A.I.D.S. I didn't pay much attention to this. I wasn't too sure if Jim was just talking or not. I don't recall the name of the Church of Mission that Jim was talking about. Upon arriving at Bronte, I gave Jim Ten dollars for petrol money. I got out at Bronte at a friend of mine's house called Paul. I don't know his surname or his address, I just know how to get there. That was the last time I saw Jim alive.

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Signature: _____



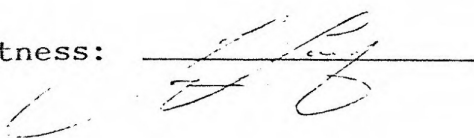
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8. Jim rang me the next day, the day before he died. It was about 6.30am. He asked me if I had any cigarettes. I only had two left. I told him this and said he could have one if he wanted. Jim told me that he didn't have any money. I said that I didn't have any either and so I couldn't help him. I told him to go to Cleveland Street, there is a Newsagency there and get some cigarettes from there. Jim used to sometimes get cigarettes on credit from the Chinese Shop in front of the Units, but it wasn't open at 6.30am, that's why I told him to go to the Newsagent. That was the last time I spoke with Jim.

9. Jim used to walk his dogs around the Apartment block in the morning and afternoon. I think that Jim might have been seeing a person called Michael. I don't know Michael's name but I know he lives somewhere in Surry Hills. Michael gave Jim the black dog that Jim had.

10. Jim bought a ring recently, I don't know when. I think Jim told me that he bought this ring in the City somewhere. The ring was a gold ring with a tiger stone set in it, a yellow coloured stone. I might be able to recognise this ring if I saw it again.

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