

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:  
Death of James William MEEK

Place: Surry Hills Police Station.  
Date: 17/07/1995

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Name: MCKAY, Gael Kathleen

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: [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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. My age is 43 years.

3. I am Pensioner and reside with my daughter at the above address. We have lived there since November, 1988.

4. Towards the end of 1994 I became involved in the Tenants Group for the Northcott Estates tenants. This group is a sub-group of the Public Tenant's Council which is funded by the Department of Housing. I am an alternate delegate on the Tenant's Group. I am also a representative on the Estate Advisory Board which was formed towards the end of last year in an effort to improve relations between tenants and the Housing Department. The basic role of all these groups is to represent and clarify both sides of any request between the tenants and the Housing Department.

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Signature: Gael McKay

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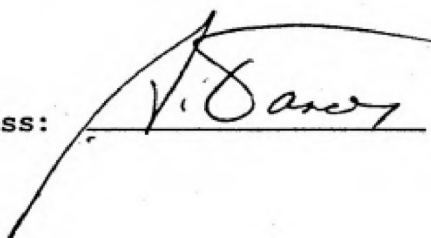
5. I became acquainted with a person named Jim MEEKS whom I met through Mavis Johnson, who is also on the Tenant's Group. I only realized Jim was on the Tenant's Group sometime after being introduced to him. Jim was also a representative on the Estate Advisory Board. I never really had much to do with Jim except for the last couple weeks of February and early March, 1995. There was a lot of dissent amongst the members of the Tenant's Group around this time. Jim felt betrayed by a member of the Tenant's Group and he resigned on the 27 February, 1995. Jim gave me his resignation which I gave to the Secretary of the Public Tenant's Council.

6. In early March, 1995 I was trying to ring Jim to find out information which I was told he was given to distribute to the other members. I rang his home on a number of occasions but could not get a response. There was a meeting scheduled for 5pm on Tuesday the 7th March, 1995 for the Estate Advisory Board and I needed to have this information prior to the meeting. I was concerned that Jim has not passed on this information.

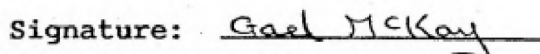
7. About 10am on Tuesday the 7th March, 1995 I got a telephone call from Margaret Perryman, who is a member of the Estate Advisory Board. She wanted to know why I hadn't attended a meeting at 10am that day for a Estate Advisory Board Sub-Committee (Maintenance). To my knowledge there was no meeting arranged.

8. I then began ringing Jim's place just after 10am that day and got no answer. I then rang Brian KANE, who lives near Jim. I asked Brian to have Jim contact me when he saw him. He told me he would leave a note on Jim's door.

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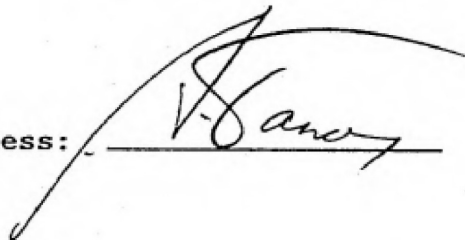
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9. I continued to ring on and off all day and never got a response. I tried to ring him about six times that day, about every two hours. I also wanted to ask Jim to pass on my apologies to the Tenant's Group for a meeting set down for Thursday the 9th March, 1995 because I was going out to help my mother at Guildford after a car crashed into her house. I was not going to be able to attend that meeting. Jim has told me in the past that the best time to get him at home is around 10am in the morning and only for about an hour and also at 4pm each day.

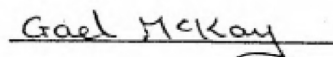
10. At 5pm I went to the Estate Advisory Board Meeting at the Northcott Community Rooms which are on the estate. About twelve members turned up. Jim MEEKS did not come to that meeting. I found this to be very unusual because Jim always attended the meetings, which were held once a month on average. Jim was very enthusiastic and I can never remember a time when he did not turn up to the meetings. The meeting went for a couple of hours and Jim never turned up at all.

11. The following day, being the 8th March, 1995, I again attempted to ring Jim's place but still got no answer. I started ringing about 9am and continued all through the day but never got an answer. In the past I have always been able to contact him and I thought it odd that I could not get a response.

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