

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Surry Hills Police Station

Death of James William MEEK

Date: 14/09/1995

Name: PLUMB, Kevin John James

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: [REDACTED]

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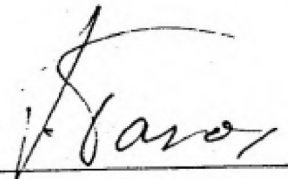
1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. My age is 35 years.

3. I have lived at my current address for about two and half years and share the flat with a person named Peter SHARP. During that time I have come to know a person named Jim MEEK who lived on the 12th floor of [REDACTED] Block. I met him through neighbours and sometimes we would talk in the foyer area and in the park. We both owned dogs and I would see him more around the park and the flats. I walk my dog about six times a day.

4. About 7am on Tuesday the 7 March, 1995 I woke up and watched television for about an hour and then had a shower. Peter took the dog out about 7.30am. When he returned about 7.45am he said to me, "I saw Jim walking the dogs." I meant this to mean that he saw Jim MEEK walking the dogs. We would often tell each other who we saw in the park when we walked our dog.

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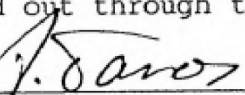
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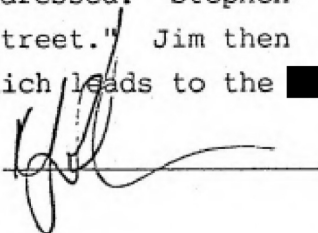
5. I then cleaned around the house until about 9.15am when it was time to walk the dog again. I got the dog and walked to the lift of [REDACTED] block. I pressed the button and saw that there were no lights on to indicate what floor the lift was on. Someone walked past and told me the lifts were all out. I then used the fire stairs of [REDACTED] block to walk to the ground level. I walked over the grass area behind the shops in front of [REDACTED] block and exercised the dog. I was there for about two minutes when I saw Jim MEEK walking his two dogs towards the park near the Community Centre which is next to [REDACTED] Block. I saw him stop on the footpath and he was waiting for the dogs to go to the toilet. At that time he was wearing a long sleeved button shirt, long pants and sneakers. My dog had finished going to the toilet and I walked into the foyer of [REDACTED] block and saw that the lights for both lifts were working. I pressed the button and went to the [REDACTED] floor. This would have been about 9.45am.

6. I went back to my unit and immediately went to put the blinds up. I looked down and noticed that Jim was not where I last saw him. I then did the washing in the laundry. The power was on at that time for the machines to work. This would have been 10am. I finished the housework and went down the lift with the dog about 11am because I wanted to talk to Stephen Watson, the postman, and also to walk my dog again. When I got to the foyer Steven was already there and putting mail into the letter boxes. I walked over to him and we talked for about ten minutes. We then walked over to the other side of the foyer, being the [REDACTED] block side, where Stephen continued to do the mail. Jim MEEK then walked over from the lift area. Stephen said to him, "I'm glad I am your postman". He then handed him two letters, one of which was incorrectly addressed. Stephen said to him, "Its the wrong number Belvoir Street." Jim then walked out through the single glass doors which leads to the [REDACTED]

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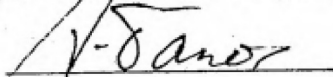
Block side. At time I saw Jim he was wearing a light coloured 'T' shirt and darker coloured shorts, like stubbies, and thongs. I recall him clutching his left fist because he took the mail from Stephen with his right hand. I did not see what was in his left hand. I continued to talk to Stephen for about ten minutes and then took the lift up to the 9th floor. I finished the washing and then watched television. I never saw Jim after that last time in the foyer.

7. About 11.15am on the 14 September, 1995 a video cassette tape marked 'T.F. Fireweed' was shown to me by Detective Sergeant TANOS and WALKER. That video showed the photographs of a number of male persons. After viewing the video I am able to say that the person shown in photograph number 5 is someone I have noticed hanging around the Northcott car parking areas and Eddie Ward Park on about seven to ten occasions during the months of January and February, 1995. This person was just hanging around the cars in the carpark and sitting on the bench near the community centre when I saw him. I never saw him with anyone nor did I ever speak with him. This person usually wore jeans and 'T' shirts. I noticed him because I always very wary of people by themselves as I have had friends bashed up and I want to protect myself from any possible assault. I have initialled the spine of the that spine of the video cassette tape and dated it the 14/9/95.

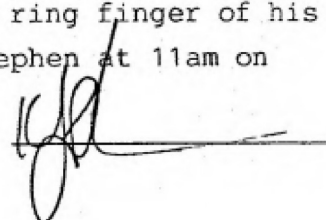
I IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER 5 AND THAT VIDEO CASSETTE TAPE MARKED 'T.F. FIREWEED.

8. Detective Sergeant TANOS has also shown me today a ring I would describe as a 'Tigers Eye' ring. I recognise this ring as the one owned by Jim MEEK. I have seen him wearing it several times over a period of about six weeks prior to his death. I definitely saw him wearing that ring on the ring finger of his right hand when he was given the mail by Stephen at 11am on

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Tuesday the 7th March, 1995 in the foyer of [redacted] block. At that  
time he was also wearing a watch on his left wrist which I would  
describe as chunky with a rectangle shaped face, with roman  
numerals and a gold bracelet band. He also had a ring on his  
left ring finger which had a circular black stone setting about  
the size of the end of a pen. He also wore a gold chain around  
his neck.

Witness: V. Canor

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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