

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
Death of James William MEEK

Place: Surry Hills Police Station
Date: 21 September, 1995

Name: DONNELLAN, Stephen Noel

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 41 years.

3. I am employed as a District Operator by Sydney Electricity. I have been with the authority for about twenty five years. My work involves electrical safety duties and power supply restoration. It is part of my work to interrupt the power supply to any premises to allow other people to work on equipment safely.

4. Whenever electricity needs to be interrupted for maintenance work, the customer involved makes a request to Sydney Electricity to organise a power interruption. The paperwork eventually ends with me on the day of that interruption. I then meet the customer on that day and obtain his permission to interrupt the electricity supply. I then turn off the supply and make it safe for him to work. Following this I fill out an 'Access Permit to Work' which guarantees him the power will not be switched on until the 'Access Permit to Work' has been signed. He retains the 'Access Permit to Work' which he returns to me signed once he has completed his work and wants the power restored.

Witness: [Signature]

Signature: Stephen Donnellan

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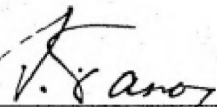
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5. Following a conversation with Detective Sergeant TANOS I checked records maintained by Sydney Electricity in relation to the maintenance of electrical equipment at Northcott Flats, Belvoir Street, Surry Hills. I have located an 'Access Permit to Work', dated 7 March, 1995, and numbered 51522, for the interruption of the electricity supply at the Northcott Flats on Tuesday the 7 March, 1995 which was accepted by the customer. The permit is signed and timed by me at 9am which indicates the power was interrupted prior to that time. The customer has signed and timed the permit at 8.20am which indicates to me that the wrong time has been recorded by the customer. The 'Access Permit to Work' was returned at 11am and the Sydney Electricity supply would have been restored within five minutes.

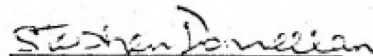
I PRODUCE A COPY OF THAT 'ACCESS PERMIT TO WORK', DATED 7/3/95 AND NUMBERED 51522

6. To my knowledge the Sydney Electricity power to Northcott Flats was not restored between 9am and 11.05am on Tuesday the 7 March, 1995.

Witness: _____



Signature: _____



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