

CONSTABLE MAYHEW

Q1 This is an electronically recorded interview between Tara Mayhew, constable, and NP200 NP200 at Petersham Police Station on Saturday the 13th of July 1996. The machine - the time is now 6.45 as indicated on the machine. I would now like my corroborating officer to state his name, rank and station.

CONSTABLE COLLIER

David Collier, constable, Petersham Station.

CONSTABLE MAYHEW

Q2 O.K. NP200, do you agree that there are no other persons present in this room apart from yourself and those that I've just identified?

A Yes.

Q3 As I've already explained to you, Constable Collier and I are making inquiries in relation to a stabbing at Petersham on the 13th of July 1996. I'm going to ask you further questions about this matter. You're not obliged to say or do anything unless you wish to do so but whatever you say or do will be electronically recorded and may be used in evidence. Do you understand that?

A Yes.

Q4 Do you agree that prior to the commencement of this interview I told you that I intended asking you further questions about this matter?

A Yeah.

Q5 Do you agree that I also told you that my questions and any answers that you gave to those questions would be electronically recorded on audio and video cassette tapes as the interview takes place?

A Yes.

Q6 Do you agree that I also told you that at the conclusion of the interview you would be given an audio cassette tape of the interview?

A Yes.

Q7 Do you agree that I also told you that at the conclusion of the interview one of the audio cassette tapes would be sealed in your presence?

A Yep.

Q8 Do you agree that I also told you a viewing of the cassette tape would be arranged if required?

A Yes.

Q9 Has any threat, promise or offer of advantage been held out to you to take part in this interview?

A No.

Q10 For the purpose of this interview, what is your full name, date of birth and current address?

A NP200, [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED].

Q11 O.K. All right, NP200, firstly do you know a person by the name of 1302?

A Yes.

Q12 And how do you know him?

A Through a pub.

Q13 All right, how long have you known him for?

A Few weeks or something now.

Q14 A few weeks.

A Mm.

Q15 What - do you know what pub you met him at?

A Newtown.

Q16 O.K.

A And before that at Coffs Harbour.

Q17 So was that 3 weeks ago when you met him?

A (NO AUDIBLE REPLY)

Q18 All right. What type of relationship were you involved in with [1302]?

A No - none.

Q19 Are you friends at all?

A I wouldn't say that, no.

Q20 Well, what's your relationship with him?

A Well, he's just like someone that - he gives me somewhere to sleep when I need it, you know, and things I need and some .....

Q21 All right. O.K, just go back to last night. Did you - how did you meet up with [1302] last night?

A At the Newtown pub.

Q22 Did you go to his house - - -

A Yes.

Q22 - - - beforehand?

A Yes.

Q23 And where's that at?

A Petersham. [REDACTED] Petersham.

Q24 Do you know the exact number of that place?

A [REDACTED].

- Q25 O.K. What time - do you know what time you went there? Did you arrange to meet him by telephone? Like did you ring him up that day?
- A No.
- Q26 So you - well, what happened? Did you just go round to his house?
- A Yes.
- Q27 And what happened when you got there?
- A He was there and then we started talkin', just asked me what I've been doing, been keepin' out of trouble, just talkin' about gettin' me on the program - on the Methadone program.
- Q28 Right.
- A And then it just went on from there.
- Q29 And what - are you a drug addict? Do you take any type of drugs?
- A Heroin.
- Q30 You do. How often do you take that?
- A Usually every day.
- Q31 Right, and were you - when you attended the address at Petersham last night were you under the influence of a drug?
- A Yes.
- Q32 What drug was that?
- A Heroin.
- Q33 Have you ever been involved in a sexual relationship with 1302?
- A No.

- Q34 O.K. It's been alleged that at 8.15 pm last night, which was Saturday the 12th of July, you attended the address at Petersham where [1302] lives and there you went to the touch - [REDACTED] Pianola Company at the corner of Crystal Street at Petersham.
- A No.
- Q35 Did you go there to meet anyone else?
- A No. No, that's not correct.
- Q36 Right, what happened after you went to his house? Did you stay there all night or did you go out?
- A No. No - yes, we went out to the Newtown pub and we had a few - - -
- Q37 And who, who did you go there with?
- A Me and [1302], and then this other bloke turned up.
- Q38 And do you know what his name is?
- A [REDACTED] or somebody. No, I've - I'm sure it was [REDACTED]
- Q39 And what - and how long were you at the Newtown Hotel for?
- A About an hour and a half or something.
- Q40 O.K. Whereabouts is the Newtown Hotel?
- A In Newtown.
- Q41 O.K, do you know what street it's in?
- A The main street.
- Q42 O.K, and did you have anything to drink at the pub at Newtown?
- A Yes.
- Q43 Do you remember what you had to drink?

A Not correctly.

Q44 Was it - well, did you have beer or did you have spirits?

A Jim Beam and some other, some other drinks.

Q45 And do you know how many of those drinks you had?

A No.

Q46 O.K, after - you said you were there till - for an hour and a half. Do you know what time the Newtown Hotel closes at?

A No.

Q47 Where did you go after you were at the Newtown Hotel? Did you go anywhere else? Any other place?

A Not that I can remember.

Q48 Well, it's been alleged that you - from there you went to the Imperial Hotel in Erskineville, which is down on Erskineville Road. Do you remember going there?

A No.

Q49 And while you were there someone - you had a couple of more drinks and someone spilt a drink on you. What can you tell me about that?

A I cannot remember anything about that.

Q50 Can you not remember because you were - you'd been drinking alcohol?

A No, it's because of the heroin.

Q51 So you could've gone there. Is that what you're saying? But you don't remember.

A I could've done but I can't remember.

- Q52 All right. Do you know what type of - your actions are when you're on heroin? Do you feel any different?
- A Yeah.
- Q53 What do you feel?
- A I feel aggravated. I've - real down. Like, you know, I can't do - you know, and I can't remember anything and I'm not aware of what I'm doing.
- Q54 So are you saying you could've gone to this place?
- A Yes.
- Q55 But you don't remember.
- A That's right.
- Q56 Do you remember being at the Erskineville Hotel and having an argument with someone there?
- A No.
- Q57 O.K. Do you remember going back to [REDACTED] where 1302 lives?
- A No.
- Q58 What's the next thing you remember after Newtown Hotel?
- A Well, all I can remember is that we started an argument, an argument broke out.
- Q59 Do you remember where that was?
- A Somewhere in Petersham, I think. And then I got aggravated.
- Q60 Mm.
- A And then I seen a knife and - just happened.
- Q61 Do you remember where this - what place you were at when this happened?

A Well, must've been [REDACTED].

Q62 And that's where - who lives there?

A [1302].

Q63 O.K. It's been alleged that after you went to the Erskineville Hotel you went home to [1302]'s place in [REDACTED]. He went into the toilet and then went into the bedroom and got into bed. Do you, do you remember him leaving and going to bed, leaving you in the lounge room?

A No, that's not correct.

Q64 Well, you tell me what happened.

A Well, he said that he was goin' up to bed and I said, O.K, do what you like, and he just went upstairs.

Q65 And where were you when he went to bed?

A I was sitting downstairs in the garden.

Q66 Out the front?

A Yes, because I was spinning out.

Q67 Did you go back upstairs at all?

A I might've done. I can't remember.

Q68 Well, it's been - it's also been alleged that you went into the kitchen and selected a knife from a kitchen drawer, then you went into [1302]'s bedroom and - with the knife. Do you remember doing that?

A No, I don't.

Q69 It's also been alleged that you went - you - into the bedroom and said to [1302], I've got a knife with me for protection. Do you remember saying that?



A No, I can't. I can't make any recording of it.

Q70 Do you, do you remember having a conversation with [1302] about your sexuality, whether you were gay or not?

A No.

Q71 You don't?

A No, I don't.

Q72 Are, are you - what are you? Homosexual or - - -

A No, I'm not, neither of the sort.

Q73 All right. Do you remember the knife at all?

A Only from what I've seen of it.

Q74 I'll now produce a kitchen knife. It's got a brown handle with serrated edges on both sides. It's about 15 centimetres long. Do you, do you recognise this knife?

A I've seen it before, yes.

Q75 And where have you seen that?

A In Coffs Harbour.

Q76 And who, and who does the knife belong to?

A Must be [1302] - assume.

Q77 What do you mean, it must be? Did you - where have you seen it at?

A In Coffs Harbour where he lived.

Q78 Do you remember this knife from last night?

A Not really.

Q79 All right. O.K, it's been alleged that you pulled the blankets down from [1302] and brought the knife up behind your head and then said to him, I have to kill you. Do you remember saying that?

A No, I don't.

Q80 Do you remember using - having the knife in your hand and being in his bedroom?

A No.

Q81 Do you remember putting the knife to his head and stabbing him in the head with it?

A Stabbed him in the head?

Q82 Well, it's been alleged that you got the knife and put it to his head. Do you remember doing that?

A No, I don't.

Q83 Do you remember anything about last night when you came back to the house?

A Well, it's, it's a bit hard to remember because, you know, being on heroin it's a bit hard to remember things.

Q84 Do you remember telling us when the police came down that you said you did it? That you stabbed him?

A I said to the police that I did it?

Q85 Do you - - -

A No, I don't remember.

Q86 It's been alleged that you stabbed him in the face. All right?

A Yeah.

Q87 What can you tell me about that?

A I just don't remember doing it.

Q88 Do you remember when you, when you stabbed - used the knife on him, do you remember 1302 getting up

and going into the bathroom and trying to lock it so you couldn't, you couldn't get to him?

A Not that I'm aware of.

Q89 Do you remember being in [1302]'s bathroom at all?

A Yes.

Q90 What do you remember about that?

A I'm sure I went in there to use the toilet.

Q91 Were you in there by yourself?

A I'm, I'm sure I was.

Q92 O.K. It's been alleged that you went to the phone, to [1302]'s phone, and used it and spoke to someone. Do you remember using the phone to ring anybody?

A Might've been Dennis out at Lidcombe.

Q93 Who's, who's that?

A He's a very close friend of mine. He helps me out with me addiction and other kind of problems.

Q94 Why, why would you have rung - why did you ring him?

A Because - it's probably 'cause I was confused and 'cause - when I'm in that state of mind I get confused and I don't know what I'm doin', so I ring up him and he just tells me what I shouldn't and shouldn't do.

Q95 Do you remember what you talked to, talked to your friend about?

A Which one? Dennis?

Q96 Yeah.

A Probably about [1302].

- Q97 What would you - - -
- A I'm gunna - I'll have to ask him to refreshen me mind about it because I'm not fully aware of what's happened.
- Q98 How do you feel about **I302** now? What's, what's your thoughts?
- A It's hard to say, you know, since he's pressing charges on me. What can I say?
- Q99 Well, do you remember ringing the police?
- A At one stage I do.
- Q100 And why, why did you ring the police?
- A Because I thought it was the right thing to do.
- Q101 Right thing to do for what? Why, why did you call the police?
- A Well, I might've done something wrong so it's natural to ring the police and tell them - - -
- Q102 What did you think you'd done wrong?
- A With **I302**.
- Q103 No, what - I'm asking you, you would've - why you rang the police because you'd done something wrong. What did you do that was wrong?
- A Well, like you're saying, that I stabbed him, so what can I say?
- Q104 I'm just giving you an allegation. You've gotta tell me. We weren't there, we weren't there when you called us.
- A Well, **I302** seems to knows it all.

- Q105 Well, why did you - I'm asking you; just think this question through - why did you get on the phone and call the police?
- A Well, they'll end up gettin' me eventually, so - - -
- Q106 Why?
- A Because I've committed a - - -
- Q107 What did you - well, what did you do last night, NP200?
- A Well, like you say, that I stabbed him.
- Q108 I'll ask you again, do you recognise this knife?
- A From Coffs Harbour.
- Q109 Do you recognise it from last night?
- A I can't say that one there. It's too hard to remember.
- Q110 You still haven't answered my question. Why did you call the police? Why do you think you called them?
- A Well, because I've done something to 1302 and, you know - - -
- Q111 So what did you do to 1302?
- A Well, like you're saying, that I cut him in the head. So, you know.
- Q112 But I wasn't, I wasn't there then, so - - -
- A I know that.
- Q112 - - - I couldn't have told you.
- A No, but I'm just - you know, just saying that, you know, I - it's - - -

- Q113 Did you at all put a knife and stab [1302] in the head last night?
- A I can't remember at all to that.
- Q114 Well, why did you call the police then if you didn't do anything wrong?
- A I can't remember. I just, I just - half the time I don't know what I, what I've been doin', you know, I just go ahead and do it without thinking.
- Q115 [NP200], it's been alleged that you've obtained a knife from the kitchen, gone into the bedroom and held the knife up to [1302] and told him you were gonna kill him. What do you have to say about that?
- A There's nothing much I can say about it 'cause - you know, 'cause I'm trying to work everything out. I just - I dunno. I'm just trying to work out, you know, what's happening.
- Q116 Do you remember using the knife on [1302]?
- A No, I don't.
- Q117 Do you remember using the telephone and contacting the police?
- A Not that I'm aware of.
- Q118 Do you remember the police arriving last night?
- A Yeah, yeah.
- Q119 And what did the police say to you? Do you remember telling them anything?
- A No. All they said - something, something about what's - something to what's going on there, or

something. I'm not too sure who I spoke to. It was one of the officers here.

Q120 Well, it's been alleged that after you stabbed **1302** you got up and left and he went into the bathroom. Do you remember, remember that?

A No.

Q121 Do you remember slipping the knife under the door while **1302** was inside the bedroom?

A No, I don't.

Q122 I'll ask you again, do you recognise this knife?

A No, I don't, only from Coffs Harbour. That's the only, only time I've seen it, as far as I can remember.

Q123 And how long ago were you in Coffs Harbour?

A About 3 weeks ago or something, to be sure. I'm sure it was 3 weeks ago.

Q124 All right. I'll just ask you again. You don't - it's been alleged that you've stabbed **1302** **1302** in the head. What can you tell me about that?

A I can't remember doing such thing. I just - I've got a blank mind. I can't remember nothin'.

Q125 O.K. Constable Collier, are there any questions you would like to ask?

CONSTABLE COLLIER

Q126 Yeah, do you agree - O.K. - a short while ago whilst I was sitting with you in the constables' room of the Petersham Police Station you told me

that you wished you'd have stabbed 1302 in the heart?

A Reason why I said - - -

Q127 ~~\*~~ Very, very similar to what your friend had done.

A The reason why I'm sayin' that, because, you know, I might be gettin' charged for attempted murder or anything like that, and if I'm gunna go to gaol, you know, gotta be worthwhile goin' to gaol for. 'Cause he's just gunna have me up for that, you know. What, what can I say? You know, I can't remember anything about it, you know. I don't feel too good, what I been told, but there's nothin' I can do about it. It just happened. It happened too quick.

CONSTABLE MAYHEW

Q128 What happened too quick?

A Everything. Just happened far too quick ..... what's goin' on.

Q129 So are you saying you're not denying that you did it, you don't remember?

A No, I don't remember doin' it. Probably after a while I'll start to remember things what I did but at the moment it's a bit hard, you know.

CONSTABLE COLLIER

Q130 All right, one more question for me. Do you agree that at the same time or shortly - sorry, shortly before you told me that, that you also stated to me that you'd been arguing with 1302 for about an hour before police arrived?



A Mm'hm.

Q131 Do you agree?

A Mm'hm.

Q132 Right.

CONSTABLE MAYHEW

Q133 You've just told Constable Collier that you had a -  
you did have an argument. Do you remember what  
that was about?

A 'Cause he had a few drinks and then he was goin' on  
stupid.

Q134 What, what do you mean by stupid?

A Because he was drunk and he was carryin' on, you  
know. He was tryin' to put his arms around me and  
that, and I told him to go away, you know, because  
I was spinning out too much and told him to go away  
and he went upstairs and I just sat in the garden.

Q135 All right. Is there anything else further you wish  
to tell me about this matter?

A Well, there's nothing much I can tell youse until I  
remember what I've been, 'cause at the moment I  
don't remember too much.

Q136 Do you wish to make a handwritten statement about  
this matter?

A No.

Q137 Have the answers that you've been given as recorded  
in this interview been made of your own free will?

A Yes.

Q138 Has any threat, promise or offer of advantage been held out to you to give the answers which have been recorded in this interview?

A No.

Q139 The time is now 7.06 as indicated on the machine. I will now have an officer not connected with this investigation to speak to you about this interview. His function is to ensure fairness in the conduct of the interview. Do you understand that?

A Yes, I'm quite sure I do.

Q140 Constable Mayhew leaving the room at 7.07.

INTERVIEW SUSPENDED

INTERVIEW RESUMED

CONSTABLE MAYHEW

Q141 Constable Mayhew entering the room with Sergeant Duck. O.K, NP200, this is Sergeant Duck. He's going to speak to you about the interview we have just concluded. Do you understand that?

A Yes.

Q142 O.K. Constable Collier and Mayhew leave the room.

SERGEANT DUCK

Q143 Are you NP200?

A Yes.

Q144 O.K, I'm Sergeant Duck. My function is to ensure fairness in the conduct of this interview. Do you understand that?

A Yes.

Q145 Have you made this interview of your own free will, NP200?

A Yes.

Q146 Has any threat, promise or offer of an advantage been held out to you to give the answers recorded in the interview?

A No.

Q147 Have you any complaints to make about the manner in which the police - manner in which you were interviewed here tonight?

A No.

Q148 O.K. That's all I've gotta ask you. The time now is 7.17 am and I'll conclude the interview now.

INTERVIEW CONCLUDED