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Death of Kenneth Richard BRENNANPlace: Kings Cross Police
Station
Date : 2 April 1996Name: Paul Loftus Shiels
Address: Kings Cross
Occupation: Sergeant of PoliceTel. No.: [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 anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. I am 46 years of age.

3. On the 12 June 1995 I was performing duty as the Supervisor at Kings Cross Police Station between the hours of 2.00pm and 10.30pm. As such, I was present in the police station at about 5.25pm when the person [NP215] came into the police station at a run. He was yelling, and I heard the words, "There's been a murder. My flat mate's been murdered. I came home and there's blood everywhere."

4. I walked into the station section and I saw the male person [NP215] almost fall to the floor, with Constable Bronwyn GREGORY jumping the counter to support him. I also saw Constable FORD go to his aid. He was escorted to an adjacent room and seated there.

5. I then had a short conversation with him, in which I was able to establish that his name was [NP215], he had been

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living in a unit at [REDACTED] Onslow Avenue, Elizabeth Bay and had returned home just then (would have been 5.20pm) to find the front door secured, (he informed me he had to use his own key to open the deadlock to the front door when he arrived home), a large quantity of blood in the unit and he had noticed a light was on and the bedroom window open, which he stated was unusual.

6. He also stated he had been staying at another friend's place in Woollahra the previous night and had just come home as his normal course. At the time of this conversation, the person **NP215** was very distraught.

7. I asked him to supply a key to the unit, as he could not seem to focus on whether or not he had left the unit open or closed when he had left, but also told me he had left his hand bag in the unit, as he had just run out in panic.

8. He did in fact supply a key to the door to me, and I handed that key to Constable O'Riordan and Constable Ford. I gave them certain instructions (in relation to establishing a crime scene and preserving same intact) and I then saw them leave the police station with Constable Mark Elm. Constable Gregory remained with the person **NP215**.

9. I then contacted the afternoon shift detective crew, in the persons of Detective Sergeants Orchard and Whittle, and I told them of the situation, a short time later seeing them at the Kings Cross Police Station. A short time later I saw Constable O'Riordan and he told me that they had gone to the unit, and had seen enough through the open door to establish a crime scene and had then preserved it, leaving it locked.

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10. A short time later, with Detective Sergeants Orchard and Whittle, I attended the unit, and with them I entered the unit. In the loungeroom, I saw a male approximately fifty years of age laying on his left side with his head towards the kitchen area, and his feet facing towards the bedroom. He was naked, covered with blood and apparently deceased.

11. I also saw the handbag described by **NP215** laying in the bedroom, near the door, and a large amount of blood smeared over most walls in the unit. These blood smears carried up the aisle towards the front door on one wall and back on the opposite wall but I noticed there was no blood on the inside of the front door.

12. I noticed the main concentration of blood appeared to be in the bedroom. I also noticed there was a window open, as was described by **NP215**.

13. I returned to the Kings Cross Police Station where I made certain telephone inquiries, then returning to the unit. I saw Constable Ford recording details of persons entering and leaving the room. A short time later, I returned to the Kings Cross Police Station, where I saw Detective Senior Sergeant Walsh, and I escorted him to the crime scene.

14. During the course of the night, (having left the scene at times to complete other supervisory duties), I saw police from Crime Scene (Const. Van Leeuwen), Detective Inspector (then Senior Sergeant) Walsh, Photogrammetry (Cst. Mealing), Video unit (Lebreton), Fingerprints (Constables Glynn and Stone), Medical Officer Doctor Bradhurst and Constables Webster and

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Bleder from the Police Rescue Squad conduct investigation in the unit. I also saw two persons from the Government Contractors there for the removal of the body.

15. The body was conveyed to St. Vincent's Hospital where life was pronounced extinct by Residential Medical officer Drew Mumford. The deceased was then conveyed to the Glebe City Morgue where it was booked into the Morgue book number 50419. I later assisted with the preparation of the P79A form (copy attached).

16. After the removal of the deceased from the unit, I again entered the unit and I noticed that there was a stain of blood (apparently) on the wall in the bedroom, about shoulder height, indicating arterial bleeding. I also noticed there was a large quantity of blood on the bed, with the majority being near the centre of the bed, this blood then continued onto the walls of the bedroom, into the shower/bath room, also into the lounge, hallway to the door and return and also there was blood in the kitchen area. There was a silver metal ring on the bed on top of the blood, and this ring had no blood on it, apparently being placed there later. I was also shown three condoms which were found in the toilet of the unit, indicating some sexual activity had taken place.

17. Whilst at the City Morgue, I again observed the deceased and I noticed a large amount of apparent stab wounds to his torso and upper body, both front and back and lacerations to his face and head. At the time the Medical officer measured the temperature of the deceased (per anus) it was found to be 23 degrees, the room temperature being 15 degrees at the time of taking.

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18. Owing to the nature of the deceased's injuries, the state of the unit at the time of his death and the number of wounds, the area which was covered with blood and the pattern of bleeding, I formed the opinion the deceased died as the result of a fatal attack with a knife or similar by persons unknown.

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