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## STATEMENT OF POLICE

**In the matter of:** Homicide of Anthony CAWSEY  
**Place:** Centennial Park, Sydney  
**Date:** 26/09/2009

**Name:** Richard Crimmins  
**Rank:** Detective Sergeant  
**Station/Unit:** Sydney Crime Scene

Tel. No: [REDACTED]

**STATES:**

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that 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 will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything that I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
2. I am 45 years of age.
3. I am a member of the Forensic Services Group Crime Scene Services Branch. I am presently attached to the Sydney Crime Scene Section. My daily duties include the technical investigation of crime and incident scenes where physical evidence may be present as a result of a crime or incident. These investigations include the examination and recording of the scene by taking notes, measurements and photographs, and collecting and examining items relating to those crimes or incidents. I hold a Diploma in Policing through Charles Sturt University. I hold the Diploma of Public Safety (Forensic Investigation) through the Canberra Institute of Technology.
4. I have been engaged in Forensic Investigative duties since July 2006 where previously I was attached to Sutherland Local Area Command engaged in Scene of Crime fingerprint duties and general criminal investigations. During my service in the Forensic Services Group I have attended and examined in excess of 800 crime or incident scenes. Opinions expressed in this statement are based wholly or in part upon the specialist knowledge that I have gained through my training, study and experience.
5. Having also fulfilled the requirements as prescribed by the Australasian Forensic Field Sciences Accreditation Board (AFFSAB) I am now accredited as an expert in the Methodology of Crime Scene Investigation.

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6. I acknowledge that I:
- I. Have read the Expert Witness Code of Conduct in Schedule 7 of the NSW Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005, and
  - II. Agree to be bound by the code.
7. A number of photographs and documents were produced during the course of my examination of this incident. Some of these photographs are included in the statement. All unused photographs and documents produced as a result of the forensic examinations relating to forensic case number 1473969 are available if required.
8. At 7:40am on Saturday, 26th September, 2009, I went to Busbys Pond within Centennial Park. At this location I spoke with Detective Sergeant Peter Bishop Eastern Beaches Local Area Command, I was informed of the details in relation a deceased male that was located just off the walking track on the southern side of the pond.

**EXHIBIT – I NOW PRODUCE TWO COLOUR GOOGLE MAP IMAGES OF CENTENNIAL PARK AND BUSBY POND LABELLED 1-2**

**PHOTOGRAPH 1. Image of Centennial Park**

**PHOTOGRAPH 2. Image of Busbys Pond**

**SCENE EXAMINATION**

9. The deceased male was located alongside the gravel path approximately three hundred and fifteen metres east of the white coloured boundary fence on Grand Drive, Centennial Park. The deceased male was in a prone position face down on the sloping grass embankment with his feet north at the highest point and his head south. The right arm of the male is slightly bent at the elbow with the right palm facing upwards. The right palm is heavily bloodstained. The left arm was close to the body, bent at the elbow and the left hand was covered by the abdomen area.

**EXHIBIT – I NOW PRODUCE EIGHTEEN COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING THE POSITION OF THE DECEASED LABELLED 3-20**

**PHOTOGRAPH 3. View east along gravel path on southern side of Busbys Pond.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 4. Further view east along gravel path on southern side of Busbys Pond.**

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PHOTOGRAPH 5. View of the location of the deceased male.

PHOTOGRAPH 6. Further view of the location of the deceased male.

PHOTOGRAPH 7. View of the location of the deceased male.

PHOTOGRAPH 8. View of the location of the deceased male.

PHOTOGRAPH 9. View of the deceased male.

PHOTOGRAPH 10. View of the right arm and bloodstained palm of the deceased male.

PHOTOGRAPH 11. View of the upper torso of the deceased male.

PHOTOGRAPH 12. View of the buttock area of the deceased male.

PHOTOGRAPH 13. View of the blue coloured track pants and leather boots.

PHOTOGRAPH 14. View north of the deceased.

PHOTOGRAPH 15. Further view north of the location of the deceased male.

PHOTOGRAPH 16. Close view of the position of the head and shoulders.

PHOTOGRAPH 17. View west of the location of the deceased male.

PHOTOGRAPH 18. Close westerly view of the deceased male.

PHOTOGRAPH 19. View of the left side of the face.

PHOTOGRAPH 20. View of the left side of the abdomen and arm.

10. The deceased male was wearing brown leather boots, blue coloured track pants, purple and white coloured ladies briefs, black coloured G string, blue coloured short sleeve shirt and a blue and white coloured baseball cap.
11. The track pants and ladies briefs were pulled down on the upper thighs to reveal the buttocks and black coloured G string, the track pants were also unzipped at the bottom of each leg. Animal faeces was also seen on the baseball cap and the upper back area of the short sleeve shirt.
12. An examination of the scene around the deceased located a 'rolly' cigarette butt (marker 1) approximately 2.2 metres from the head of the deceased. A bloodstained cigarette (marker 2) was

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located in the grass in close proximity to the left thigh of the deceased. A red coloured lighter (marker 3) was located on the gravel path, approximately 3.0 metres north east of the feet of the deceased.

**EXHIBIT: – I NOW PRODUCE FIVE COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS LABELLED 21-26 DEPICTING THE LOCATION OF THE ‘ROLLY’ CIGARETTE, THE CIGARETTE AND THE RED COLOURED LIGHTER.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 21. View east of the ‘rolly’ cigarette butt at marker 1.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 22. Close view of the ‘rolly’ cigarette butt at marker 1.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 23. View of the cigarette at marker 2.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 24. Close view of the cigarette at marker 2.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 25. View south west at the red lighter at marker 3.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 26. Close view of the red lighter at marker 3.**

13. I contacted the on call Forensic Pathologist to attend the location. Dr IRVINE arrived at the location at 11.15am and made examination of the deceased. During this examination the deceased was searched and the following items were located.

- A small leather wallet was located in the rear right pocket of the track pants.
- Mobile phone was located in the front left pocket of shirt
- A black coloured lanyard with a single key was located around neck.

**EXHIBIT – I NOW PRODUCE THREE COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS LABELLED 27-29 DEPICTING THE WALLET AND MOBILE PHONE.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 27. View of the rear right pocket of the track pants.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 28. View of the small leather wallet.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 29. View of the mobile phone located in the front left pocket of the shirt.**

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14. During the examination of the deceased a large amount of blood was visible to the front chest area when he was rolled over. A black cotton t shirt was now visible under the blue shirt, this t shirt was also heavily blood soaked. Blood was also seen to the front left thigh area above the level of the track pants.
15. The left arm of the deceased was bent at the elbow and positioned across the abdomen area. The left hand was positioned with the fingers underneath the right side of the blue shirt. The head and neck area displayed heavy areas of liver mortis, this is consistent the lower position of the head in relation to the higher position of the rest of the body. A single wound to the left chest area was observed during the examination by Dr Irvine. A mouth swab was taken from the deceased by Dr Irvine.

**EXHIBIT – I NOW PRODUCE EIGHT COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS LABELLED 30-37 DEPICTING THE DECEASED.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 30. View of the right side of the deceased.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 31. View of the left side of the deceased.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 32. View of the left side of the deceased's face.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 33. Further view of the left side of the deceased's face.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 34. View of the deceased's neck.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 35. View of the left hand of the deceased.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 36. View of the chest area of the deceased.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 37. View of the wound to the chest area.**

16. At the completion of the examination the following exhibits were handed to Constable Paul BAGLIN of Maroubra Local Area Command:

- I. Leather wallet.
- II. 1 x 'Rolly' cigarette butt.
- III. 1 x red coloured lighter.
- IV. 1 x cigarette – bloodstained.
- V. Swab from mouth of deceased.
- VI. Baseball cap

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VII. Mobile phone.

17. At 7.30am on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 I removed the following exhibits from Sydney Crime Scene exhibit storage for examination:

Exhibit 12/D652382 item 1 – Blue shirt

Exhibit 12/D652382 item 2 – Black T shirt

18. I made examination of item 1 and noted two separate cuts to the fabric on the front left side of the shirt under the front pocket. I placed scales alongside these cuts to indicate size and orientation of the cuts. Upon examination of item 2, I observed no cuts to the fabric.

**EXHIBIT – I NOW PRODUCE SIX COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS LABELLED 38-43 DEPICTING THE EXHIBIT 12/D652382 ITEM 1 and 2.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 38. View of Exhibit 12/D652382 item 1 – Blue shirt**

**PHOTOGRAPH 39. View of the cuts to the shirt 12/D652382 item 1.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 40. View of cut 'A' 12/D652382 item 1.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 41. View of cut 'B' 12/D652382 item 1.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 42. View of the rear of 12/D652382 item 1.**

**PHOTOGRAPH 43. View of exhibit 12/D652382 item 2.**

19. On the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015 I removed the following exhibits from Sydney Crime Scene exhibit storage for further examination. These items were sampled for trace DNA and the samples sent to Forensic Analytical Science Service for analysis.

- X0002882118- black handle knife (knife A). Swab taken from both sides of blade XF000484327.
- X0002882119 –black handle knife (knife B). Swab taken from both sides of blade XF000484328.
- X0002882120- black handle knife (knife C). Swab taken from both sides of blade XF000484329.
- X0002882121- black handle knife (knife E). Swab taken from both sides of blade XF000484330.
- X0002876778- 1x leather belt. Swatch taken from stain on inner surface of belt XF000484331.
- X0002876779- 1x trousers (Kellie).Swatch taken from right inner pocket. XF000484332.

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20. At 9.35 am on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009, I attended the Institute of Forensic Medicine at Glebe. I had a conversation with Doctor Rebecca IRVINE. Detective Senior Constable Fiona FRAME of Homicide Squad and myself were present whilst Dr IRVINE conducted a post mortem examination of Anthony CAWSEY. I took a number of photographs at the direction of Dr IRVINE as the post mortem examination was carried out.

**I NOW PRODUCE FIFTY ONE COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS**, which I have numbered 1 to 51.

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