



NSW POLICE

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STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

In the matter of:	Centennial Park Homicide
Place:	Maroubra Police Station
Date:	30 September 2009

Name:	Jonathan EDGINGTON
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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 32 years of age.
3. About 5:55am on Saturday the 26th of September 2009 I parked my car at the entrance to Centennial Park on the corner of Oxford Street and Moore Park Road, Paddington. I prepared myself for a bike ride through the park. I have been riding my bike at Centennial Park on average once a week throughout the winter of 2009. My bike is a down hill mountain bike which weighs about 20 kilograms. This bike is built for steep down hill riding and is relatively slow to ride on flat surfaces due to its weight.
4. I started riding from where I parked my car about 6:00am. It was light enough to see, but it was little foggy that morning. I thought it was fog initially but it was actually the dust clouds. But it was light enough to ride around with lights and see everything going on around me.
5. I rode my bike along a dirt track that runs along the inside fence line along Lang Road down to the entrance to the park that comes in from Lang Road near Martin Road. I rode my bike along the dirt track that runs up a small hill and parallel to Martin Road. When I was riding up this small hill I could hear a siren. When I got to the top of the hill and started to ride around the top of the hill along the path I looked back down to the entrance to the park that I just rode past and saw a Police car with lights and sirens drive into the park. I stopped riding for about two to three minutes. I saw a person and a group of about five or six cyclists near the roundabout at the entrance pointing the Police in the direction of where there was a person on the other side of Grand Drive. This person was standing on Grand Drive about fifty metres south of the entrance. This person was pointing down a path way that runs down towards a brick toilet block.
6. I continued riding along the dirt track which is elevated from Grand Drive by several metres. The track runs parallel to Martin Road and gradually slopes down away from Martin Road. The track goes under several large trees before opening up to the left. The track then becomes sandy. I was riding about 15 kilometres per hour.
7. As I was riding along this path there was an area with long grass and bushes to my left. There are several small tracks that run through the long grass. Ahead of me and to my left I saw a person walking along a track towards the track that I was on. (I have marked on the map the location that I was when I was closest to this person with the letter A). This person walked at a normal walking pace along the path. I noticed this person was wearing a camouflage jacket with the hood over his head. It was dark camouflage colours with different shades of dark green, but they were only slightly different shades of green. He was also wearing dark pants. The pants were not overly baggy, but I'm not sure if they were

Witness:

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cargo pants or jeans, but they were definitely long pants, and definitely dark pants. I couldn't see them that clearly as there was some longer grass in that area. I took particular attention to this person after seeing the Police a few moments ago. This person appeared suspicious to me due to him wearing a thin like a standard hooded jacket over his head considering the temperature at this time was not very cold.

8. As I got closer to the intersection of my path and the path that he was on was able to see him better. I watched him from the moment I first saw him to the point at which I past his path. As I was looking at him I could see he was also looking at me. We stared at each other which also made me more suspicious of him. The closest I came to him was about twenty metres. I could see that he had brown skin and was of an Asian appearance, when I say Asian, more along of the lines of an Indian background. I could not see his entire head due to him wearing a hood but I could see his face. His face was a round shape. There was nothing distinguishing about his face that I can recall I couldn't say if he had facial hair. In regard to his face all I concentrated was the colour of his skin and that he has a roundish, but not fat, face. I saw that he was carrying in his left hand what looked like a clear 2 litre water bottle which had a large red or orange top. (I have marked on the map the location where I last saw this guy with the making reference to the guy as the letter B). This was around 6.10am, give or take a couple of minutes. As we were looking at each other, he was continuing to walk westward and I was continuing on riding south-east. This person was walking at a normal pace, nothing out of the ordinary anyhow.
9. When I passed the intersection of the two paths I did not look back so I did not see which way he went when he reached my path.
10. I rode all the way around the park and then rode back the other way. I got back to this area by about 6.40am and did not see this guy again.
11. Later when I got home I heard that there had been a body found in the park. I told my wife and she convinced me to call Crime Stoppers which I did.
12. I had a telephone conversation with Detective BARTLE on the evening of Saturday 26 September 2009. About 10:30am on Tuesday 29th of September 2009 I attended Centennial Park with Detective BARTLE and showed him the area that I saw the male I have described.

Witness:


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