

Criminal Investigation Branch, Special Crime Squad, SYDNEY. 24th November, 1976.

The Superintendent in Charge, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH.

SUBJECT:

Murder of Barry Richard JONES at Five Dock on 26th September, 1976. Request for Mrs. Anne TOTH, Palm Beach, Queensland to be interviewed.

On the 27th September, 1976, the body of Barry Richard JONES, aged 41 of Walker Avenue, Haberfield, New South Wales was found in the grandstand of Five Dock Park. He had died as a result of numerous stab wounds to the back, arms and chest. The knife which caused the injury was left embedded in his body.

- 2. Inquiries were made to establish the origin of the knife and it was found that it was a "Black Eagle" brand which was made in England and imported to Australia about 12 to 15 years ago. It is described as having a 5" blade with a 5" black handle, made of buffalo horn and shaped in the form of an animal's leg.
- 3. On the 17th November, 1976, certain aspects of the murder, including the knife, were televised on Current Affair, Channel Nine. This programme was then televised in Queensland on the following night.
- 4. On the 20th November, 1976, Mrs. Anne TOTH of Palm Beach, Queensland, informed Senior Constable BANNISTER of Southport Police that she thought that she recognised the knife depicted on Current Affair. She requested that she speak to one of the Detectives engaged on the murder investigation.
- 5. Mrs. Toth was then spoken to by Detective Walker of the Special Crime Squad by telephone. She informed him that she worked as a receptionist for Dr. Bruce Douglas ADAM, at Coolah, New South Wales in the early 1960's and during this time she had seen a knife, which she stated was identical to the one shown on television in the Doctor's desk drawer.
- Or. Adam of Waterloo was interviewed by Detective Walker and myself on the 23rd November, 1976. He was shown the murder weapon and stated that he had never seen a knife which even slightly resembled it. He denied ever owning any other knife other than that of a large pocket knife with a collapsible handle. He was not told of the source of our information.



7. It is now requested that Mrs. Toth be interviewed by Police from Southport and shown a photograph of the knife. Senior Constable Bannister of Southport is conversant with the inquiry. Photograph attached.

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