

JONES. Murder inquiry.

Five Dock Police Station
11th October, 1976.

CALLAND Trevor.

[Redacted] Burwood. Ph. [Redacted]

Taxi Driver.

STATES : I am a single man 62 years of age. I am a full time Cab Driver, 5 nights a week. I am employed by Bernie ROBERTS, [Redacted] Concord, who is the owner of a Cumberland Cab, T. 1445, Radio Number, 184.

On Sunday the 26th September, 1976, I was working the 3pm to 12 midnight shift. I recall that I had one radio job that day that was to take a passenger named TROTT, from the Western Suburbs Soccer Club to the Fivedock R. S. L. Club. I did that job and completed it about 4.45pm. I then went to the Eastern Suburbs area and worked that area and also Mascot airport. I had a fare that night about 10.10pm from Mascot Airport and dropped him off in the City at about 10.30pm. I dropped him off either at the Wentworth or the Menzies Hotel. After dropping off the fare or just before that I turned the volume up on the radio hoping to pick up a job from the City out to the western Suburbs. When I was about Rozelle on the way back out to the Western Suburbs I recall two jobs being called for a few minutes from the Western Suburbs Soccer Club one to Haberfield and one I think to Petersham or the Petersham area. I heard a driver call in and offer to take the one to the Petersham area, and the operator replied that a Mr Jones had been waiting for a while and could that cab that called in pick up Jones as well and drop him at Haberfield. The Cab driver replied that that would be O.K. There were no other Jobs in the Five Dock area so I continued out the way that I was going, west and stopped at Ashfield Station rank and got a fare straight away to go to Greenacre. Just after this I heard the cab that was doing the job at the Soccer Club come on the air and he told the operator that Mr Jones was 'pretty full' and the other party were not prepared to share the cab with him. and that was the words that were used and Mr. Jones was not described as an M9 (Code for an intoxicated customer) To the best of my memory the Operator told the driver not to worry about it and take the fare that he had. What happened after that I cannot recall. The reason that I recall this incident is that I have taken Mr. Jones home a couple of times and although he appeared to be a good drinker I was surprised that the other customers in the cab would not share with him as I had never found him that objectionable. That to the best of my memory are the events of that day. After dropping the fare off at Greenacre I returned Enfield base, finished for the night and filled the cab and cleaned it and returned the cab to its owner about 11.30pm.

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