

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Five Dock Police Station.Date: 27th September, 1976.Name: Kenneth Raymond GRANT.

(Surname in capitals)

Address: Walker Avenue, Haberfield.Tel. No. ██████████Occupation: Unemployed

STATES:—

I am unemployed at the present time and I reside at ██████████ Walker Avenue, Haberfield with my de facto wife, Carol Ann Grant, and my cousin, Barry Richard Jones, who is about 42 years of age.

Carol and I have lived at that address for about the past two years. Carol is employed as a Computer Operator with Mayne Nickless at North Sydney. I have not worked since about March this year and I am presently registered for unemployment benefits.

I have known Carol for about eight years and when I first met her, we lived in Sydney and I would see Barry on and off during that time. Approximately three and a half years ago, Carol and I went to Melbourne where we lived for about eighteen months. When Carol and I went to Melbourne, Barry was living at the address of ██████████ Walker Avenue, Haberfield. About two years ago, Carol and I returned from Melbourne and we went to live with Barry, who at that time was living on his own. These arrangements were made through my mother who lives at ██████████ Five Dock. When Carol and I moved to Barry's we shared a double bedroom at the front of the house and Barry slept in a single room which is off the hallway.

Barry was employed for a number of years as a labourer by the Drummoyne Municipal Council. About five months ago Barry had an operation for haemorrhoids and he was off work for about six weeks. About this time Barry told me that he was worried that when he resumed work he would not be able to do the labouring job so I went and saw the Council pay clerk to see if Barry could obtain lighter employment when he did go back to work. When Barry resumed work he worked for about a week as a labourer and then he was given a cleaning job. He has worked in that capacity up until now.

During the time that I have been living with Barry I have known him to be a heavy drinker and he frequently came home drunk. It was his practice whilst he was not working

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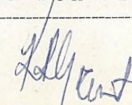
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to drink at the Five Dock Hotel, the Western Suburbs Soccer Club, the Five Dock Bowling Club and Five Dock R.S.L. Club. He would frequently drink cans of beer at home.

About 10am, yesterday morning, the 26th September, 1976, I was at home with Carol and Barry and about this time Barry left the house and he said to me, "I am going to the bowling club, come up and have a drink". I said, "I'll see what I am doing, I might come up". Barry then left the house and I stayed at home with Carol until about one o'clock and then I drove her to my mother's place at [REDACTED] Five Dock. On the way to my mother's place we called into the Bowling Club and the R.S.L. Club to see if Barry was there. Barry was not at either of these clubs when I called there. When I arrived at my mothers we had coffee and talked for a while and my mother suggested that I ring the Western Suburbs Soccer Club to see if Barry was there. I rang the Western Suburbs Soccer Club from my mother's house and I had Barry paged and I spoke to him and I arranged to go to the club to have a drink with him. I arrived at the Western Suburbs Soccer Club between three and three thirty pm and I met Barry in the foyer of the club, as Barry was a member of the club. I then went with Barry to the lounge section of the club where I sat down at a table with Barry, also seated at the table shortly after we sat down was a man who I know as Jimmy Briggs from Liverpool. He is a friend of Barry's and I have seen him about three or four occasions in Barry's company. I stayed at the club for about half an hour during which time I had two middies of beer. Barry and the other man were drinking schooners of beer. I was about to leave the club when Barry brought a man over to the table and Barry said to me, "Laurie Cranch, this is my cousin Ken". I shook hands with the man Laurie Cranch and I recalled then that I had gone to school with him. I talked with Laurie about our ages and dogs and he introduced me to a woman I believed to be his de facto wife, but I do not recall her name. I believe that Laurie Cranch lives in the Five Dock area.

Shortly after this I left the club and drove to my mothers. We sat down and talked for awhile and at the time my mother, my daughter, Carol and myself were present at the house. Carol and I left about half past four or five o'clock and drove home. We read the papers and had three or four cups of coffee then we decided to go out for dinner. We drove to the Amsterdam Restuarant at Summer Hill but it was closed so we drove to Burwood and got some Kentucky Fried Chicken and we ate the chicken in the car at the chicken shop. I then drove Carol home arriving there shortly before nine o'clock, and I saw that Barry was not home then. Carol and I watched TV and we went to bed about eleven

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o'clock. I did not go straight to sleep and I believe I would have gone to sleep about half past twelve or one o'clock. Barry was not home when I went to sleep, to my knowledge.

I awoke this morning about six fifty am and I woke Carol up. I got up first and I checked Barry's room and I found out that he hadn't been there and he was not in the house. About twenty past seven I left home with Carol and drove her to North Sydney to work and I arrived back home about eight thirty am. On the way home I stopped at the Golden Fleece Service Station at Haberfield where I got petrol and had the car checked. When I arrived home I saw that Barry was still not home and I telephoned my mother and told her that Barry had ~~left~~ let us down again, he still had not arrived home. I said this because of Barry's drinking habits and I was not unduly worried at that time as he had often stayed away all night on other occasions, with friends, but since he had the cleaning job he had not stayed out overnight at all.

Later that morning two detectives came to the house and they asked me about Barry and they showed me a key wallett and keys and club badges and I identified that property as being identical to Barry's. I later accompanied the detectives to the Five Dock Park, Park Avenue, Five Dock where I identified the body of Barry Richard Jones, my cousin, to the Police.

While I was with Barry at the Western Suburbs Soccer Club on the afternoon of the 26th September, 1976, he said to me, "Can you loan me a few dollars", or words to that effect, so I then gave Barry about seven dollars. It was shortly after that, I left the club. Barry has told me in the past that whilst he has been away drinking he has had fights with different people and I know on one occasion he had to go to Lewisham Hospital for treatment to an injury to his head when he had stitches inserted. He has also told me that he was barred from drinking in certain sections of the Five Dock Hotel and he told me he was barred last Sunday from the Five Dock R.S.L. Club and the Five Dock Bowling Club on account of him drinking too much liquor. In the past Barry has told me that he has seen men following him home, the last occasion about two weeks ago and I have humoured him by going outside with him, but I have never found anyone following him home.

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Coroners Court, 44-46

Parramatta Road, Glebe

(Date) 26/1/78

(Dep. Clerk)

I got up first and I checked Harry's room and I found out that he hadn't been there and he was not in the house. About twenty past seven I left home with Carol and drove her to North Sydney to work and I arrived back home about eight thirty pm. On the way home I stopped at the Golden Place Service Station at Northside where I got petrol and had the car checked. When I arrived home I saw that Harry was still not home and I telephoned my mother and wife to see if they had seen him. I said this because I was not really worried at that time of Harry's drinking habits and I was not really worried at that time as he had often stayed away all night on other occasions, with friends and since he had the cleaning job he had not stayed out overnight.

I later that morning the Detective came to the house and they asked me about Harry and they showed me a photograph and they said it was identical to Harry's. I later accompanied the Detective to the five room flat, North Sydney, five room flat - identified the body of Harry Richard Jones, my cousin, to the police.

While I was with Harry at the western suburban club on the afternoon of the 24th September, 1978, he said to me, "Can you find me a law-boliers", or what he said, so I then gave Harry about seven boliers. It was around eleven past I left the club. Harry told me in the car that he had been away drinking he had had a fight with some people and I know on one occasion he had to go to hospital because he was hurt to an injury to his head when he had a fight inserted. He also told me that he was hurt from drinking in certain sections of the five room flat and he told me he was hurt last night from the five room flat and the five room flat on account of him drinking too much alcohol. In the past Harry has told me that he has gone non-hollowing him home, the last occasion about two weeks ago and I have mentioned him to being outside with me, but I have never found him hollowing him home.