

RECORD OF INTERVIEW BETWEEN CARROL ANNE GRANT AND DETECTIVE SENIOR
CONSTABLE B.W. JOHNSTON AT FIVE DOCK POLICE STATION ON 2nd OCTOBER, 1976.

Also Present:- Detective Senior Constable G.N.M. Dowell (typist)

Time Commenced:- 1.35pm.

- Q. 1. I am Detective Johnston and this is Detective McDowell. We are from the Criminal Investigation Branch. As you know we are making inquiries into the fatal stabbing of Barry Richard Jones whose body was found in the grandstand of Five Dock Park last Monday morning, 27th September, 1976. For the purpose of this record of interview, what is your full name, date of birth and address?
- A. Carrol Anne Grant, [redacted] Walker Avenue, Haberfield, [redacted] 45.
- Q. 2. I know that you have been interviewed previously in relation to this matter, but I intend to ask you some more questions in relation to your movements last Sunday night, and also some other matters. Do you understand that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. 3. Would you care to tell me your movements last Sunday?
- A. We got up around ten and had some breakfast. I know I said before that I thought it was about half past ten when I got up and Barry left about eleven, but I was talking to a chap next door and he said that he was coming back from church about quarter past ten and he saw Barry leaving. We just sat there and read the papers for awhile, Ken and I. While I was cooking breakfast Ken went and got the papers and I just did some washing and cleaning up and then Ken's mother rang about half past one or two o'clock, and she asked us to come down and see her for a while. I got dressed and we went down to see her and on the way down there we called into the Five Dock Bowling Club to see if Barry was there, it was about half past two when we got there. The chap there told Ken that Barry had left about two o'clock and on the way down to Ken's mother's we called into the Five Dock RSL to see if Barry was there and he wasn't at the RSL so we went down to Ken's mother's. It would have been about quarter to three when we arrived there. When we were down there Ken rang up the Soccer Club to see if Barry was there and about quarter to four or something like that Ken went down to the Soccer Club to have a drink with Barry. He got back about five, then I took Ken's daughter to our place and I was away about half an hour then I came back to his mother's. It was about quarter to six or so when we went home. We just read the papers, had a cup of coffee, about seven o'clock we decided we'd go out for dinner. I think it was about half past seven we went down to the Amsterdam in Canterbury Road. It was closed. We didn't know where else to go and we started to head for home and we went up to Burwood up to the Kentucky Chicken and got some chicken there and we ate it in the car and then we just went home. We got home about quarter to nine, and it was about half past nine Ken went in to have a shower and I went down the road to get some cigarettes. I know it was half past nine because I did look at my watch to see if the shop would still be open, and I went to bed about half past eleven.
- Q. 4. Did Barry make any arrangements with you or Ken to meet you later in the day last Sunday?
- A. When he was leaving he said, "Come up and have a drink with me this afternoon if you've got nothing else to do,"
- Q. 5. Did he say where he would be during the afternoon?
- A. Not specifically, but he said he was going to the Bowling Club. He had had trouble at the Bowling Club the previous week they'd asked him to leave in the afternoon, so we called in to see if there was any problems there. Barry always drifted around, he never stayed at the one place so we weren't

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- A. 5. (Cont'd) surprised when he wasn't there. We always went out with Barry on the weekends but the last six months wer haven't been able to afford to and he's just beed drifting off with his friends and drinking heavily more all the time.
- Q. 6. Why did you go to the Five Dock RSL Club after leaving the Bwowing Club?
 A. It wasn't out of our way and he does go there.
- Q. 7. When you were at Ken's mother's place later in the afternoon did any person suggest that Ken ring the Soccer Club or did he do it of his own volition?
 A. I think his mohter, We were talking about Barry and we did tell her that we had called into the Bowling Club and he wasn't there and I think his mother said he could be at the Soccer Club.
- Q. 8. After Ken returned from the Western Suburbs Soccer Club that afternoon, did he tell you anything about what happened whilst he was there?
 A. He said he was with Jimmy Bridges, that's Barry, and that he'd had a few drinks with him and he didn't want to come home yet.
- Q. 9. To your knowledge, was there any arrangement made between Barry and Ken for Barry to be picked up by Ken later that night?
 A. No.
- Q.10. Have you and Ken ever picked Barry up from a Club or a hotel when he was drunk?
 A. Yes, he would ring us up when he wanted to come home. Either Ken or I would go, it was mainly from the hotel, but he hasn't done it lately.
- Q.11. What clothing was Ken Grant wearing last Sunday afternoon?
 A. Blue faded jeans and a bone jumper and bone coloured shoes.
- Q.12. What clothingwere you wearing last Sunday afternoon?
 A. I had blue faded jeans and a blue striped jumper.
- Q.13. You said earlier that you and Ken left Walker Avenue about seven o'clock last Sunday night to go out for dinner. Did both or either of you change your clothes prior to leaving?
 A. Yes, we both did.
- Q.14. What was Ken wearing?
 A. Blue sports trousers and a cream polo necked jumper and a black leather sports coat and I think he had brown shoes on.
- Q.15. What clothing were you wearing?
 A. Maroon slacks, I had the same blue striped jumper and my black fur coat, waist length.
- Q.16. What happened when you arrived at the Kentucky Fried Chicken premises in Burwood?
 A. We parked the car and I went in to get the chicken myself, and we sat in the car and ate it, then we drove home.
- Q.17. Do you recall where you parked the car?
 A. Against the wall on the left hand side, I always park there.
- Q.18. Do you recall what you actually purchased?
 A. I got a dinner box with three pieces for Ken, a snack box for myself, two bags of chips and two Pepsis.
- Q.19. Do you recall how much you paid for this purchase?
 A. It was five dollars something, I can't remember the exact amount.

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Q.20. What happened after you and Ken arrived home last Sunday night?
A. We let the dogs in and turned on the TV, lit the heater and we sat down to watch the movie.

Q.21. What time would this have been?
A. It would have to be about quarter to nine, nine o'clock because the movie had started.

Q.22. Do you recall what movie you watched?
A. It was The Undefeated with John Wayne and Rock Hudson, it wasn't a real good movie anyway.

Q.23. Can you recount to me the story of this movie?
A. John Wayne was taking some horses on a drive to sell to the French Army or something and Rock Hudson was a Southerner and he was taking the troops and families somewhere else to live and they got caught up in the war in Mexico, I think it was the Mexicans took all the horses off John Wayne, and they kept all the Southerners prisoners while John-W Rock Hudson went to get John Wayne's horses off him, there was three thousand horses or something like that that they needed for the Army. In the end they both rode off with their families and left the horses with the Mexicans. I remeber a big fight scene where everyone was fighting everyone else and John Wayne and Rock Hudson were just standing back sort of watching it. The French Army tried to get the horses off John Wayne because they were going to the Mexicans and there was a big fight scene when they tried to get them back. The French were all lined up in front of them and they stampeded the horses through them and shot at them and that.

Q.24. What did you do after this movie finished?
A. I had a shower and washed my hair and I did some washing and I think I did some ironing for about five minutes and this show I don't know the name of had already started and I came in to watch it. It was about one particular guy was an ex Samurai from the Second Wolrd War and there was a chap I think his name was Major Sterling, he'd lost a brother in a prionser of war camp and he held this Japanese guy responsible for it and he set an alibi for himself and killed the guy. He went to shoot him but the Japanese guy got a knife and in a struggle he stabbed himself. The Japanese guy had a manservant who was also a Samurai and he told his manservant before he died that this Sterling had killed him and oso he didn't tell the Police that he had been murdered but he told them that he had killed himself in Samurai tradition and he went out to kill Sterling by himself. It ends up that he fails and then he goes back to the house and kills himself the same way, sticks a knife into himself. It was a really bad movie, the Japanese only had their eyes painted so that they looked shanty.

Q.25. Prior to watching this second movie that you have just described how long would you have been away from the TV when you were having your shower and doing the other things that you have told us about?

A. I'd say about half an hour, I think I made a cup of coffee about that time too.

Q.26. What did you do after this second movie finished?
A. We went to bed. Ken turned on the Tv in the bedroom and I was reading a book for a while. I watched the start of The mouse That Roared and when Ken went to sleep I watched a little bit more of it, I'd seen it about five times, then I turned the TV off and went to sleep myself. If I don't wait until he goes to sleep the Tv and the light are on all night.

Q.27. You told us before that you went to the shop to get some cigarettes about half past nine at night. Which shop did you go to?

Barbours
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A.27. I went to the milk bar in Ramsay Road, Haberfield.

Q.28. Do you recall what you purchased?

A. I got four packets of Ardath cigarettes, three packets of lollies.

Q.29. Do you recall who served you?

A. I thinkit was ~~the~~ woman. I go there quite often.

Q.30. What clothing were you wearing when you went to the shop?

A. Maroon slacks and blue striped jumper.

Q.31. Did you see any person you knew when you left on this occasion?

A. Yes, I saw Vince the next door neighbour saying goodbye to his visitors.

Q.32. At any stage last Sunday night, did you receive a telephone call from Barry?

A. No.

Q.33. Do you know if Barry had what could be described as a big win at the races last Saturday?

A. Not to my knowledge, he didn't tell me. I did hear later that he had, but I really don't know if it's true or not. Ken's mother told me that, I think she got it from someone in the wine shop who got it from somebody else, you know how it is.

Q.34. Do you know of Barry ever having any large wins through betting?

A. Only hearsay from him but I've never seen the money. If he had a win he'd buy me something, or he'd bring home a Chinese dinner or something. Actually on the Friday night he brought me home a present but it couldn't have been from a win on Saturday.

Q.35. What present did Barry buy you?

A. It was a pendant with a ring to match, it wasn't expensive, it was just imitation jewellery stuff.

Q.36. I now show you this pendant and this ring. Are the presents Barry gave you last Friday night in any way similar to these items. SHOWN ITEMS.

A. Yes, identical.

Q.37. Whatother presents has Barry bought for you?

A. Three watches, the one I'm wearing a gold one, a marcasite watch and a gold with a leather bracelet. I bought that one myself but he gave me the money for it. He bought me a zodiac pendant, a travelling watch radio, a toaster, pop up one. I can't think of naything else off hand, there's probably more but I just can't think. Oh, he had bought me a couple of pairs of shoes.

Q.38. Over what period of time has Barry been buying you these presents?

A. About eighteen months.

Q.39. Have you any idea of the amount of money that Barry has spent on you during this eigtheen month period?

A. No. He was always buying something but he always said he got them cheap or they were hot or something, I don't know if they really were, but there are a lot of things that he bought me.

Q.40. Do you know of any places he bought these presents?

A. No.

Q.41. Did he ever buy Ken any presents?

A. Yes, he mainly bought him cigarettes and lighters.

Q.42. What reason, if any, did Barry give for buying all these presents?

A. No reason, he just liked buying things for me. He bought me about six pairs of slippers because I used to walk around in

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- A.42. (Cont'd) my bare feet all the time.
- Q.43. What size shoe do you take?
A. 7½ B.
- Q.44. Do you own a pair of thongs?
A. No.
- Q.45. Does Ken?
A. No.
- Q.46. What was your relationship with Barry?
A. Friends, there was nothing personal between us.
- Q.47. Had Barry ever had sexual intercourse with you?
A. No.
- Q.48. Had Barry ever attempted to have any sexual contact with you?
A. Never.
- Q.49. Did you ever get the impression that Barry was in any way sexually attracted to you?
A. No. In fact, I would say that he was sexless. I think this was because of his drinking. When I first moved there he was embarrassed at me wearing a short top or something he would show embarrassment, if I sunbaked in the backyard he would go inside, but we became good friends and he overcame that embarrassment and he didn't worry about it. The only women that he'd had contact with before I went there were all older women, and I was the first younger female that he'd had close contact with.
- Q.50. Did you do Barry's washing for him?
A. Yes.
- Q.51. Did you ever see any evidence on his underpants or other garments of ejaculation?
A. No, I never took any notice. I didn't look for it. His clothes were usually pretty putrid by the time he got them off. I just used to put all his clothes in the washing machine together and wash them twice. Sometimes he washed his own underpants, but I think that was because he had bleeding haemorrhoids.
- Q.52. What was the actual setup of the house at [redacted] Walker Avenue, Haberfield. By that I mean who paid the normal bills and rates and did Barry contribute in any way to the actual running of the house?
A. Ken and I paid for all the bills and the food. Barry paid for the gardener and he used to buy food or meat for the dogs sometimes. It wasn't a regular thing. That was the agreement that we went there under, that we'd pay all the bills and that. Barry was giving me twenty dollars a week but that was only to repay some of the money he'd got from the loan we got from the bank. He was off work at the time and he borrowed about three hundred dollars altogether over a period of a month or so and that was the money he was paying back.
- Q.53. Would you care to tell me how it came about that Barry made out a will leaving all his property to Ken?
A. Mrs. Simmons wanted him to make it out. This was right from the time that his father died and left Barry the property and the matter was settled. She originally wanted him to leave it to her, but Barry decided he would leave it to Ken because Ken's mother was too old he thought it was futile leaving it to someone who was well into their seventies, and she kept pestering him to make the will and asked us to keep pestering him too. He agreed to go up and make a will if Ken would go with him. I think he was determined to leave it to somebody who wasn't after it, and the rest of the relatives were after it.

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- A.53. (Cont'd) When Barry made the will he said to us, "Don't tell auntie that I've made the will out." Auntie is Ken's mother. A couple of days later the solicitor Frank Packer rang her up and told her. She wasn't very happy about it and said that Barry should have left it to her and she would have left it for Ken, but she was happy that he had finally made a will out and left it to somebody.
- Q.54. When Barry made the will in Ken's favour, did this cause any animosity between other members of Barry's family and Barry?
A. It was only hearsay, it was all from Ken's mother that the relatives had said that Barry had done the wrong thing, that he should have left it to her. The rest of the relatives avoided him like the plague, they never came anywhere near him.
- Q.55. You mentioned earlier that Barry obtained a loan from the bank. Would you care to tell us the reason this loan was obtained?
A. Ken was employed at P.F. Collier's and he was dismissed in March for embezzlement and charged in April. It was about May when the solicitor told him that he had to pay back the full amount of the money which was about \$2,700.00 or else he'd go to gaol. We tried to borrow the money ourselves but we couldn't get it so Ken said he would tell Barry and see if he would help us. I think it was the next day, Barry agreed to help straight away and he said he would go to the bank and see if he could borrow the money. The loan was got in both Barry and Ken's names. We got the loan at the Commonwealth Bank at Haberfield. I think the repayments are \$124.00 per month. I'm not sure how long a period it's over. The loan was for \$2,500.00, and we had the rest of it. We really only needed about \$2900.00 but Barry wanted some money too.
- Q.56. To your knowledge have these loan repayments been regularly met?
A. Yes, I don't think the last one's been paid it's due on the 24th of the month.
- Q.57. I understand that Barry Ken is in receipt of Social Services. Is that correct?
A. Yes, I think he gets \$79.00 or \$80 something a fortnight.
- Q.58. How much do you receive per week by virtue of your employment with Mayne Nickless?
A. I clear \$120.00 a week.
- Q.59. Do you know if Barry ever had an association with a female?
A. No.
- Q.60. Did he ever speak about other females to you?
A. Yes, he'd say that he'd buy them a drink and there was one particular woman in Drummoyne that he'd buy lunch for sometimes and he'd buy her a milk shake and she gave him some Valium tablets. I don't know how often she gave them to him, I only saw one bottle. I got the impression that she worked in a shop somewhere at Drummoyne. I was interested because he had about 50 Valium tablets in the bottle and I know you can only get 25 on a scrip, and he said that she gave them to him for nothing and I know they're pretty expensive to buy.
- Q.61. How long ago is this?
A. About three weeks.
- Q.62. Why was Barry taking Valium?
A. Mondays he always had the shakes and Thursdays. Mondays his arms used to shake, I think it was from the booze but he thought he had bad nerves and Thursdays he had to sign for his pay. That was a very nerve wracking experience for Barry, having to sign his name. He always claimed he had very bad nerves. When he had the D.T's from the drink he would never admit that it was from the drink.

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