



New Zealand Police
STATEMENT

Section 82 Criminal Procedure Act 2011

Statement of: Allan ADAIR Age (if under 18): _____

Date statement taken: Thursday 1st February 2018 Time: 10:43 am

Location: [REDACTED] Whangaparaoa.

I, Allan ADAIR, state:

1. That is my full name.
2. I reside at [REDACTED] Whangaparaoa.
3. I was born on [REDACTED] 1952.
4. I moved to Australia from Northern Ireland in 1969.
5. I lived in Melbourne for three years before moving to Sydney. I was then called to do National Service so went back to Melbourne for about nine months.
6. In about 1972, when I was released from National Service, I went to live with my parents in Five Dock, Sydney, and in 1976 I came to New Zealand.
7. I am making this statement about a murder in the Five Dock area of Sydney.
8. If I remember correctly, the man that was murdered was called Barry.
9. My father Robert ADAIR, my brother, also called Robert ADAIR, and me, went down to the local pub. That was the Five Dock Hotel in Five Dock, Sydney.
10. If I remember correctly it was a Saturday and we were with another three guys being John WYLIE, a big guy called Paddy, and an English guy called Jimmy.
11. All the men were in their late forties or early fifties. I was the youngest being about 20 years of age.



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12. There were six of us, it was a nice sunny day, and we were standing around the table having a beer and talking.
13. We must have been there for a few hours.
14. It was close to lunch time, so around half twelve, one o'clock.
15. We heard a loud noise and looked outside and saw a light blue car stopped at the lights belching smoke and backfiring and every time the lights changed the car would stall.
16. Eventually it drove around the corner and parked out the back of the pub.
17. The two young guys from the car walked into the pub.
18. They were younger than me. One was short and squat with black hair, and the other one was taller and skinnier with long blonde hair.
19. They looked around the pub and then came straight to our table and spoke to Jimmy saying 'long time no see, what you been up to.'
20. I didn't know them, I had never seen them before in my life.
21. I remember asking them where they came from and they said they were from Parramatta.
22. I asked if they had come all the way from Parramatta in that 'bloody' car, and they said it had been alright coming down, and the car didn't get like 'that' until they got here.
23. We were talking away, when they spotted Barry sitting underneath the windows at the far side of the bar.
24. They knew Barry because they kept saying, 'that bastard he's a queer, he's a poof'.
25. It was mostly the skinny one with the blonde hair making these comments.



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26. The dark haired one didn't say much and was a quieter sort of fella, but the blonde one was doing all the mouthing.
27. The blonde one took a knife out of the back of his jeans and was showing it around.
28. The knife had a handle shaped like a deer's hoof at the end of it and we all had a wee look at it.
29. I remember saying to him 'that's no good, it's not even sharp', and the blonde one saying it would be no good for slashing, but would be really good for stabbing.
30. I said something like, 'rubbish, put it away mate' and he eventually put his knife away.
31. We talked for another hour or two and then the blonde man and his dark haired friend left and I never saw them again.
32. Weeks, or months, later, I happened to be reading a paper and saw a full page article with a photograph of the knife that the blonde guy showed to us in the pub.
33. I think it was the 'Truth' newspaper. There was a full paged photograph of the knife and the article was about the murder of a man found in Five Dock Park.
34. I recognised that knife immediately as the one I had handled in the pub that day.
35. I didn't report this information at the time because it just didn't twig.
36. Detectives came to my house and interviewed me, my Dad and my brother. They also interviewed the other people who had been at the table with us that day.
37. I wondered at the time why we were interviewed and guessed they must have gone to the local pub and asked around.
38. I think I found out about the murder when my Dad came home from work one day and told us that old Barry from our local, was found murdered at the Five Dock Hotel, Sydney.



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39. It wasn't until I saw the photograph of the knife in the paper, which was months after the fact, that I asked my Dad if he remembered it.
40. I reminded him we had all handled the knife at the table in the pub but he said, 'no, you didn't bloody see nothing, you didn't hear nothing'.
41. Dad said not to let Jimmy hear me saying such things and told me that the big fella Jimmy used to be in the SAS and was a hard man and had been done for man slaughter, but had got off the charge.
42. The two younger guys from Parramatta knew Jimmy and that's why they came to our table.
43. My father Robert ADAIR is now dead. Jimmy and Paddy are also dead. I don't know about the Scotsman John WYLIE, as I didn't know him very well.
44. My brother Robert ADAIR is alive and lives in Sydney. His date of birth is [REDACTED] 1948.
45. I don't know whether this murder has been solved but it has been on my conscience.

I confirm the truth and accuracy of this statement. I make the statement with the knowledge that it is to be used in court proceedings. I am aware that it is an offence to make a statement that is known by me to be false or intended by me to mislead.

Signature

A. Adair

Date

4/2/18

Date statement finished:

Time: *12.15 P.M.*

Signature witnessed by:

ROSS DICKSON R04765
Print name and QID

Signature

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Date

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12:16pm

Statement taken by:

(If different to person witnessing signature) Print name and QID



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