



NSW POLICE FORCE

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STATEMENT OF POLICE

In the matter of: Special Commission of Inquiry (SCOI) – LGBTIQ (Hate Crimes) Deaths
Response to Letter – Death of Barry Richard JONES.

Place: Homicide Squad - State Crime Command

Date: 13 January 2023

Name: Neil SHELDON

Tel. No: [REDACTED]

Rank: Detective Sergeant

Station/Unit: Homicide Squad

STATES:

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything that I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
2. I am 37 years of age.
3. I am a Detective Sergeant in the Homicide Squad of the New South Wales Police Force (NSWPF). I am currently a Team Leader within the Unsolved Homicide Team (UHT).
4. As part of my role, I am assisting the NSWPF in responding to requests issued by the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ (Hate Crimes) Deaths (Inquiry).
5. I make this statement in respect of Letter of Request issued by the Inquiry on 20 December 2022 in relation to the death of Barry Richard JONES with a return date of 13 January 2023 (Letter of Request). I make this statement on the basis of information known to me and information provided to me by colleagues in the NSWPF and believe that information to be true at the time of making this statement.

Witness: [REDACTED]

Allan COSTABILE
Detective Senior Constable
Homicide Squad
13 January 2023

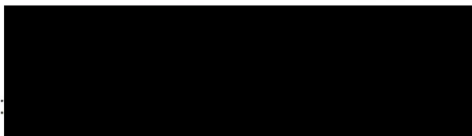
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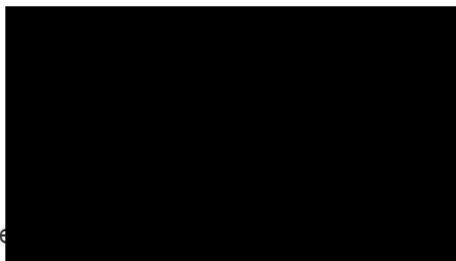
6. On 21 July 2022, the Inquiry issued Summons NSWPF03 (Summons) relating to the production of investigation records (Documents) in relation to 28 persons, one of the persons named was Barry Richard JONES (date of birth, 22 May 1935).
7. In response to the Summons, on 28 July 2022 NSWPF provided the Inquiry with an archive box labelled '*VIC: JONES, Barry Richard - 27/09/1976 - Five Dock Grandstand Murder*'. This archive box contained original / hard copy investigative material, as well as a USB Storage device containing electronic investigative material provided to the Inquiry on 9 August 2022. In total, NSWPF provided the Inquiry with 53 documents in relation to the death of Mr JONES.
8. Upon reviewing the material, the Inquiry issued the Letter of Request asking that further enquires be made for investigative records in respect of Mr Jones which may have not been provided to the Inquiry. The letter made reference to information received from a witness in 2018.
9. Enquires were made with all available investigative holdings – WebCOPS, Historical COPS Data, Pre-COPS data, E@glei and KODA which located no further archive material was available however an Investigators Note dated 23 May 2018 in relation to the assessment of the information provided in 2018 was located on E@glei. The cover page for the Investigators Note was provided to the Inquiry on 9 August 2022 along with a number of items pursuant to Summons 3 however the Investigators Note itself was not attached to the cover page. A copy of this Investigators Note is annexured to this statement and marked "A".
10. I consider the above searches and enquiries to be an exhaustive search for the Documents and no further avenues of enquiry are available to locate the Documents. Therefore, I do not expect any further Documents to be provided to the Inquiry in relation to the death of Barry Richard JONES.

Witness:



Allan COSTABILE
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Signature



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