

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Bondi Police StationDate: 16th February 1990Name: Sally Jane DUNBAR
(Surname in capitals)Address: C/- Bondi Police Station

Tel. No. [REDACTED]

Occupation: Constable of Police

STATES:-

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary to give in Court as a witness.

2. 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 shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

3. About 10.30am on Thursday 23 November, 1989 I attended with Detective OWENS an area situate on rocks to the south of Bondi Beach. The rocks were at water level and lay between Fletcher Street and Wilga Street, Bondi.

4. There I saw and spoke with Sergeant INGLEBY and Constable BARRETT of Bondi Police station. I then saw the deceased male person lying face down on the rocks. The deceased was wearing a red long sleeve jumper with coloured motifs, pair of light blue denim jeans, white socks and black coloured Gym Boots. There was an amount of blood beneath the deceased near the torso area.

5. I saw that there was a sum of money located near the deceased. A 50 cent coin was to the right side of the body in the rock pool water, a one dollar coin to the right of the body, 50 cent coin a short distance from the top of the body. The remaining coins were located in the near vicinity of the body.

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6. On 24 November, 1989 I obtained a type-written statement from Mr [REDACTED] 1403 [REDACTED], Darlinghurst.

7. on 20 December, 1989 I contacted Senior Constable BUTTROSE of Media Liason in relation to an article been placed in the local newspapers seeking public assistance.

8. On 3 January 1990 I attended 292 Crown Street, Darlinghurst and spoke with Martin GODDARD, editor of The Star Observer. The Star Observer been a Gay newspaper. Issue No. 122 Friday 12 January, 1990 I read an article in relation to John alan RUSSELL.

9. On 17 January 1990 Mr Michael McMAHON of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] bondi attended Bondi Police Station where I obtained a statement from him relating to the night of the 23 November 1989. McMAHON informed me that he had read the article in the Star Newspaper and thought that he may have seen the deceased that night. McMAHON then examined the black and white photgraphs that appeared in the newspaper however he could not be certain that the person depicted in the newspaper was in fact the same male person he saw that night.

10. I have not seen to this date the article which apparently appeared in the local papers around the Bondi area. I have not received any information from any person in relation to the article and the deceased, McMAHON being the only person forthcoming.

11. I have attempted to obtain a copy of the articles that appeared in the local newspapers but to this date have been unsuccessful.

12. Information to date reveal that the deceased was a homosexual and was employed as a barman. when the deceased was last seen alive he appeared to be in good spirits and was.

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looking forward to moving away from Sydney. 1403 stated that the deceased was going to inherit a large amount of money and intended to build a home in Wollombi. It appeared the deceased may have been intoxicated when he left the Bondi Hotel on the night of 22 November, 1989.

13. I am aware that the southern end of Notts Avenue is frequented by homosexuals and is known as by the Gay community as 'a beat'.

14. At this time there is no evidence to suggest the deceased committed suicide or there were any suspicious circumstances surrounding his death. There were no signs of violence on the body and personal property was located on his person.

15. It is my opinion that the deceased fell from the cliff top edge to where he was located. Whether this can be attributed to the deceased's level of intoxication will be clear with results of the Forensic tests.

WITNESS: B.A. Ford
B.A. Ford
Det Sergeant
16 February 1990

SIGNED: S.J. Dunbar
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P.C. Constable
Police Station, Bondi.
16th February 1990

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