

**NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE**

**STATEMENT** in matter of:  
 Death of John RUSSELL  
 1989/2332

**Place:** Sydney Crime Scene Section  
 Sydney Police Centre.  
**Date:** 19 December, 2001

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<b>Name:</b>	<b>FORBES</b> David Ian	<b>AGE:</b> 40
<b>Address:</b>	Sydney Crime Scene Section	<b>Tel.No.</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Occupation:</b>	Detective Senior Sergeant of Police.	<b>STATES:-</b>

This statement made by me, accurately sets out the evidence which 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 shall be liable to prosecutions if I have stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

(1) I am currently the Zone Supervisor for the Sydney Zone. I have been in this position since February, 1998. I have been previously requested by Detective Sergeant PAGE to locate a hair sample which was apparently collected from the body of John RUSSELL in 1989. The deceased was located at Tamarama Beach on 23 December, 1989. On that day the scene was attended by former Detective Senior Sergeant CAMERON (now retired) and Detective Senior Constable RIVERA now attached to Goulburn Crime Scene Section.

(2) A search of the exhibit rooms at Sydney Crime Scene Section reveals that the hair sample is not on hand at this section. There is no record here relating to the hair. In 1989 there was no formal procedure for receipt of exhibits at a crime scene section. Typically what would happen is that an exhibit would be brought directly back to the section from a scene and generally a record in note form would be made and held in the relevant brief. If the exhibit was moved from the section the brief would be endorsed.

Witness:

*Robert Cairnduff*  
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 Detective Senior Constable  
 19 December, 2001

Signature:

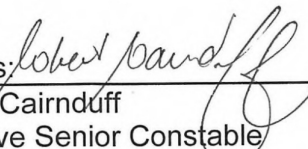
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(3) Now an accountable procedure is used when receiving and recording exhibits at a crime section. Before an exhibit is received it must firstly be entered in an exhibit book at the relevant Local Area Command. The exhibit is then conveyed to the crime scene section where it is receipted in a Specimen/Item Register. When all examinations that can be carried out at the section ave been completed the exhibit is returned to the Local Area Command, or, if more detailed forensic examination is required at another government or private facility the exhibit is signed out of the Specimen Item Register. Ultimately the exhibit will be returned to the relevant Local Area Command unless it has been destroyed during analysis. If the exhibit is destroyed during examination then the relevant Specimen/Item Register or Exhibit Book would be endorsed.

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