

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Redfern Police Station.

Unknown.

Date: 30 January, 1992

Unknown. Murder.

Name: Francis Thomas LOUGHLAND.

Address: [REDACTED]

Tel. No: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Custodian.

Tel. No: [REDACTED]

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 made 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 I am 51 years of age.
4. I have employed at the General Post Office, Martin Place. I have worked there about 23 years. In that time I have met and worked with a friend Robert Hart MALCOLM. I have known him approximately 20 years as he arrived shortly after I started with the G.P.O.
5. I started work on Friday 10 January, 1992, as usual about 8am. That day I saw Robert at lunchtime at 1.00pm in the King George Tavern, at corner of King and George Street, Sydney. I was in a shout with him and some more workers for the retirement of Bob WRIGHT.

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Also present were Gerry BIRCH, Peter PICKETT, Dick TEAKEN, Graham MADDIN, John WALKER, Warren BURG, a couple of others I can't remember.

6. We were there to about 3.00pm and went back to work. After work about 4.30pm we went to the Terrace Bar at the Menzies. Bob WRIGHT, Dick TEAKEN, Peter PICKETT, were again with us but I can't remember who else there could have been a couple of others but I'm not sure who now.
7. The group diminished with people going, and about 6pm on there were 3 of us left. Bob WRIGHT, Bob MALCOLM, and myself. Bob WRIGHT left about 6.15pm and I had a beer to finish. I left at around about 6.30pm as I had just missed 1 bus, the 184 bus, I had just missed that one. When I left Bob MALCOLM at 6.30pm, he was well primed he had had a few drinks by then. He was in my opinion moderately intoxicated. I asked him if he was coming home and he said, "No I am going to hang around for a while." He was there for a while as I have heard since that another fellow worker had a drink with them to about 7.15pm that evening. He's known as 'Blocker' his name is Ed BROWN.
8. Nothing happened in the sessions with Bob, no arguments, or anything worth noting. In the time I was with Bob he made no mention of what he intended doing that night. Normally of a Friday night he get's the 6.15pm train home to his place at Janalli.

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9. In the time I have known Bob I have found him a happy go lucky bloke that liked a drink, maybe too much. I wouldn't call him an alcoholic, might have been on the verge. He doesn't get into fights or is rowdy in my time, both on or off the drink. He was a passive bloke but when he got merry he became a bit of an orator. He has a mother and father and brother and sister, who I have met occassionally. Outside of work I don't know who Bob's friends were. At work it was most of the people I have already mentioned earlier. If Bob hung around the city for a drink he drank at the Mansions Hotel at Kings Cross, also Jungle Bar of the Menzies, as he went there this night I believe. I heard this from fellow workers as he had been there and they had refused to serve him. I don't think they are from Australia Post, one's name is George or Fred, who Bob put the bite on for \$50.00 that night. He sometimes goes to the Combined Services Club in Barrack Street, the Bowlers Club in Clarence Street and the Leagues Club occassionally over the years. He also drank at his local hotel at the Janalli Inn I think it's called. I think he may have drank at the Redfern R.S.L. but I'm not really sure of that.
10. He is a staunch labor boy and was always on the side of the downtrodden. I would call him a 'Socialist'. He may have been involved in Aboriginal matters because of his views and feelings for the downtrodden. But I am not sure of this. He was a sociable sort of fellow if anyone offered him a drink or enticed him anywhere it would have been for this I think. I don't think for women as he was getting drunk and I wouldn't think

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women would have been on his mind.

11. In all I would say Bob was a likeable bloke who never meant anyone harm. I can't understand why anyone would hurt him.

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