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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Redfern Police Station

Murder of Robert Hart MALCOLM

Date: 31 January, 1992

Name: George O'DONNALL

Address: [REDACTED]

Tel. No: -

Occupation: Painter

Tel. No:

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 62 years of age.
4. I am currently employed by St. Vincents Hospital as a painter. I have been employed by St. Vincents hospital for the past two and half years. I drink at the Holiday Inn MENZIES Terrace Bar nearly every night as I know all the guys from the G.P.O who drink there.
5. About 4.30pm on Friday 10 January, 1992 I was in the Terrace bar of the Holiday Inn MENZIES drinking by myself. Then sometime after 6 o'clock I went upstairs to the Punters bar because the they put the jukebox on and it was really loud. I was having a few beers by myself. About half past seven a person I only know as

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Jack who I drink with regularly with at the MENZIES came in the Punters bar and we had a few beers. Between seven thirty and eight o'clock Bob MALCOLM came in stood between Jack and me. Jack and I were sitting down when Bob came in. I noticed when Bob came in he was pretty intoxicated as his speech was slurred and his eyes were glazy and 'blood shot'. Bob was also a bit uneasy on his feet. Bob then said to me and Jack, "Do youse want a beer?" I said, "No, I'm right." and Jack said, "No, mate. I've got to go home." Bob then said to me, "Have you got Fifty Dollars on you I can borrow?" I then said, "I could give you a hundred, Bob." I never gave Bob any money. Jack then finished his beer off and got up and left Bob and me at the bar. Jack left about 8 o'clock. Bob and I then were just talking at the bar and at times I found it hard to understand him cause he was so drunk. Bob mentioned to me that he was refused to be served with any more drinks at one of the other MENZIES bars as they stated he was too drunk. Bob was quite upset about it and mentioned it two or three times at me while we were at the bar. Bob was only drinking beer when I was with him and would of had only two schooners of FOSTERS beer. I then left about eight fifteen and Bob was at the bar by himself and I said, "See you during the week." I then left the MENZIES and went over the Northside near where I live and stopped in at the North Sydney Hotel for a few drinks before going home. Bob didn't seem to have much money on him. He seemed to have only small notes and change on him. Bob made no mention of what his intention was for the rest of the night. Bob was still at the bar when I left to go home.

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6. I have known Bob for about two and half years as he is a regular at the MENZIES bars I drink at. I got to know Bob as he and his friends from the G.P.O follow the football and we usually have a beer every night with each other. Bob during the weekdays would only come in and have two or three beers with us then leave but on Friday nights Bob would have a big night. When I leave about eight o'clock of Fridays Bob would still be there. Bob is a very placid and gentle sort of guy and I never seen him get angry or upset about anything. When Bob gets drunk he is usually happy and quiet sort of guy.
7. Bob was wearing white or light coloured long sleeved collared shirt with sports trousers when I left him at the Punters bar. Bob was not wearing any jacket or tie that I can recall.
8. I only know Bobs friends from the G.P.O. as I sometimes drink with them. I don't know any friends he has outside them. He was a quiet fellow and I don't know any of his outside interests. I don't know where he goes to in regard to Hotels or nightclubs other than the Menzies Bars.

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