

NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE

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STATEMENT in matter of: Death of Robert MALCOLM

Place: Redfern Police Station

Date: 31st January, 1992

Name: TEAKEN, Richard William

Tel. No: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Manager

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. 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.

2. I am 47 years of age.

3. I am employed as a Branch Manager at the Expenditure Branch of Finance and Accounting Department at the Australian Postal Corporation located the 6th floor, at the General Post Office (G.P.O) Building in Martin Place. I have been employed in this position for about 10 years and have worked for Australia Post for 29 years. During this time I got to know Robert MALCOM. I have known him as friend and workmate for about 20 years. We both worked together and attended social activities together also. I would class him as a good friend.

4. Bob was first employed as a mail officer at the G.P.O at the City sorting section located at Martin Place. I knew him through work at this stage. A few years later he transferred to a clerical position in the staff pay section. He remained in this position ever since.

5. During the time that I knew Bob I found him to be a very nice and polite person when he was sober. He was well liked at work and didn't appear to have any problems with the people he worked with and he fitted in well.

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I would say that he is a very intelligent man and I knew that he was attending a Course at a Sydney University which he eventually gave up for reasons unknown to myself. Personally Bob and I never really had any falling out, although professionally I had cause to counsel Bob on a few occasions.

6. During the time that I knew Bob, I saw that he drank a lot more than usual. Socially he would drink to excess on a regular basis and would continually stay behind and drink when everyone else had left the bar. I think Bob had a definite problem with his drinking and as his work superior I had cause to counsel him and discipline on a few occasions as to his fitness for duty. This came about due to his drinking, particularly before and whilst on duty. Bob's attitude to this counselling was accepted without discourse and he would attempt to clean up his act after these sessions for a period. Eventually though he would lapse back into his old ways.

7. Whilst employed at the G.P.O, it was usual for the employees, myself and Bob to attend different bars during lunch breaks and after work. I used to head to the 'King Georges Tavern' located in the American Express Building in George Street in the city on a regular basis at lunch times. Bob used to also attend this bar with me all of the time. After work we used to attend the 'Terrace Bar' or the 'Punt and Pint' bar at the Menzies Hotel at Wynyard.

8. Bob would nearly always drink to excess and his attitude changed for the worse when he did drink. He would start drinking schooners of regular strength beer and then would change to spirits, in particular Bourbon Whisky and Coke. I saw Bob very intoxicated numerous times. He would become argumentative at times and arrogant when speaking to people.

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I also knew him to become very layed back. Although he did verbally argue with people I would not say that he was a violent person at all and I believe that he would not start any physical confrontations.

9. On Friday the 10th of January, 1992, Bob arrived at work in a slightly intoxicated state. At lunch time, (12.30pm), Bob, myself and others attended a send off at the King Georges Tavern. About 2.15pm Bob left and returned to work at the G.P.O. At this stage he was moderately affected by liquor.

10. The next time I saw Bob it was about 4.30pm at the Terrace Bar of the Menzies Hotel. I stayed until 5.15pm and then left the bar and went home. At that stage Bob was well affected by alcohol and was continuing to drink at the bar with other workmates. He seemed to be in a pretty good mood and was participating in the general conversation.

11. During the whole time that I knew Bob I never suspected him of being a homosexual. I never knew of any regular girlfriends although he had female acquaintances. Bob boasted of having smoked an occasional 'BONG', but I don't think that he was a regular user of marijuana.

12. I would gauge Bob as being a very likeable character and he got on well with all people he worked with. He had a drinking problem and this occasionally affected his work performance. He was not the type of person to be violent towards anyone or become physically aggressive, even when intoxicated.

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*Richard William Teaken*