

NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE

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STATEMENT in matter of: Death of Robert MALCOLM

Place: Redfern Police Station

Date: 31st of January, 1992

Name: PICKETT, Peter John

Tel. No: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Senior Cleaner

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 50 years of age.

3. I am Senior Cleaner employed by Australia Post at the G.P.O, Martin Place, Sydney, and I have been employed by Australia Post for the past twenty years.

4. I have known Robert MALCOLM, who was employed as a payroll clerk at the G.P.O, Martin Place, up until January, 1992. I knew Mr. MALCOLM on a friendly basis for about fifteen years. Over that period of time I have socialised with Mr. MALCOLM on an average of about two evenings per week when we and other work colleagues drank in the Terrace Bar of the Menzies Hotel, Sydney.

5. On Friday, 10th of January, 1992, at lunchtime which is between one and two o'clock in the afternoon Mr. MALCOLM, myself and a number of other work colleagues went to the King Georges Tavern, corner of George and King Streets, Sydney. Mr. Bob WRIGHT, who was employed as an Accounts Clerk at the G.P.O had accepted a redundancy package from Australia Post and he purchased a number of beers for myself, Mr. MALCOLM and our colleagues who included Frank LOUGHLAND, Dick TEAKAN and David NISBETT.

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We only consumed about five schooners of beer each during the lunch hour but noticed that Mr. MALCOLM did not eat any food during that time. We returned to work about 2pm and remained there until about 4pm. At that time my work colleagues, that is the persons who accompanied myself and Mr. MALCOLM to the Terrace Bar at the Menzies Hotel, Wynyard Ramp, Sydney, commenced to drink schooners of beer. The persons with whom we were drinking were the same friends who accompanied us to the King Georges Tavern at lunchtime that day.

6. During the time that we were drinking at the Terrace Bar, we engaged in general conversation and I do not recall Mr. MALCOLM indicating to us that he was going to leave the Terrace Bar and go to any other Hotel or establishment that evening. Mr. MALCOLM did not indicate that he was going to see any other person later that evening or leave the company of the person with whom he was drinking at the time. Whilst I was in the company of Mr. MALCOLM I did notice that he purchased a round of drinks from the bar. I only recall him purchasing one round of schooners of beer and I believe that he pulled money from the pocket of his trousers to pay for those drinks. I do not recall seeing Mr. MALCOLM use a wallet. His normal practice was to carry money in the top pocket of his shirt or in the pockets of his trousers. I have noticed whilst in the company of Mr. MALCOLM that he did carry a credit card, and use that on occasions. I left the Hotel about 6 pm and at that time Mr. MALCOLM was in the company of Mr. Bob WRIGHT and Frank LOUGHLAND. I have not seen Mr. Robert MALCOLM since that time.

7. During the time that I was in the company of Mr. MALCOLM on the night of the 10th of January, 1992, he did not attempt to borrow any money from me or any other person to my knowledge. It was only on a limited number of occasions

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hat I knew of that Mr. MALCOLM I did not know him as a person who was inclined to pursue women. He was a friendly sort of person who appeared to gain pleasure from having a drink of beer with friends.

8. Over the period of time that I knew Mr. MALCOLM I did not know him to be patron of the Mansions Hotel, Kings Cross, the Subway Hotel, Sydney or any Hotels in the Redfern area. I did not know of any friends that Mr. MALCOLM may have had in the Redfern area.

Witness *[Signature]* Signature *Peter J. Pickett*