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STATEMENT in the matter of:

Place: Major Crime Squad

CORONIAL INQUEST - DEATH OF

South Region.

CRISPIN WILSON DYE.

Date: 26 July 1995

Name:

Geoffrey Roy KNIGHT

Address:

Child Protection & Investigation Unit Tel. No.:

Occupation: Detective Sergeant of Police

STATES: -

- This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence 1. 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 anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
- 2. I am 47 years of age.
- During the course of the investigation into the murder of 3. Crispin Wilson DYE, I received information from Detective McDOUGALL of the South Region drug Unit in respect of two male NP127 and **NP227**
- Both those persons had been spoken to by Detective McDOUGALL during the evening of Saturday the 14th May, 1994, during which time photographs were taken of both persons. During that time it was established that **NP127** was living at , Marrickville, whilst NP227 was residing at , Telopea. Both were unemployed.
- 5. Detective McDOUGALL had indicated that an informant known to him alleged that both these persons may have some knowledge in respect of the murder of Mr. DYE. The relevant particulars in respect of each were obtained, neither being detained.

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19. About 2.15pm the same date, with the other Police, I went to Beachboro, and spoke to born

78 in the presence of her mother The girl indicated that she first met NP127 around May or June, 1994 after he had (according to her) been in Perth for about 4 months. He had travelled to that state by bus and had been seated adjacent to a male by the name of who who resided in Reachboro.

- 20. She stated that **NP127** had also resided with her family for about a month, but had since moved out. She described his mode of dress as being generally red jeans, and tops, sometimes a baseball cap, and Nike runner. His head was shaved at the side with 5 long plaits, and according to her he owned a black wallet but not a watch.
- 21. She alleged told her that when he arrived from N.S.W., his head was shaved and was wearing a long trench coat, however he changed his mode of dress and appearance adopting the local trends. (When photographed by Police in May, 1994, his head was basically shaved)
- 22. He had told the girl and her parents that he had been doing armed robberies in Sydney and bashing homosexuals whilst stealing their property. He had also told her that he had worked in a Pizza place and during the night at some stage had broken in and stolen some money, however could not further elaborate regarding that allegation. He apparently told her he was wanted in Sydney in respect of armed robberies and was in a gang called the 'United Tongan Brothers'.

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- also stated that he had told her that he had stabbed someone and bragged about bashing people in Sydney. She also alleged she has witnessed him assault people on two separate occasions and always behaved in an aggressive manner.
- stated that NP127 had told her and that he had been living on the street since he was 12 years of age. She confirmed that he had resided with her family for about a month, then moved into the flat in Kirwin Way. He was unemployed and always spoke about bashing people in Sydney. Whilst NP127 was resident there, and during the course of the inquiries by Police in that state, had overheard him on the telephone saying "Don't tell them where I am, I haven't done anything"
- 25. Both and her daughter also declined to make a statement, due to concerns for their safety, in particular in regard to ...
- 26. Later the same date, with the other Police, I made an inspection of the vacant premises Lockridge, with a formula of Torrens Real Estate, however nothing of any evidentiary value was located.

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- 28. He indicated that he had been travelling home from Pacific Palms and stayed overnight in Adelaide. When he boarded the bus the following morning (around June 20) NP127 was already there. He was wearing jeans, a big green jacket and a pair of lace up boots, and had told that the was living in the Kings Cross area, and was always involved in bashings. He had also heard that whilst in Perth since that time, NP127 had been involved in a few fights, but could not elaborate further.
- indicated that he thought **NP127** had a brown leather wallet, and could not recall whether or not he had a wrist watch. He described **NP127** as a 'big noter' and stated he had nothing more to do with him since his arrival in Perth.
- 31. About 10.45am the same date, with Detective POLITO, I went to an interview room at the Correctional Centre at the direction of staff there, and a short time later NP127 was brought into the room.
- 32. Detective POLITO said, "How are you NP127, do you remember me, I'm Detective POLITO, and this is Detective Sergeant KNIGHT." He said, "I remember, you were at the Oasis."

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33. POLITO said, "As you know, I'm making some inquiries about the murder of and Detective Sergeant KNIGHT wants to ask you some questions about the murder of Crispin DYE." He shook his head, sighed and said, "What about" POLITO said, "Would you participate in a record of interview" He said, "No, I'm not doing any statements or signing anything." POLITO said, "Is there any reason?" He said, "My Solicitor told me not to." POLITO said, "I can get you a Solicitor if you want one." He said, "No, don't worry about it." POLITO said, "Do you mind if we ask you some questions then." He said, "No, but I'm not signing anything."

34. POLITO said, "Well I'll tell you, you don't have to say anything if you don't want to, as anything you say may later be used in evidence. Do you understand that?" He said, "Yeah, you're wasting your time here, I didn't do anything." POLITO said, "Why didn't you keep your appointment, after we spoke to you on the 1st June,1 1994, at Surry Hills?" He said, "I was worried you would arrest me for my train fines." POLITO said, "If I was going to arrest you, I would have arrested you at Surry Hills when I first spoke to you." He said, "I didn't know what you were going to do, that's why I came here." POLITO said, "It was a fairly rash move, just for a train fine."

NP127 made no reply.

35. POLITO said, "When did you travel over?" He said, "Around the middle of June, I'm not sure." POLITO said, "When did you arrive?" He said, "A couple of days later, I'm not sure, it was a while ago." POLITO said, "How did you travel to Perth?" He said, "By bus" POLITO said, "Which coach line was it?" He said, "Greyhound."

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36. POLITO said, "Where did you stay in Perth?" He said, "On the street and at friends places." POLITO said, "Who are these friends." He said, "Don't want to say." POLITO said, "Have you any more clothes apart from what you have here?" He said, I had some clothes and boots, I gave to \_\_\_\_\_." POLITO said, "Who is \_\_\_\_\_." He said, "\_\_\_\_\_\_, he went back to Sydney, I don't know where."

- 37. POLITO said, "How were you going to find him?" He said, "It wouldn't be hard, he'll be around town." POLITO said, "What size shoe do you take?" He said, "About size 10." POLITO said, "What size were the boots?" He said, "9 or 10". POLITO said, "What brand are they?" He said, "Don't know, what's with the shoes?" POLITO said, "What other clothes did you give him?" He said, "Usual things, I can't remember, it was a while ago."
- 38. POLITO said, "Why did you give him these things to take back to Sydney?" He said, "No reason, he was going back and he needed some clothes." POLITO said, "Why did you cut your hair when you were in Sydney?" He said, "I didn't like it, so I cut it." POLITO said, "Can you tell me your movements on the 16th April, 1994?" He said, "How would I know, I can't remember that far back."
- 39. POLITO said, "Were you around the city area?" He said, "I told you I can't remember, how much longer are we going to be?" POLITO said, "Not much longer. Have you been involved in any fights in Sydney?" He said, "No, not really." POLITO said, "We have been told different" He said, "Who by?" POLITO said, "A few people have told us that you have been bragging about bashing people, what can you tell me about that?"

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- 44. I said, "Are you prepared to tell me your recollection of your movements between 22nd December, and 25th December, 1993?" He said, "I wouldn't know what I was doing then, like I said, I can't remember that far back. Why don't you go and find the real people that done it. I don't have to say anything, if you want to take me to Court, take me to Court."
- 45. I said, "Do you wish to continue the interview?" He said, "If I'm going to answer any more questions, I want my Solicitor here, if you want to charge me, charge me." NP127 had during this period become quite agitated and Detective POLITO said, "Settle down, I'll see if I can get him." He then left the room.
- 46. After a short time, NP127 said, "Do I have to stay here?" I said, "No. Detective POLITO is making inquiries regarding your Solicitor." He stood up and said, "I'm not saying any more, I want to go back now."
- 47. I then went to the door of the interview room and said to Detective POLITO, who was in the hallway nearby, "Don't worry about it he wants to go."

  NP127 then said, "I'm going, I've had enough."
- 48. NP127 then left the interview room and was taken back to the gaol. Detective POLITO and I then conferred with the prison authorities and left the complex.

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50. It is also my opinion that had this been the case, his proclivity to quite freely boast about his involvement in offences of violence in Sydney would have prompted him to refer specifically to this incident, to those persons to whom he had been involved in Perth, whilst there.

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