

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Surry Hills Police  
Station.

Death of Crispin DYE.

Date: 12th September 1994.

Name: Keith Robert RIDLEY

Address: C/- Sydney Special Operations Group.

Occupation: Constable of Police.

**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. My age is 23 years.
3. On the 23rd of December 1993 I was working with Constable Sparkes of Surry Hills Police Station. About 4.55am whilst at Surry Hills I had a conversation with Constable LING who introduced me to a male by the name of Scott John NEILSON. NEILSON said, "I have seen three islanders rob a guy near Bourke and Campbell Streets. I followed them down to the intersection of Pelican Street and I came in here to report it. The man is lying on the footpath."
4. With Constable SPARKES I left the station with Scott NEILSON to begin a patrol in an endeavour to locate offenders. Constables JOHNSTONE and LUCK attended the intersection of Bourke and Campbell Streets to locate the victim. After leaving Surry Hills Police Station we travelled west on Oxford Street. At the bus shelter at the intersection

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of Brisbane Street I saw two males about 17 to 18 years of age. One was wearing a baseball cap and both had t-shirts and baggy shorts. One of the males was wearing a black back pack. I said to NEILSON, "Are these two the males you saw assaulting the person at Bourke and Campbell Streets?"

He said, "No thats not them."

I said, "Are you sure?"

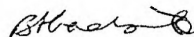
He said, "Thats not them they were islanders."

When this conversation took place we were only two meters from the males sitting in the bus shelter.

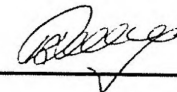
5. We continued our patrol in an endeavour to locate the offenders. We patrolled South Hyde Park in its entire, George Street between Park and Campbell Streets in paying particular attention to the cinema complexes. We also made a patrol of Belmore Park and The streets surrounding Central Railway. At this point it was apparent that the assault on the male victim had become quite serious. We returned to Surry Hills Police Station and left NEILSON with Constable LING. We attended the intersection of Bourke Street and Campbell Street.

6. At that location I observed four ambulance officers performing C.P.R. on a caucasian male. After a minute the male was placed in the rear of an ambulance taken to hospital. I spoke with Sergeant WALLIS who told me that the male was in a serious condition and that I was to attend St Vincents Hospital, Casualty Section, to monitor the condition of the male and to if possibly obtain any information from him if he regained consciousness.

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7. About 6.00pm Sergeant WALLIS attended the Casualty Section at the hospital and I told him that the male was in a serious condition and was possible being transferred to another hospital. The sergeant spoke with hospital staff and came back and told me to return to the scene to assist if possible.

8. I returned to the crime scene and performed traffic duties to enable scientific police to examine the scene. Shortly before 7.00am I returned to Surry Hills Police Station to complete my rostered shift.

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