

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
Death of Crispin DYE 25.12.93

Place: Surry Hills Police Station
Date: 30 December, 1993

Name: TRAVINSKI, Michael Richard

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Paddington 2021

Occupation: Waiter

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 22.

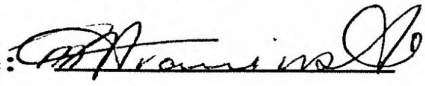
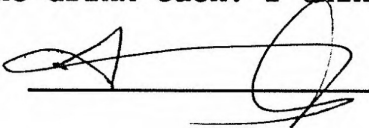
3. I am a waiter at The Bellevue Hotel, Hargraves Street, Paddington. I have worked there for the past 5 months. Whilst I have been working at the Hotel I have come to know various customers. One of the customers at the Hotel was a man called Chris DYE. Chris would come into the Hotel whenever he was down from Cairns. I believe he was living at Cairns and came to Sydney for holidays once every three months or so to stay for a few weeks. The Bellevue Hotel was usually the first place he called into.

4. On Tuesday the 22 December, 1993 I was working at The Bellevue Hotel on night shift. The shift goes from 6.30pm to around 1.00am.

5. Dead on 7.00pm that night Chris came into the Hotel and met a friend and they had dinner together at the Restaurant in the Hotel. They stayed at the Restaurant for a one course meal and one drink each. I think it was about 8.30pm that they left the

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Hotel. They were both quite sober when they left and just before leaving I spoke with Chris about possibly meeting up with him later on up at Oxford Street because Peter SNELLING and I were going out after work. Peter SNELLING is the assistant manager of the Hotel and is a friend of Chris's.

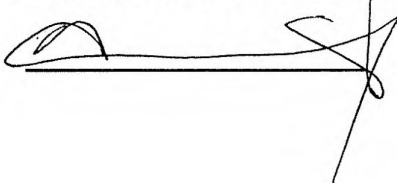
6. I continued my shift and about 1.00am on Wednesday the 23 December, 1993, I finished at the Hotel. Both Peter SNELLING and I then went up to The Oxford Hotel at the corner of Oxford and Bourke Streets, Darlinghurst. We both stayed there till it closed at 2.00am. I didn't see Chris or his friend at all whilst we were at The Oxford.

7. Outside The Oxford at the traffic lights on the corner I saw Chris on his own. I saw that he was extremely drunk, he was staggering, he was also in a very happy, swaggery mood. Chris is like this when he's had a lot to drink. We spoke with Chris and because of his state of sobriety we invited him to come with us to The Flinders Hotel in Flinders Street, Darlinghurst. Peter and I had decided to go to the Hotel to play some Pool. Chris agreed and walked with us across Oxford Street down Bourke Street to a back entrance into The Flinders Hotel. The back entrance was shut so we walked around the front.

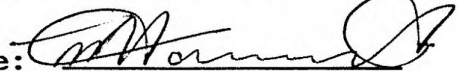
8. There was about 4 people at the Hotel when we got there. I bought three cans of Victorian Beer for us and then Peter and I had a game of pool. Chris was standing there talking to us whilst we played pool and he also sometimes moved out into the front bar. He basically hung around with us just mucking around trying to tell us how to play pool.

9. After the first game, which I lost, we decided to get another beer for Peter and I, and just get a water for Chris. We couldn't see Chris around the Hotel and thought he was in the

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toilet. Chris had mentioned earlier that he wanted to go to the toilet. So Peter bought 2 more beers. Pete was a bit tipsy by this stage as well. Just before we bought these beers I remember the barman calling out last drinks. So this was about 3.00am.

10. They let us have the second beer and finish our second game of pool before we left the Hotel. Prior to leaving the hotel we both had a look for Chris. We went to the toilet ourselves and Chris wasn't in the toilet, I remember both cubicle doors being opened. Peter and I talked about Chris probably going down to The Exchange Hotel and we decided to go and find him down here.

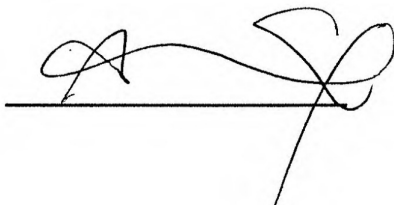
11. We walked down to The Exchange Hotel, in Oxford Street. We walked out of The Flinders along Flinders Street to Taylor Square and then down Oxford Street to The Exchange. I didn't see Chris at all whilst we were walking nor did I notice anything unusual.

12. It was about 3.30am when we got to The Exchange and I didn't see Chris in the hotel. I stayed until the Hotel shut around 5.30am and Peter left after having one beer about 4.00am.

13. Up until 4.00am Peter was with me all evening. When Peter left he was fairly intoxicated. I don't know how he got home he usually catches a cab.

14. The last time I saw Chris DYE was in The Flinders Hotel around 3.00am on 23.12.1993. When I saw Chris at this stage he was wearing plain blue jeans and I think it was a light blue t-shirt. He also had his hair tied back in a ponytail. He was still extremely drunk, not at a collapsing stage just really wobbly.

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