

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: [REDACTED], Surry Hills

Murder of DYE

Date: 26 December, 1993

Name: READ, Owen

Tel No.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Surry Hills

Occupation: Pensioner

**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 45 years.

3. About 6.00pm on Wednesday, 22 December, 1993 I went to the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Surry Hills where I stayed overnight.

4. About 4.30am on Thursday, 23 December, 1993 I left [REDACTED] as I was going to walk to the Courthouse Pub to get some bottles. After leaving [REDACTED] I walked down Riley Street, past the cop shop and then up the laneway behind the Brighton Pub. This is the way I always walk. When I got to the laneway at the back of Kinsellas there I saw a bloke lying on his stomach on the roadway. I bent down and touched him to see if he was alright and that's when I heard him grunt. I couldn't see his face and I didn't see any blood or anything. His hair was in a ponytail with a red band around it. As he was lying face down and I couldn't see his face, I thought it might be a mate of mine that sleeps in the doorway at the back of the Bourke Street Cellars just up the laneway further.

Witness:

D. Staley

Signature:

Owen Read

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5. I then walked up the laneway to check on my mate 'Arron', but he wasn't there. I then walked back to where the bloke was lying on the roadway and that's when I saw the Police with him. I spoke to some Police there and then went on my way.

6. At the time I did not see anyone with this bloke and I don't remember seeing anyone else hanging around the area.

Witness: Stanley

Signature: Owen Read

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_