

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
Death of Crispin DYE

Place: Surry Hills Police Station
Date: 29 December, 1993

Name: SNELLING, Peter Edward Tel No.: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Paddington 2021
Occupation: Hotel Manager

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 35.

3. I am the Hotel Manager for the Bellevue Hotel at 159 Hargraves Street, Paddington. I have held this position for the past 3 and a half years.

4. I am a friend of Crispin DYE's. I have known Crispin for as long as I've been at the Bellevue, so for about 3 and a half years. He was a customer at the Hotel and I used to see him out a fair bit and we'd always meet up and talk if we were ever out. I hadn't seen Crispin for the past few months as he's been up in Cairns.

5. Around 6.00pm on Wednesday the 22 December, 1993 at the Bellevue Crispin came in. Not long after that a friend of Crispin's named Will came in and met him and they had some drinks. I didn't see Crispin or Will leave The Bellevue. I was working a night shift at the Bellevue which usually goes from 6.00pm to about 1.00am. After I finished work I went with Michael who is a waiter at The Bellevue to The Oxford Hotel in

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Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.

6. I was at The Oxford Hotel with Michael until it closed at 2.00am on Thursday the 23 December, 1993. Whilst we were in the Hotel I didn't see Crispin or Will in the downstairs bar.

7. When Michael and I left Hotel we met up with Crispin outside The Oxford Hotel near the newstand at the corner of Oxford and Bourke Streets. Michael and I had allready decided to play pool across at The Flinders Hotel, in Flinders Street. I invited Crispin across with us to play pool and he accepted. This was about 2.15am. I noticed that Crispin was pretty pissed when we met up with him.

8. The three of us all walked south along Bourke Street and we turned left down a laneway towards Flinder Street. The laneway runs between Flinders and Bourke Street. We then turned right down another laneway which runs behind the Flinders Hotel. There's a back entrance to the Hotel off this laneway but this door was locked. So we walked round into Flinders Street and used the front entrance. Both Crispin and I had walked this path before. I regard Crispin as being pretty street wise about the area we were in.

9. At this time it would be around 2.30 in the morning. There Michael and myself played pool and the three of us had a drink I think it was a schooner of Fosters beer each. Crispin wasn't actually playing with us but he was standing nearby. The hotel was pretty quiet and the three of us were talking together. Then Crispin was moving from the Poolroom to the bar, just sought of moving around. The Poolroom in near the back of the hotel and the public bar is near the front.

10. The Flinders usually shuts at three and we had about three

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games of pool which would cover the time we were at the Hotel. I believe Crispin was there for most of the time we were there but around 3.00am when Michael and I went to leave we couldn't find Crispin in the Hotel. I remember noticing he wasn't in the toilets or in the bar just before I left the Hotel.

11. The last time I saw Crispin in the Flinders Hotel I again noticed he was fairly drunk, he was also really happy and he was a bit stumbly.

12. From the Flinders I can't remember going anywhere else and I believe I went straight home by walking back up to Taylor Square. I walked back along the way I had travelled to The Flinders and I believe I caught a cab home. Whilst I was walking I don't remember seeing Crispin or anything unusual when I was walking along the streets.

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