

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
Murder of Crispin Wilson DYE
Surry Hills, 23.12.93

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

Name: James Norman HILLMAN
Address: [REDACTED] Bronte.
Occupation: Barman.

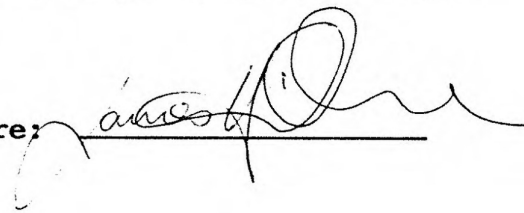
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States:-

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 24.
3. Up until 24th December, 1993, I was employed as a Barman at the Flinders Hotel, 63-65 Finders Street, Darlinghurst.
4. On the 22nd December, 1993, I commenced work at the Hotel at 9pm, and was working with another guy named Tim CURLEW in the Public Bar, situated at the front of the premises. He left at 1am, and I continued working and eventually completed my shift at 3.15am the following day.
5. About 2.30am I recall two men and a girl coming into the bar. One of the men and the girl bought drinks and went into the back room to play pool.

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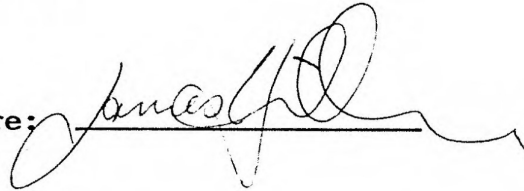
6. They bought the other guy a schooner of beer and he stayed in the Bar whilst they were outside. At that stage there were very few other customers in the bar and I remember the incident quite clearly.

7. The man who remained in the bar I would describe as being Australian, about 30 years of age, receding blonde hair, sunbleached tied back in a pony tail. He was a 'skeggy' (surfie) type, with tanned skin. I think he had on a white or blue long sleeved shirt with the sleeves rolled up, and R.M. Williams type moleskin trousers. He was very well affected by intoxicating liquor, and talking loud, shouting nonsense, to such an extent, I thought he might have been affected by drugs of some sort. Most of the time, someone that drunk tends to be slurred in his speech and drowsy, but he was not like that, he was alert and bright eyed.

8. This man was only in the Bar for about 10 or 15 minutes, he only consumed about a third of his beer and just left by the front door, turning left into Flinders Street, towards Taylor Square. He did not say anything to me about what he was doing, or where he was going. Before he left, I think he went and spoke to his friends in the back room.

9. I had the impression whilst he was in the bar that he was looking for male company, but I don't think he spoke to anyone in the room.

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10. Although he tried to speak to me, there was a lot of noise in the room, and he was just talking complete nonsense and I could not understand what he was on about.

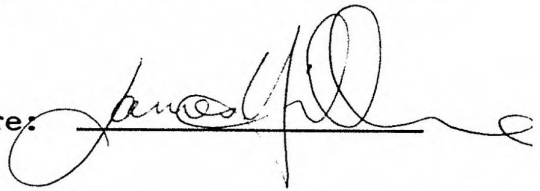
11. He would have left the Hotel about 2.45am, certainly no later than that. His other friends left about 10 minutes later, and I closed at 3am, leaving myself about 3.15am.

12. After I left, I went to a cafe called Oskis, about 5 doors down from the Oxford Hotel, to get something to eat. I was there for about 30 minutes, then walked to the bus stop, outside the Darlinghurst District Court. I subsequently caught a Taxi to my home from there.

13. I do not recall whether it was on the way to the cafe, or after having left there, but around 4am, I saw the man I described earlier as being in the Hotel again. He was walking from the vicinity of the bus stop outside the Court, across Oxford Street, towards the opposite corner, to 'Gilligans Island' or Cafe 191. He seemed to be walking normally, although he was obviously intoxicated, and I could hear him babbling in the same manner as he had been in the Bar.

14. Prior to speaking to the Police about this matter I saw the photograph of a man who had apparently been murdered at Surry Hills in the newspapers, and recognised him as the man I have been referring to.

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15. As a result I contacted Detective Sergeant KNIGHT, at Surry Hills Police, and that officer has this date shown me a colour photograph of a man playing the guitar. This is the same photograph that was reproduced in the paper and I identified the person as being the man in the Hotel, and the person that I saw in Oxford Street later the same morning.

16. I had not seen this person previously and did not know his name.

17. About 4am on the 23rd December, when I last saw this man, there were not many people on the street, and I do not recall seeing anyone that was in his vicinity, or that drew my attention to them specifically.

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