

NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE

STATEMENT in matter of: Assault upon 1116

Place: Kings Cross Detectives

Date: 28 December 1993

Name: COOPER, Leah-Jane

Tel. No: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Carlingford, 2118.

Occupation: 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. I am 17 years of age.

3. About 2.30am on Thursday 23 December 1993, I was with George, my fiancée at the McElhone Stairs at Woolloomooloo. We were sitting there and talking after being walking around Kings Cross.

4. While we were sitting there a group of male people walked down the stairs from behind us. There was approximately 6 people in this group. I saw that there was one person who was walking in front of the others. I would describe him as male, 18-20 old, fair complexion, about 5'10" tall, medium build. He had shaved hair at the sides and back. I could not see the colour because he had a baseball cap on. It was navy blue with the emblem 'NY' interlocked. I think it is the symbol of the New York Baseball. He was wearing a red shirt with a band around the neck.

5. One of the other males was male, 20-25 old, dark complexion, Islander looking, dreadlock hair to the shoulders.

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about 5'8" tall, stocky build. He was wearing a South African shirt. That is red, yellow and green stripes down the shirt. One of each. It had a black map of South Africa on the shirt. He was wearing trousers, maroon colour. They were the type that is gathered in at the waist with a belt and baggy down the legs.

6. The others I could not describe very well except that three of them were dark complexion. I think Islander. One of the males was fair. He was very skinny. They were all males around 18-25 old. They were all wearing baseball caps. The fair bloke had a red cap on and the others I'm not sure.

7. About 10 minutes after these people had walked past, George and I walked to Brougham Street and started to walk towards William Street. When we were at the corner of Brougham and Harnett Street I saw the group waling back towards us. I could se another person in front of them also walking towards us. The person walking towards us in the front was on his own and not one of the group that I saw before. I could see that the person I saw wearing the red shirt was just behind this bloke and the rest of the group further behind.

8. George and I lit a cigarette. We watched the group for a bit then walked down Harnett Street to get out of the groups way. In Harnett Street we started talking to a person for a while. A short time later we walked to the Service Station and got something to eat.

9. A short time after that we spoke to the Navy Police. We then went to Brougham Street and saw Police and the Ambulance. I could see that the person being treated by the Ambulance was the same person who was walking quickly in front of the group a little while earlier. I could se blood over his nose and face. There was also some other people around. I spoke to the

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Police and gave them my details.

10. I did not get a good look at the faces of any of the people I have described. When they walked past us I could only see them from the side and back. They also had caps on which made it difficult to see their faces. The person had dreadlocks which covered his face from where I was sitting. I could recognise the type of clothing again if I saw it.

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