

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
Murder of Crispin DYE

Place: Surry Hills Police Station
Date: 14th January, 1994

Name: SMITH, Bradley William

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Address: [REDACTED] Umina Beach

Occupation: Payroll officer

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 twenty five years.

3. About 11pm on Saturday the 18th December, 1993 I met a friend Keith LAURIE at 'Jacksons on George' bar in George Street, Sydney. Keith and I had a drink each and stayed at this bar for an hour at the most. We then caught a taxi from the city to 'Jet Black' nightclub in Victoria Street, Kings Cross. We were unable to get into that nightclub because there was a private function on that night and so we then walked to another nightclub called 'Sugar Reef' in Bayswater Road, Kings Cross. There was a long line of people waiting to get in and we were also told that we needed to be a member to gain admittance.

4. Keith and I then left that area and walked south along the western side of Darlinghurst Road up to Oxford Street. When we were about forty meters away from Oxford Street I noticed a group of males standing on the eastern footpath under a street light at the intersection. There was about five males in that group and they all appeared to be about seventeen to twenty years old. They were all wearing similar style clothing, that

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is baggy pants, baggy shorts, loose tops and some of them had baseball caps on. I became a bit concerned about this group of males standing together and I had a short conversation with Keith about this. About that time I saw two other males walking around the group and it appeared that the guys in the group were hassling them. The two males then moved on past the group.

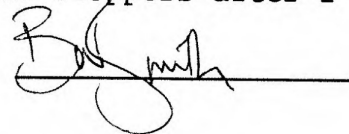
5. I continued to watch these males as we were approaching. At that time Keith was on my left and closest to the roadway. As we got adjacent to this group, three of the males broke away from the group and crossed Darlington Road towards us. When one of the males, who was wearing a blue baseball cap, reached the middle of Darlington Road he left the other two and ran towards the back of Keith and I. He said to us, "Got a cigarette mate?" By this stage Keith and I had turned around to face the males. I said, "No, I haven't got any, Keith might have some." Keith said, "No mate, no." Keith and I then turned around and started walking away from these males. The guy in the blue hat then said, "Well how about money or wallets?" At this stage he was five yards behind us and his two mates were about twelve to fifteen yards behind him. Keith and I then started to walk more briskly. The male in the blue hat then started yelling out obscenities to us, he said something like, "You Poofs, arseholes." The male in the blue hat then stopped behind us and walked back to his two other mates. By this stage Keith and I were about fifty to seventy meters away from them, up near the Court House hotel on Oxford Street and they were further east, outside the Court complex. I then saw the three males sit down on a low brick wall or fence near a line of trees outside the Court complex. Keith and I then went to the Exchange Hotel in Oxford Street where we stayed for the next few hours. We did not see these males again.

6. On 28th December, 1993 I contacted Crime Stoppers after I

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saw articles on both television and the newspapers regarding the murder of Crispin DYE. On 31st December, 1993 I attended Surry Hills Police Station where I spoke to Detectives. I then went with them to the Crime Scene Unit where I instructed an officer on the descriptions of the three males. As a result F.A.C.E. images F.A00012, F.A00013 and F.A00014 were formed. I believe that those images are a very good likeness to the males that confronted us on 19th December, 1993.

7. I would describe the male in the blue hat as being between eighteen and twenty years old, between 5'10" and 6' tall, about the same height as Keith, Polynesian appearance, slight to medium build, dark short hair which was closely cropped, and he was wearing a baggy light coloured top with baggy sleeves, dark baggy denim jeans, sports shoes. I would describe his hat as being royal blue in colour, an American style baseball cap with a white letter emblem on it. I have portrayed this male in F.A. 00012.

7. I would describe the second male as being about six inches shorter to the first, same style of clothes, about a year or two younger. Again he was Polynesian, of a stockier build, his hair was dark and cropped short. He was wearing a light coloured red or orange oversized shorts which went past his knee, a light coloured baggy long sleeved t-shirt and a grey or boney coloured American style baseball cap. There was a dark embroidered emblem in the centre front of the cap. I have portrayed this male in F.A.00013.

8. The third male was caucasian, about seventeen or eighteen years old, about the same height as the second, thin build, short blond cropped hair, pale complexion. He was also wearing an American style baseball cap, red in colour with an embroidered emblem in the centre with some embroidered writing

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or lines beneath the emblem. He was wearing dark long baggy jeans that came right down around his heels, sports shoes and a long sleeved light coloured t-shirt with some sort of pattern on the back. I have portrayed this male in F.A.00014.

9. On 14th January, 1994 I attended the Surry Hills Police Station where I saw Detective MARTIN. She then showed me a video of forty males. I believe that the male depicted in photograph number eleven on the video is very similar to the male that I have described in F.A.00013. I also believe that the photograph number nineteen on the video is again very similar to the person that I have described in F.A.00012. Photograph numbered thirty one on the video is also very similar to the caucasian male that I have described in F.A.00014.

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F.G. MARTIN
 DETECTIVE SENIOR CONSTABLE
 HOMICIDE UNIT, M.C.S.S.
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