

New South Wales Police

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STATEMENT in the matter of:
MURDER OF CRISPIN DYE.

Place: Moree
Police Station
Date : 13 July, 1994

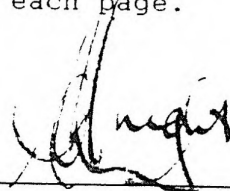
Name: 1325
Address: [REDACTED] Moree. Tel. No.: [REDACTED]
Occupation: Rural Contractor STATES:-

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 anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. I am 39 years of age.

3. I am the owner of a business known as 1325 and [REDACTED] Rural Contractors, operating from my home address. In the course of that business I employ numerous men, women and students as labourers during the cotton season, which runs from about the beginning of October to the end of March. Most of those are employed as 'Cotton Chippers' their task being to chip weeds from between the furrows.

4. For the purpose of maintaining records of those employed by me, I keep TIME PAY & WAGES books, one page being used to record the details of each employee, and records the week ending of each period worked, the gross wages earnt, the tax paid and net wages paid. Although there is provision to record other details in respect of the employees, normally the name is all that is recorded on each page.

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5. Each person employed by me are required to complete an EMPLOYMENT DECLARATION FORM, which records the Tax File number of the employee, his personal particulars, and the Group Tax number and name of my company. I am required to retain the duplicate of that form, the original being sent to the Taxation Department.

6. On 12th July, 1994, I spoke to Detective Sergeant KNIGHT, and Detective MILLIGAN of Surry Hills Police, at my home and indicated to them four TIME PAY AND WAGES books containing the details of all those persons employed by me during the 1993 cotton season. I subsequently handed those books to Sergeant KNIGHT, and later gave him permission to also take possession of three books of cheque stubs from my accountant, Glen GOODWIN, of Wesley Court, Moree, in respect of my account No. XXXXXXXXXX with the A.N.Z Bank, Moree branch. Those cheque books contain, amongst other records, details of wages paid to all of those persons recorded in the four books previously referred to.

7. I have indicated to Sergeant KNIGHT, on page 2 of Book 4, the employment record of a male named NP128 Alias. My records indicate that this person worked on the 16th and 17th December, 1993, the 20th through to and including the 24th December, 1993, and the 6th and 7th January, 1994.

8. I can indicate from those records that he was being paid at the rate of \$70 per day. I have today been informed by Sergeant KNIGHT, that three cheques were drawn on my account in respect of the wages earnt by NP128 Alias during the period referred to, one being cheque/ No. 000650 in the amount of \$140 drawn on 17.12.93, one being No. 000722, in the amount of \$250 drawn on

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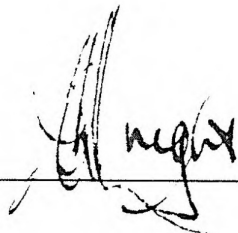
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24.12.93, and the other being No. 000818, in the amount of \$140 drawn on 7.1.94. Although I have not sighted those cheque stubs, I am prepared to accept that those cheques relate to the payment of **NP128's alias**'s wages.

9. When I spoke to the Police yesterday, I also handed them a handwritten list containing various names, and indicated that this was a record 66 Employment Declaration Forms that were stolen from my motor vehicle or lost by me, in about January this year. They were all forms that had been completed by employees, however had been stolen or mislaid prior to my having removed the duplicates. At the time I was still doing some work and had intended to send them all in together, but they went missing before I had the chance to do so. I did not report the matter to the Police, and nothing else was stolen. I noticed they were missing when I was looking for them to bring my books up to date. One of the forms that went missing is the one referring to the details of the boy **NP128's alias**, and there are no other records kept by me other than those forms containing personal details of the employees.

10. I recall employing the boy referred to as **NP128's alias**. Someone rang me at home, I can't remember who it was, and said they had some 'chippers' that wanted work. I told that person to tell them to go to a cotton farm at Beela, which is about 5 kilometres north of Moree, and tell the foreman there Peter VELEZ that I sent them out and for them to start there. I don't know how many of them there were, they were coming and going all the time.

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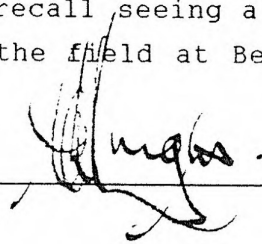
11. At each of the cotton farms where I have chippers working, I require the foreman to keep a written record of the times and dates worked by each employee. From that record I work out the wages and have one of girls working to write the cheques for me, as they write neatly, and I give the cheques to the foreman to pay the chippers. I then complete the Time Pay and Wages book from the cheque butts.

12. I calculate the wages at the relevant award rate for each worker, and take 15% tax. I then remit the tax to the Taxation Department every month. I take all the necessary bookwork to my Accountant, Mr. GOODWIN, who then prepares the Group Certificates for each of the employees at the end of the financial year. When I get the group certificates I keep a copy, send the original to the Taxation Department, and a copy goes to the employee. I currently have in my possession all of the group certificates at the office at home, in respect of all of the employees referred to for the last season, nothing has been sent out yet and that includes the certificates relevant to the 66 Declaration Forms that went missing.

13. It is my intention that each of those 66 persons referred to be contacted if possible, to complete a new Employment Declaration Form, so the Group Certificate can be issued. I have not yet been in contact with any of those persons.

14. I remember the 24th December, 1993, because I had two chipping teams working, one at Laurella and one at Beela, most being at Laurella. On that day, I went to both sites to pay the men, and I recall seeing a young man, who I know as NP128, working at the field at Beela. I have known NP128 for most of

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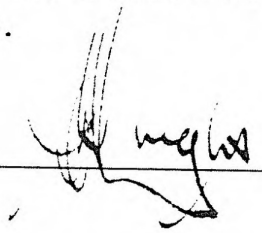
his life, although I had not seen him prior to that for some years. His mother **1323** is the sister of **1324**, who is married to my brother **1326**, and at that time they were living in [REDACTED] Moree.

15. On that day, the 24th December, 1993, I spoke to all the workers, I think there was about 20 working there, and I said to **NP128**, "I haven't seen you for ages." He said, "I've been doing a bit of work on and off with you." I hadn't seen him prior to that, and wasn't aware at that time that he was the person working under the name of **NP128's alias**, but I remember giving him a cheque on that date in that name. I didn't see **NP128** after that.

16. I think I seen **NP128** at me brothers place on Christmas day, when I had a beer with them at **1324**'s place.

17. Prior to seeing **NP128** on the 24th December, 1993, I had not seen or spoken to him at all in Moree, and I did not have any conversation with him in relation to his working with me.

18. I have had an arrangement with the owner of the Moree Hotel, Wayne O'NEILL, for any of my employees who wish to cash the wages cheques with him, as he knows me and if there are any problems he can contact me about them. That Hotel is known as McElones Pub.

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