

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:  
Murder of Chrispin DYE

Place: Inner City Legal Centre,  
Darlinghurst

Date: 15th February, 1994

Name: FUNSTON, Richard

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Occupation: Solicitor

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 thirty three years.

3. I am a solicitor at the Inner City Legal Centre, Level 2, 94 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst and I have held this position since November 1993. The Inner City Legal Centre is a community legal centre which provides free legal advise and referral.

4. Yesterday morning, that is Monday 14th February 1994 at around 10.20am I was in the front reception area at the Legal Centre. A man walked in to the reception area and I asked this man to wait for a couple of minutes. The man then said to me, "I've just found a wallet up at McDonalds. I thought it was mine but it was a mistake." I said, "Well why don't you take it to the Police station?" He said, "I don't want to go to the Police station." I said, "Well come in and have a chat with me." The man then followed me into my office.

5. The man sat at my desk opposite me and he then produced a

Witness: J. A. [Signature]


Signature: R. Funston

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black leather wallet. He said, "I don't want to take it down to the station because there is an outstanding traffic warrant for me." I said, "Do you want to give me your personal details?" He said, "No." He then said, "Have you heard about the recent big Crispin DYE murder?" I said, "Rings a bit of a bell." He said, "Because one of the cards has his name on it." He then passed the wallet to me and I quickly looked through it. At this stage I wasn't taking the man very seriously as he appeared to have a psychiatric problem and he appeared to be very anxious. He also appeared to fall into the category of many of the people that frequent this legal centre, that is unmedicated paranoid schizophrenics. I then saw that one of the cards was in fact in the name of Crispin DYE. This card was a Metway Bank card.

5. Due to the fact that I have only recently moved to Sydney from Melbourne, I was not familiar with the Crispin DYE murder case. I again attempted to get the man's details from him, however he again refused. The man said to me, "If I don't give you my details, I lose the chance of getting a reward." I said, "That's right, look why don't you give it in at a Police station." He said, "I don't want to go there and I don't want to give you my details." I said, "Look is there anything else that you want to talk to me about?" The man threw his hands up in the air and said, "I've got nothing to hide. I've just found the wallet at McDonalds nearby, I thought it was my wallet." He then produced another wallet, which did in fact look similar to the first wallet that he had given me. He said, "I realised a little bit later that I had my wallet." I said, "Are you sure that you don't want to leave some personal details?" I then got a standard form from my office and showed him the form, which he then appeared to read. He said, "No." I said, "Well it seems that what you want me to do is to take this wallet down to the Police Station?" He said, "It's my bad luck that I can't get a

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reward for this." He then got up and left my office and he left the wallet containing the cards with me.

6. I then walked into the computer room and I had a conversation with my workmates Barbara MAHER and Michelle JONES. The volunteer student worker, Joanne, arrived at the office around 10.30am. I then had a conversation with Joanne and I gave her certain instructions in which I told her to take the wallet to the Surry Hills Police Station. I then handed her the wallet containing the credit cards that the man had given to me.

7. I would describe the man that handed me the wallet as being caucasian, in his mid to late thirties, about six feet tall, thin build, spoke good English, sandy short straight hair, fair skin which had tanned, and he was neatly dressed. He was wearing a mustard coloured short sleeved business shirt with fawny coloured trousers and he carries a vinyl maroon bag, like the old Qantas carry bags. I have never seen this man before.

Witness:

F.G. Martin  
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 Detective Senior Constable  
 Homicide Unit, M.C.S.S.  
 15th February, 1994

Signature:

R. Funston

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