

New South Wales Police**STATEMENT in matter of:****Place:** Major Crime Squad,  
South.

CORONIAL INQUEST

DEATH OF CRISPIN WILSON DYE.

**Date:** 27th July, 1995.**Name:** David Austin McKEON**Address:** [REDACTED] Kogarah, 2217.**Tel No.:** [REDACTED]**Occupation:** Booking Clerk.**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 43.
3. I am presently employed by the STATE RAIL AUTHORITY, at Redfern Railway Station, as a Booking Clerk, and have been so employed for a period of about 24 years. I commenced working at Redfern in 1985.
4. My duties include station accounts and booking seats on Country Link Services, and in that capacity can indicate that at Redfern Railway Station a book known as 'RECORD OF APPLICIONS FOR SLEEPING BERTHS AND RESERVED SEATS (ALSO CANCELLATIONS)' is maintained as a record of those transactions.
5. I can indicate that during the period December, 1993, at which time, as I have indicated, I was working at Redfern Station, there was a standard procedure adopted in the case of a customer requesting a ticket there, for travel to a country centre.

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**Signature:**

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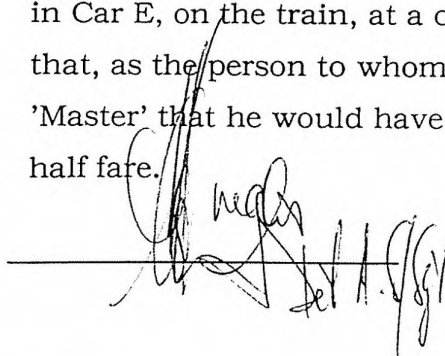
6. Should that be the case, the Booking Clerk on duty at the time would record the name of the customer, the date, day and time of travel, entrain and detrain particulars, class of travel (if relevant) and ticket number.

7. To facilitate that being done, the Clerk would ring Central reservation Centre, and once having confirmed there is space available the Clerk at that Centre would supply Seat and Car number, and price of the ticket. Those particulars should then be recorded by the Booking Clerk in the record to which I have referred. That information is then recorded on a Country Link coupon ticket, which is kept at the Station for record purposes. The original copy of that ticket would be remitted to the Central Revenue Section at a later stage, the triplicate would be given to the customer, whilst the duplicate would be retained at the Station.

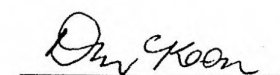
8. Following a recent telephone conversation with Detective Sergeant KNIGHT, of the Major Crime Squad, I carried out a search of the records maintained at Redfern Railway Station in respect of the names, **NP128**, **[REDACTED]**, **Surname of 1323**, **[REDACTED]**, **170** and **[REDACTED]** **[REDACTED]** between the period 1st to 26th December, 1993.

9. As a result, I located an entry within the Record of Applications Book, in the name of **[REDACTED]**, for travel between Sydney and Moree on the 10.05pm train, Friday the 3rd December, 1993. Ticket Number **[REDACTED]** was issued being allocated Seat No. 16 in Car E, on the train, at a cost of \$31.00. It appears from the entry that, as the person to whom the ticket was sold was referred to as 'Master' that he would have been under 16 years of age and entitled to half fare.

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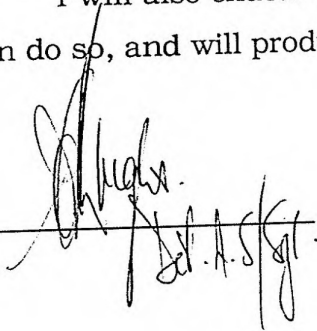
10. It would not be necessary for the Clerk to verify proof of age, if he was of the opinion that the customer appeared of that age, that would suffice, for him to be entitled to the concession fare

11. I can indicate that I believe that the booking Clerk who sold the ticket to [REDACTED] was Larry VARSANIS, who is presently on leave and due to return on 6th August, 1995.

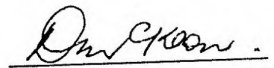
12. I have this date produced the RECORD OF APPLICATIONS Book to Detective Sergeant KNIGHT, and a photocopy has been produced of the relevant page. I will produce the original book at the Coroner's Court when necessary, if required.

13. I will also endeavour to locate the duplicate copy of the ticket if I can do so, and will produce that to the Court also, if required.

Witness:

  
A. S. Sgt.

Signature:

  
D. A. McKeon