

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Redfern Police Station

Death of William ALLEN

Date: 3rd January, 1989

Name: Ronald SIGSWORTH [REDACTED] 35
 (Surname in capitals)
 Address: [REDACTED] Newton Street, Alexandria [REDACTED] Tel. No. [REDACTED]
 Occupation: Counter Sales Manager. STATES: -

I am aware that if I sign this statement and any part of it is untrue to my knowledge I may be liable to punishment.

I am a widowed man residing at [REDACTED] Newton Street, Alexandria and have lived at that address for the past eight years.

About two years ago a man named Bill ALLEN moved into the house next door No. [REDACTED] Newton Street, Alexandria. He took over the premises from his brother Stuart and lived there alone.

I believed him to be a homosexual and he had friends visit him from time to time and had barbeques and parties in the rear yard.

The most regular visitor to the house was a man named Robert. I don't know his last name but he was a short plump man about 45-50 old.

In the morning of the 27th December, 1988, a Tuesday I looked out through the front window and saw Bill talking to my Landlady Mrs. Merle SAVAGE.

About 12.15pm on Thursday the 29th December, 1988, a neighbor from [REDACTED] Newton Street, Bob Gannon, called out to me and I went out the front and saw him with another man. I later found out that this other man was a carpenter working on Bill's house. The carpenter told me that he was having trouble getting in touch with Bill, so I went down the side passageway to the rear door which I saw was wide open as well as the flyscreen door. Bill's two dogs went into the kitchen. I called out to Bill but got no answer and I heard water running into the drain. I then looked through the open bathroom window and saw Bill slumped over the side of the bath with blood on the bottom of the bath and I saw the bath tap running. I went home next door and called the Police who arrived shortly after.

During the time that I knew Bill I did not hear any arguments or fights coming from his house. He kept to himself and always pleasant.

I declare that no part of this statement is untrue to my knowledge. I know that it may be used in legal proceedings. It accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared to give in Court if necessary as a witness.

Witness:

Signature: 