

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:
Death of William Emanuel ALLEN

Place: Redfern Police Station

Date: 28th February, 1989

Name: Brian John SAUNDERS [redacted] 38
(Surname in capitals)

Address: Redfern Police Station Tel. No. [redacted]

Occupation: Detective Sergeant of Police. 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.

About 1.30pm on the 29th December, 1988, I went with Plain Clothes Constable Bramah to a dwelling house at [redacted] Newton Street, Alexandria where we had a conversation with Constables Taylor and Mitchell and went with them to the bathroom of the house. There I saw the deceased beside the bathtub in a kneeling position with his head and arms hanging into the bath. I noticed that the deceased was dressed only in a 'T' shirt, the bath tap was running and blood was on the sides of the bathtub.

A further examination of the premises revealed that there was no sign of any struggle or forced entry to the dwelling. There were blood spots along the side passageway of the house and all through the rooms of the house. Blood was also noticed on the doublebed and pillow of the front bedroom.. Blood spots were also found on the front verandah of the dwelling at [redacted] Newton Street, which is occupied by Mr. Ron Sigsworth. These spots were near a wooden railing adjacent to the side passageway of the deceased home.

Later that afternoon Police from the Crime Scene Unit and the Fingerprint Section attended and made an examination of the deceased and the dwelling house.

Inquiries were made of neighbours in Newton Street.

At the completion of the examination, photographing and retaining exhibits, the deceased was rolled over onto his back and it was noticed that he had 3 cm. laceration above his left eye and swelling to that same eye, lips and jaw.

About 4.10pm that same date Dr. Sylvia HOLLINGER, the Government Medical Officer attended the home and made an examination of the body of the deceased.

After the body had been removed by the Contractors the house was secured.

On the 11th January, 1989, as a result of information

Witness:

Signature: *Brian John Saunders*

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received I attended the home of a Mr. Harry John BERWICK at [redacted] and after having a conversation with [redacted] later saw him at Redfern Police Station where a statement was taken from him.

Later that same date whilst in the Detectives Office I spoke with a Mr. Peter Thomas MARTIN, an Ordinance Inspector with the South Sydney Council and a statement was obtained from him.

On the 16th January, 1989, I interviewed Mr. Robert Joseph DUNN and obtained a statement from him.

During the course of the investigation into the death of the deceased Detective Sergeant Neville Smith of the Homicide Unit was informed of the circumstances and the result of inquiries made. A canvass of Buckland Street, Alexandria, which is the nearest and only residential area near toilets in Alexandria Park and face Park Road. This canvass produced no worthwhile results from the occupants. Since receiving the information that the deceased had been assaulted and robbed in or near Alexandria Park youths of the hoodlum element and are known to frequent the Park and the nearby areas, were spoken to but with negative results.

At the request of Detective Sergeant Smith of the Homicide Unit, the brother of the deceased, Mr. Stuart ALLEN was contacted requesting a photograph of the deceased with the view of having it placed in the Daily Mirror newspaper together with a story surrounding the death of his brother, but after consultation with other members of his family this request was denied. He stated that the family did not wish any further publicity.

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: *Brian John Saunders*