

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Ashfield Police Station.Date: 23rd June, 1976.Name: 1454

(Surname in capitals)

Address: [REDACTED], Monterey, (Brighton-le-sands) Tel. No. [REDACTED] Bus.Occupation: Dry Cleaner.

STATES:—

1 I am a single man 53 years of age and I reside at the above address by myself. I am employed by [REDACTED], Newtown, as a dry-cleaner/presser, and I have been employed at this firm for the past thirteen months.

2 I have known a man by the name of Allan Head for the past 14 years. I first met him at a party in the Cronulla area and about six months after this party I again met Allan. He told me on this occasion that he did not have any place to live and I invited him to come and live with me at my home at [REDACTED], Balmain. Allan claimed to be English but he had olive skin and appeared to be part Eurasian and he told me that he had come from Penang. He moved in with me at Balmain and we had a homosexual relationship and we remained in this relationship for about three years, and I bought a home unit at the present address where I now reside. Allan remained living at Balmain until he moved across the road to another address where he resided for the next five or six years. Just after Christmas 1975, Allan bought himself a home unit in [REDACTED], Summer Hill.

3. After I left Allan at Balmain and moved into my unit at Monterey I did not see him for a number of years and I met him again on a few occasions at Hotels where we would have a social drink together, but we did not renew our relationship. About twelve months ago he phoned me up and told me that he was going to buy a home unit and I told him if he wanted to have a drink with me he was welcome, but I had to go home and he could meet me at the Bank Hotel, Newtown, any Thursday. He moved into his home unit just after Christmas 1975, and from this period he would meet me quite regularly at the Bank Hotel, Newtown, every Thursday, after work, and we would have a couple of drinks and I would go home. Allan worked for the Corporate Affairs, Castlereagh Street, Sydney, and he would arrive at the Hotel about five o'clock and we would have two schooners and then I would leave and go home. Allan visited my home at Monterey about ten times in the past ten years and prior to tonight I have only been inside his unit on two occasions, but I would ring him up every Saturday just to say Hello.

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4. The last time I saw Allan was last Thursday the 17th June, 1976, at the Bank Hotel, Newtown. We met there about five pm as was usual and had a couple of schooners each and I left about five past six and went home. While we were drinking he told me that he was going to an engagement party on the Saturday night. That would have been last Saturday the 19th June, 1976. He told me that he was going to the party with a woman named Margaret and her friend Sharon, but I don't know where the party was. I have met Margaret a couple of times and I know that she and Allan were very friendly to one another, as they worked together. Margaret lived somewhere in Sans Souci, but I don't know her address and I have never been to her home. About 1pm last Saturday I rang Allan's home as I normally do every Saturday, but nobody answered the phone. I think I rang his home about three times altogether, but each time I did not get an answer. About 5pm the same day I rang another friend of mine, who also knew Allan, Sid Moore. He has a butcher shop at Rozelle and when I rang him I asked him if had contacted Allan on that day and he told me that he hadn't. I asked Sid if he was coming over to the Brighton Hotel, as I had a cheque from Allan for the sum of \$37.30. Allan gave me this cheque last Thursday for payment of \$20.00 he owed me and \$17.30 he owed Sid Moore, and I wanted to cash the cheque and give Sid his money. About 7pm last Saturday I met Sid at the Brighton Hotel and I asked him if he wanted a drink, but he declined, so I bought a dozen bottles of Reschs Pilsner and invited Sid home to my place. Sid declined to come into my unit and he left leaving some meat for me which I had ordered. I was going to meet Sid on Sunday but he didn't arrive and I stayed home all that day. I went to work on the Monday and I rang Allan's home [REDACTED], but I still did not get an answer, that was about 10am. Straight away I rang Sid at his shop and asked him if he knew where Allan was and he told me that he didn't.

5. Yesterday, that's Tuesday, I went to work as usual and after I finished work I went to the Bank Hotel and had a couple of schooners. From there I went to the Sandringham Hotel, Newtown and had a couple of schooners and then I went to another Hotel in King Street, St. Peters. I can't remember the name of the hotel, but I had another couple of schooners there, before I went and caught the train to Rockdale. This is my usual practice every afternoon when I finish work. I would normally go home from Rockdale Railway but yesterday I decided to go down to the Brighton Hotel and have some more drink and I stayed there till closing time and I drank there

by myself. [REDACTED]

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6. After I finished drinking at the Brighton Hotel I went home and I arrived there about 10.20pm. As I opened my front door I saw a piece of paper lying on the floor with a note written on it. I picked it up and read the note. The note was signed Margaret, and I can remember that the note had '1454, I DIDN'T SEE ALLAN ON SATURDAY NIGHT.' or something similar to that. The note is still at my home. I then knocked on my neighbours door Miss Olsen, in unit [REDACTED] and I asked her to use her phone. She allowed me to use her phone and I rang Margaret on the number which was written on the note. I confirmed with Margaret that she didn't see Allan on Saturday night last, and she told me that she had left the note under my door as she had not been able to contact Allan. After this conversation I rang Sid Moore at his home at Rockdale to see if he had the spare set of keys to Allan's place. Well Sid came to my home about 11pm last night and he drove me over to his shop at Rozelle and he went inside and came back out with the spare front door key to Allan's flat.

7. Sid then drove me to Allan's place in Grosvenor Crescent, Summer Hill, and we both went up to his ~~xxx~~ unit on the third floor. Before we went up the stairs, Sid looked up from the outside and we could see the lights were on in Allan's flat and I said to the Sid that Allan must be home. We both went up the stairs and Sid ~~knocked~~ knocked on Allan's door. We did not get an answer and after a few minutes Sid opened the door by using the keys one of which is for a dead-lock. We both went into Allan's unit and the lounge room light was on and the kitchen door was closed. Sid went over and opened the kitchen door and said, "Get out, don't touch anything." When Sid said this to me I looked into the kitchen and I saw the body of Allan lying on the floor, naked and face down. I saw that his feet were nearest the door and his head was furthest away and both his arms and hands were outstretched. I remember seeing what appeared to be blood on Allan's back and Sid said, "Get out of the unit." I went outside and waited in the foyer and Sid followed me and closed the door. I knocked on the door opposite, I think it was unit No. [REDACTED] and we asked the woman if we could use her phone to ring the Police. She asked us why and we told her that we thought Allan was dead as he was lying face down inside. She told us that there had been a disturbance coming from Allan's unit, last Thursday night. I think the woman went and rang the Police and a short time later they arrived. I forgot to tell you that a Policeman lives opposite Allan's unit and he arrived home shortly after we spoke to his wife. When the Police arrived they went into Allan's flat and Sid and I remained outside and then we came to the Police Station in the Police car. **1454**

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