

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Place: Ashfield Police Station. Date: 23rd June, 1976.

Name: MOORE Sydney Trevor. (Surname in capitals) Address: [redacted], Rockdale. Tel. No. [redacted]. Occupation: Butcher. STATES:—

1. My full name is Sydney Trevor MOORE and I am a married man and I reside at [redacted], Rockdale, with my wife and three children at that address. I self employed butcher and my business is at [redacted], Balmain. I am in partnership with my wife and the firm is known as [redacted]. The telephone number at work is [redacted].

2. About 11pm last night, Tuesday, 22nd June, 1976, I was contacted by [redacted] 1454 by 'phone at home because he had received a message from Margaret. [redacted] 1454 said, to me, "When I arrived home I found a note under the door from Margaret." [redacted] 1454, whom I have known for about 15years is a friend of mine and lives at [redacted], Brighton-Le-Sands. The Margaret he referred to, I do not know her last name, I have met several times, lives at Ramsgate. Margaret is a friend of Alan HEAD's, she works with him at the Registrar Generals' Department and he takes her out with him.

3. [redacted] 1454 went on to say that Margaret was worried because Alan was supposed to take her out on Saturday night to an engagement party that he hadn't turned up. Maragaret had tried to get in contact with him by phone but there was no answer. [redacted] 1454 asked me would I take him over to Alan's place to whether he was alright and I said I didn't think it was necessary and he said that something might have happened to him. I told him that if he was worreid I would call around the next morning and see if Alan was home. [redacted] 1454, he still didn't sound happy so I told him that I would ring Margaret and see what she thought. I then hung up and proceeded to ring Margaret. When [redacted] 1454 had rang me I could tell that he was upset. I could tell that he had been drinking.

4. About ten past eleven I rang Margaret's phone number which [redacted] 1454 had given me and I had written down at the time. Margaret answered the phone and I told her that [redacted] 1454 had just rang me and I asked her what she thought about Alan. You see it was unusual for Alan not to ring either [redacted] 1454 or Margaret because they are in constant contact with each other every day., whereas Alan would only ring me once every Pancake Day.

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5. I asked Margaret whether she thought it was serious enough for me to go to Alan's place to ^{SEE APP} whether he was alright as I told her if she thought so I had a key at the shop that would let us in to his flat. She said that she thought it was because it was very unusual for Alan not have contacted her as he had promised to take her out on the previous Saturday night and that she had gone to his flat on the Saturday morning and left a note on his door to remind him. She went back to the flat the next day and the note was still there and that she thought that the door had not been opened. This worried her because she noted there was a light on in the flat. He had also promised to come into work although he was on vacation to help her do some work for the credit union that day, Tuesday, 22nd June, 1976, and he had not turned up. All these events were uncharacteristic of him. I then started to become worried myself and I asked my wife who was listening to the conversation whether she thought I should go and see whether everything was alright. My wife said to please myself so I then decided for everybody's peace of mind, I would go and see if everything was alright.

6. I was in my pyjamas at the time ready to go to bed so I got dressed. I told my wife that I was going to go and get [1454] and that if he rang back to tell [1454] that I was on my way to pick him up. I then proceeded to [REDACTED], Brighton, where I picked [1454] up. He was dressed at the time and I could tell that he had been drinking. I told [1454] that I decided I'd take him over to Alan's place to see if everything was alright. He gathered up his wallet and things and said 'Something's happened to him, I feel something has happened to him.' But [1454] is the sort of bloke that when he's had a few drinks, he's a crying type of drunk, he's really down...he always thinks the worst of everything. I didn't take any notice of him because, as I said, he's always like that.

7. It would be about twentyfive past eleven we left Tony's place in my car. My car is a [REDACTED], and the registered number is [REDACTED]. We drove to my shop at [REDACTED], Balmain, to pick up the keys to Allan's flat which I kept there in the cash register. I speeded up a bit because I was anxious and I got there about a quarter to twelve. I got the keys and we then proceeded to 49 Grosvenor Crescent, Summer Hill, where Alan HEAD lived, arriving there about five to twelve. I parked my car just at the bottom near the entrance to the flats. Both [1454] and I went up to Alan's flat which is on the top floor, I can't remember the number.

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8. At Alan's flat I used the keys to open two locks on the door; one is a dead lock type and the other is the sort they are putting on all the doors these days. I pushed the door open and just peered in and saw that the light was on but the room itself was undisturbed. We both then entered the lounge room and looked around. Everything was tidy and seemed to be in it's right position. I then noticed that the kitchen door was closed. The kitchen door is just on the right hand side as you enter the front door. I called out Alan in case he was in the bedroom but there was no answer so [1454] pushed the kitchen door open. I can't think whether he just pushed it or opened it. The door swings back around to the right and I got a sort of a side on view of a body lying on the floor. I only saw the buttocks and the legs. I know that [1454]'s emotional and to sort of stop him from seeing it or doing something I stepped in front of him and as I did so I peered in into the kitchen which was in darkness and I could then see that it was Alan HEAD lying on the ground. I knew straight away that something was wrong and I did not know what [1454] would do and that is the reason I stepped in front of him and put my arm out to stop him from going any further into the kitchen. I ^{SAW} the blood on Alan's body and I can't remember what I said nor what [1454] said....just stunned I suppose.

9. On the way over to Alan's flat I was thinking what would I do if something was wrong and I then remembered that Alan had told me that the man in the flat opposite his was a policeman. If there was anything wrong I could go straight across and get him. So just by instinct I proceeded across the hall to the policeman's flat. Before I got to the Policeman's door, it was opened by a lady who I presumed was the Policeman's wife. She then asked me was Alan alright and I said 'NO! I think he's dead.' She then said, that she was worried and that she thought something might have been wrong as she had not seen Alan for two or three days. The last time she heard him was on the previous Thursday night when she had heard a terrible argument coming from his Flat. She had heard somebody cry out, that sounded like Alan, saying 'Please don't hurt me any more.' Her husband had called out to Alan asking him whether he was alright. She thought he answered 'Yes.' She told me she heard somebody leaving and it sounded as if two people went out together.

10. This conversation took place in the Policeman's flat as the lady had asked ^{us} into her flat. I had already pulled the door to on Alan's flat as we were coming out. I didn't know what to do. The lady then told me that her husband was due home any minute and to wait and he would contact the Police. The Policeman was a little bit longer coming home than I had anticipated and meanwhile there was some further conversation with the lady about Alan.

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11. The Policeman arrived home about twenty minutes after we had gone into the woman's flat. I then took him into Alan's flat where he observed the body and looked around the rest of the flat. We then went back to the Policeman's flat where he rang the Police. We stayed in his flat until the arrival of two uniformed Policemen. The two uniformed Police, the off duty Policeman and myself went back into Alan's flat. The uniformed Police just looked at the body, went to the other rooms and shone the torches around and then we all went back into the Policeman's flat where the uniformed Policeman rang you fellows I suppose.

12. Allan was an average sort of drinker. He liked to entertain, he liked visitors. If you went there he'd always offer you a drink. He didn't smoke habitually but on occasions I have seen him smoke at a party. I did notice the ashtray in his flat tonight when I walked in because I wondered where all the cigarettes came from because I knew that he didn't smoke. He always smoked tailor makes, never roll-your-owns-. He drank beer in the hotel and Rose at home.

13. Allan was always immaculate, shirts pressed, not a hair out of place, always spic and span. Alan introduced me to a lot of men friends. They were mostly the direct opposite to his character. He was the prim and proper type and they were the rugged type. I just took them as casual acquaintances and I can't recall their names.

14. Allan was a bit of a gambler. He used to like to gamble on the horses and dogs. He bet on the tote numbers. Played the poker machines. He was in some financial trouble. He used to bet too much money at times and in my opinion more than he could afford. I have lent him money at times up to \$60 but he always paid me back.

15. The reason I had a key to Allan's flat in my possession was because Allan had always left a key with me in case he lost or forgot his own. I had the keys to his Balmain Flat for the same reason for about six years all told, I suppose. When he bought this new flat he just continued with the same arrangements. He had lost keys to his flat at Balmain on a number of occasions.

16. I don't think that there is anything else that I can say. I am prepared to attend Court if necessary to assist. I can think of no person who would want to kill Allan for I never knew him to have any enemies.

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