

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: _____ Place: Ashfield Police Station.

_____ Date: 23rd June, 1976.

Name: HUMPHREYS. Donald Noel Charles.
(Surname in capitals)

Address: _____ Kincumber South. Tel. No. _____.

Occupation: Senior Constable of Police. STATES:—

I am a Senior Constable of the New South Wales Police Force and I am attached to the Four Wheel Motor Vehicles Section, No. 20 Division. (Phone _____.) Because of the distance and the time involved in travel to and from Kincumber to Sydney, I usually stay overnight whilst I am working with a friend, Elaine Walsh at flat _____ 49 Grosvenor Crescent, Summer Hill. I have been residing on and off at Summer Hill for about the past 4 years and I first met a man named Allan Head who resided in Flat _____ at 49 Grosvenor Crescent, Summer Hill about 3 months ago when he came to the door of the flat and introduced himself as Allan Head. During the time that I have known Allan Head, I have met him on only three or four occasions, always at the flats and I have never seen Allan with any other persons. I have occasionally heard a ~~knock~~ knocking at the door of the flat but I have never inquired as to who this might have been.

I arrived at _____/49 Grosvenor Crescent, Summer Hill, shortly before 7pm and immediately on arriving we sat down to have dinner. Round about 7pm I heard Allan's voice coming from flat _____, and he was calling for help, I heard him say, "Help me." or "Somebody help me." I also heard him say "Don't hurt me." or "Please Don't hurt me." I also heard another male voice and there was no further conversation that I could actually identify but there appeared to be an argument going on in the flat. I got up from the table and I went out onto the balcony on the eastern side of the flats and I called out, "What's going on there." and I leaned over the balcony of flat _____ and I knocked on the window of the kitchen in flat _____. I didn't receive any answer to my call and I returned to my own flat and I sat down again. I wasn't happy at not receiving a reply from Allan and I got back up again and I went to the front door of Allan's flat and as I was approaching the front door I heard some conversation between what I thought was two men, one of whom was Allan Head. I was unable to identify any of the conversation, but it appeared to be in quiet tones and didn't indicate that any argument was taking place. I then knocked on the door of Allan's flat and I said, "Are you alright Allan." I heard Allan's voice reply, "Who is it." I said, "It's Don from next door." Allan said, "No everything's alright would you go away." I then returned to the flat and I finished my dinner and I was listening to hear if any further noises came from the flat next door and I also didn't hear any

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further conversation coming from Allan's flat. Prior to completing my dinner and as soon as I returned to my own flat, I rang Allan's flat and I heard the telephone ring in his flat but the ring was not answered. I put up the telephone and a couple of minutes later I again dialled the phone again and I heard it ring in the flat again, but again there was no answer to the ring. On the few occasions that I had met Allan Head I had formed the opinion that he may have been been a homosexual and he gave the impression that he was a very quiet and unassuming type of person, to the point of being shy and as he had been so calm in his conversation through the door that I did not feel that anything would be wrong and I just felt that he was embarrassed and did not answer the telephone for this reason.

About one hour later I was sitting in the lounge room of flat [redacted] and the television was going. I was sitting about 12 feet from the front door of my flat and I heard the door of flat [redacted] open. I heard what I thought was a conversation which at the time I thought may have been Allan's voice and there was another male person in the conversation. I was unable to identify any of the actual conversation which appeared to be normal as if two persons were conversing and saying goodbye and at that time I assumed that some person had left the flat and that Allan Head had gone back into his flat.

When I knocked on the kitchen window of Allan's flat, I leaned across from my balcony and I did notice that there was no light on in the kitchen of his flat and I was unable to see anything at all in the flat. Actually I was leaning over quite a deal to even knock on the window and it is not possible at any time to see right into the kitchen.

After telephoning Allan Head and not receiving a reply, I talked with Elaine Walsh and as a result I did go to the flat of Jack McMahon, who is the secretary of the body corporate of the units and he resides in flat [redacted] in the adjoining block. I told him that there had been what sounded an argument in Allan Head's flat and that I had spoken to Allan Head through the front door and that Allan sounded alright and had in fact said that he was alright and as a result we decided not to do anything and I told Jack that I had only mentioned it to him as he was the secretary of the ~~xxx~~ corporate body.

I recall that when I went to the eastern balcony of the flats to knock on the window, there was a light showing from the dining area of Allan Head's flat which runs off his balcony and when I was returning from Jack McMahon's flat I noticed a weaker light coming from the other side of Allan's flat, but I assumed that this was the same light. Since this time I have noticed lights in Allan's flat, I feel that it would have been the same lighting as I remember on last Thursday night. I have noticed that as I have come home at night, there has been a light showing under Allan Head's flat doorway, but Elaine told me that she had spoken to Allan sometime last

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week and that he had told her that he was going to go away on holidays and I felt that he may have left and had left a light on in the flat whilst he was away.

I have not seen Allan Head since last Thursday night, 17th June, 1976, and I have not seen or heard any persons coming to or going from his flat in that time. It was not unusual for me not to see Allan Head, as I would sometimes go three weeks or more and not see him at all.

About 6pm or little bit later last Saturday, 19th June, 1976, I noticed what appeared to be a note pushed into the door jamb in the vicinity of the door lock in Allan Head's flat. I didn't read this note. I noticed that it was a folded piece of paper and I think that it was written in pencil and I had a conversation with Elaine and she told me that two women had called and that they had left the note. One of these women was named Margaret but I don't know the name of the other woman. I again saw this note in the door jamb on Sunday, 20th June, 1976 about 6pm or 7pm and I again saw the note in the same position about 8pm or 8.30pm on Monday, 21st June, 1976. I left the flat about 6am yesterday morning, 22nd June, 1976 and I returned home about 12.30am this morning, 23rd June, 1976. When I returned to the flat I had a conversation with Elaine and she told me something and I went into my flat and I saw a man named Sid who was standing in the lounge room and I also saw a man named 1454 who was sitting in the lounge room and they told me something and I went to Allan Head's flat and I saw Allan lying on the kitchen floor, in a pool of blood. It was obvious to me that Allan was dead and I shut the door of his flat and I returned to my own flat and contacted the Ashfield Police.

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