

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: Re HEAD MURDER. Place: Four Wheel Motor Vehicle Section

Date: 27th May, 1977.

Name: Donald Noel Charles HUMPHREYS
(Surname in capitals)

Address: [Redacted] Kinrosser South, Tel. No. _____

Occupation: Senior Constable of Police, STATES:—

Sometimes I help a friend of mine in his business which is stripping steel. To do this a large quantity of combustible material is needed, and I collect papers, cardboard cartons, and anything else that can be burned readily.

I have previously spoken to Jack McMahon, who is the treasurer of the flat/ units at 49 Grosvenor Crescent, Summer Hill, about the need for cardboard cartons to burn, and he agreed, to put it in his garage, until I would collect it and take it to the factory at 125 Orchardleigh Street, Guildford.

Between the 5th and the 17th of January, 1977, I collected three cartons (cardboard boxes) from Jack McMahon. I collected them from his garage, and when I did they each contained paper, cardboard, and other crushed up combustible material, and were filled right up to the top.

I took these three cartons to the factory at Guildford and stored them in a corner at the rear. I later obtained other cartons and stored them with the original three, but the three I stored that came from Summer Hill, were all different and contained different material, so that I am able to say that when I came to burn those three, I knew they were the cartons that came from Summer Hill.

On Tuesday the 24th May, 1977, I was at the Factory at Guildford, burning off, and when I was almost finished burning off, I was lifting material from one of the cartons that came from Summer Hill, and feeding it into the fire, and when I was down near the bottom of the box, a knife dropped out of one of the handfuls of material. I didn't take much notice of the knife at the time as I was busy, so I kept feeding the fire, and when I was finished burning off, I decided to check the knife, as I thought it may have had some connection with the Head murder. I picked the knife up and saw that it was a dagger type, with about a 6 inch blade, with a home made handle, and a brass handguard, and was in a fairly dirty rusty condition.

I then put the knife in my car, and locked it and on Wednesday morning, I went to Ashfield Police Station, and I handed the knife to Detective Sergeant Knight.

Witness: [Redacted] Signature: [Redacted]

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