

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: _____ Place: Ashfield Police Station
Death of Ernest Allan HEAD. _____
 _____ Date: 23rd June, 1976.

Name: MC CANN Chéyn
 (Surname in capitals)
 Address: _____, Sans Souci. Tel. No. _____
 Occupation: STUDENT. STATES:—

1. I am a single girl 22 years of age and I reside at the above address ^{with} Margaret Mc Evey, and I am a student at the Sydney University studying for my Bachelor of Arts Degree, and I am in my third year there.

2. I have lived with Margaret McEvey since March, 1975, and I pay her the sum of \$20.00 per week board and lodgings. Since I have lived at that address I was introduced to a Mr. Allan Head, who is a friend working with Margaret at the Corporate Affairs Commission, Sydney. I would have seen the man Allan Head at least once a fortnight since I first met him. He was a well dressed man, easy going and he was batchelor and he was living at Balmain when I first met him. About one week before Christmas 1975, Allan Head moved into a unit in Grosvenor Crescent, Summer Hill. I have only been to his unit at Summer Hill on three occasions since before last Saturday night the 19th June, 1976.

3. On Friday the 11th June, 1976, Margaret came home from work and told me that she had invited Allan Head to join her and myself to attend an engagement party on Saturday the 19th June, 1976, to be held at _____, Smithfield, as Margaret's nephew was becoming engaged. Margaret had made arrangements with Allan to pick him up at his home about 7.30pm and we would bring him home also. I forget to tell you that Allan commenced his holidays from work on Friday the 11th June, 1976, and he was due to go back to work on Monday the 28th June, 1976. The last time I saw Allan Head was about one week before he commenced his holidays.

4. Last Saturday the 19th June, 1976, Margaret and I were playing tennis at Marrickville and after we had finished we drove around to Allans place in Margaret's car to inform Allan as to what time we would pick him up that night, prior to going to the party. We got there about 6pm and we both walked up the three flights of stairs to Allan's place, but prior to entering the building I looked up towards Allan's unit but I couldn't see any lights shining. On arrival at the front door Margaret knocked on the door loudly, but no one answered. Margaret wrote a message for Allan on a piece a paper and she gave it to me and I tried to push the note under the door.

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The message that Margaret wrote for Allan was to inform him as to what time we would pick him up. When I found I couldn't fit the message under the door I gave it back to Margaret and she placed the message between the door and the door jamb, near the door lock. After this we both returned to Margarets car and she drove us back home. Margaret has a [redacted] and I only knew the letters [redacted] of the number plate.

5. After we got home we got dressed had something to eat and then we both went off to the party at Smithfield. We did not go back to Allan's place as Margaret wrote on the note to contact her by phone if he returned home in time. The next day Sunday the 20th June, 1976, from about lunchtime onwards Margaret consistently rang Allan's phone number, but was unable to locate him. Margaret went back to work on the Monday and when she came home she told me that she had been trying to contact Allan all day, but was unsuccessful.

6. On Tuesday the 22nd June, 1976, about 7pm, I picked up Margaret in her car outside where she works. Margaret had been working back on Credit Union business and when I picked her up she told me that Allan had not turned up at the Sydney Technical College, for his class in Public Administration, and that further he did not attend work to assist Margaret in the Credit Union business. There was another man with Margaret by the name of Ray ^{Phett} ~~Morrest~~ who works with Margaret and he and Margaret let me drive them over to Balmain, where we tried to locate a man by the name of Sid, who was a friend of Allan's, but we were unable to find him although we knew he owned a ^{Allan's} butcher shep. When we couldn't find Sid, we drove over to ~~Sid's~~ place again and when we got out of the car I looked up and I could see that a light was shining in Allan's unit. I think the time was about 7.30pm and Margaret, Ray and myself all walked up the stairs to Allan's unit. I could see the light shinning from under the front door and I also saw the note that Margaret had written and placed in the door jamb last Saturday night was still in the same position as she had left it. Ray knocked on the door loudly, but no one answered. I forgot to mention that before Ray knocked on the door I noticed some cigarette ash on the carpet outside his door, which was also there on the Saturday night and I got down and looked under the door and I could see cigarette ^{ash} on the floor on the other side of the door as if someone had ashed their cigarette as they walked through the doorway. Allan doesn't smoke and I knew that the ash was not be from Allan. Ray knocked on the door opposite at No. 17

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but no one answered the door there either. (Surname ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~capital~~) went down one flight of stairs and tried the doors there to see if anyone was home and we found the people home at both units. Ray Morphett asked these people if they had seen or heard Allan and one woman told us that she didn't know him and the other woman told us that she hadn't seen or heard him, and further she does not see him very often. We all returned outside to the street and looked back up at the unit of Allan's and the light was still on and then we walked around to the back of the units and I noticed that there were no other lights on in Allan's unit. We looked at the clothes lines and Margaret noticed that some washing that was on the line on Saturday night was still there and it looked like Allan's clothing. The woman who lives directly beneath Allan told us to go and see the secretary of the units. We did this and the secretary told us that he had seen a light on every night in Allan's flat and that Allan had been heard in his flat on Wednesday night. Margaret gave him her telephone number and then we drove Ray Morphett to Strathfield Railway Station, and Margaret and I had something to eat there and then we drove to another girls place while I picked up an essay. After we left there we drove to [redacted] 1454's place at Monterey, who is also a friend of Allan's, but he wasn't home so Margaret wrote a note to [redacted] 1454 asking him to contact her and pushed the note under the door. Margaret and I went home then and about 10.30pm [redacted] 1454 rang and spoke to Margaret. A short time after [redacted] 1454 had rang Margaret, Sid the other friend of Allan's rang and spoke to Margaret also. After this conversation Margaret and I went to bed, and Sid rang back again about midnight and told Margaret that it appeared that Allan was dead. About 5.15pm this morning two handsome Detectives came to our house and told us that they thought Allan Head was dead and later this morning in company with Margaret I attended to the Ashfield Detective Office.

7. I am unable to assist the Police in their enquiries as to why some person or persons would want to harm or kill Allan Head as the short time that I knew him he appeared to me to be a very quiet type of person although lonely and he kept mainly to himself. Apart from the persons I have already mentioned in this statement I am unable to assist any further as to any of Allan's other associations or friends.

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F.C. Burgess
Detective Senior Constable.

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C. M. Carr