

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Ashfield Police Station.Date: 24th June, 1976.Name: STRACHAN. William Gregory.

(Surname in capitals)

Address: [REDACTED] Yagoona.Tel. No. [REDACTED].Occupation: Clerk. STATES:—

1. I am a single man and I reside at the above address with my parents and have resided there for three years. I am a clerk by occupation employed with the Corporate Affairs Commission, 175 Castlereagh Street, Sydney. I have been employed there for sixteen years. I was born on the [REDACTED], 1937.

2. I have known the deceased, Allan Head, for approximately sixteen years, I first met him when I started work at the Corporate Affairs Commission, which at that time was known as the Companies Branch of the Registrar General's Department. During the time that I have known him we have always been employed together and I would see him nearly every day at work.

3. Although I have known Allan for sixteen years the only way that I did mix with him socially was if we had a few beers after work at the Criterion Hotel and several other hotels in the area. When he was living at Balmain I was also living in the Balmain area at [REDACTED], Balmain. This would have been about 1972. The only time that I had been to Allan's place at Balmain was late last year, it could have been either November or December, when I helped him move property from his flat to a friend of his, a butcher in [REDACTED], Balmain. I think he was named Sid. When I helped him move, I'm pretty sure it was a Saturday, I was the only one there.

4. About a week or fortnight later I again helped Allan. We went to Sid's shop and picked up a load of goods and I took Allan and the goods to Summer Hill. We put some of it in the garage and the rest was taken upstairs to his flat. I stayed there during the afternoon and listened to a few races and had a couple of beers and then we went to the Western Suburbs Leagues Club for a few more beers.

5. Another time I remember going to Allan's flat at Summer Hill, I think it was about a month after I helped him move there. It was a Saturday and I picked Allan up and we went to the Ramsgate R.S.L. Club. We had a few beers there and then

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we went to 'Lousy Les's' Hotel. I don't know the name of the hotel but it was down past Brighton, in the Sans Souci area. We had a couple of beers there and we left because Allan told me that he had to meet a friend at the Millers Hotel on the Grande Parade at Brighton. We arrived at this hotel and there we met [1454]. He's a foreigner, I think he was Norweigen. I don't know [1454]'s other name but I had met him several times before in the city, when I had gone for a drink after work with Allan. I had met this [1454] about a dozen times over a period of ten years and I mostly saw him in hotels in town with Allan after work. I think I had a drink with [1454] on one occasion at the Hyde Park Hotel. While we were at the hotel at Brighton we had a few beers and a couple of bets and I left on my own leaving Allan and Tony.

6. About two to three months ago I went to Allan's flat, it was a Saturday night, because Allan had invited a few friends there for a party. There were about twenty five to thirty people there, mixed company. [1454] was also there. Sid the butcher was there with his wife, Margaret McEvoy and her friends together with a number of other people from work were there. They were Col Robinson and his wife, Mrs. Caulfield and there was also a fellow from Strathfield. I can't recall this fellow's name but I know that he lives at Strathfield with his mother because Allan had mentioned it to me. This fellow in my opinion was effeminate and was a very neat dresser. The party finished sometime after midnight.

7. I didn't know many of Allan's friends apart from the ones that I have already mentioned and we mostly talked about work, races and the football. But on the 24th May this year, I remember that because it was the day of the last train strike, I picked Allan up and drove him to work. On the way in Allan asked me if I thought it was a good idea to have someone move into his flat. I'm sorry it was during the lunch hour a couple of weeks ago. Allan told me that [1454] was thinking of selling his flat. He didn't exactly say that he was going to have [1454] move in with him. I told Allan that that was his business. Allan had a financial burden on the rental of his flat as he had even borrowed \$50-00 from me on the 4th May, this year and he was going to pay me back at the end of June. I told him not to worry about it.

8. Allan used to ring me about one o'clock every Saturday afternoon or I would ring him for the purpose of having a

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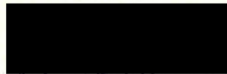
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couple of daily doubles on the races. It was generally every Saturday. The last time that I saw Allan was on Friday the 11th June this year as Allan was going on holidays for a week, although I rang him at home on the Saturday the 12th June to give him a tip for the races at Newcastle. I'm pretty sure I rang him. I haven't heard from him since.

9. I would describe Allan as being a very serious type of person, I would say deep. He never had much of a sense of humour, and everything had to be in its proper place with him. He was exceptionally neat in dress, speech and normal habits. The friends of Allan that I met were the effeminate types, although I wouldn't exactly describe Allan as being effeminate. I just put things down to him as being Bursion and I thought that that was just his natural trait.

WITNESS.....



L.P. Baker.
Constable 1/c.
Petersham Police Station.
24th June, 1976.

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