

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Homicide SquadInquest touching the death ofErnest Allan HEAD.Date: 14th November, 1977Name: MC DONALD, Albert.  
(Surname in capitals)Address: Homicide Squad.Tel. No. [REDACTED]Occupation: Detective Sergeant

STATES:—

1. On Wednesday 23rd June, 1976 with Detective Walsh, I went to Ashfield Police Station to assist in investigations into the subject matter now before this Court.

2. The deceased had been found in his home unit at [REDACTED]/49 Grosvenor Crescent, Summer Hill in the early hours of 23rd June, 1976. This unit is on the 3rd floor and no forced entry was visible. There is only one access door, and it is necessary for two keys to be used to open this door when it is fully secured. It is fitted with a dead lock and a Yale type lock. It is a large block of units on the northern side of Grosvenor Crescent and within easy walking distance from Summer Hill Railway Station.

3. Inquiries clearly indicate that the deceased met his death on the evening of Thursday 17th June, 1976 as it was on that evening that voices and noises were heard to come from the unit of the deceased. On that day the deceased had met his friend [REDACTED] 1454 about 5pm in King Street, Newtown. They went to the Bank hotel there and had some drink. [REDACTED] 1454 left the hotel about 6.05pm. and left the deceased at the hotel. Whilst at the hotel [REDACTED] 1454 gave the deceased \$20.00 and he did not change that money whilst in the company of [REDACTED] 1454.

4. When the unit of the deceased was searched amongst other things two TAB tickets dated 17.6.76 and purchased at the Summer Hill, TAB were found. Inquiries at that place were made from the manager Mr Mongan. He recognised a photograph of the deceased as being a customer who had placed bets at that place on previous occasions. He had no recollection of the deceased having transacted betting transactions at the TAB on the 17.6.76

5. A computer check at TAB Headquarters revealed that one of the tickets found was purchased at 1.57pm on 17.6.76 and the

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Name: Albert McDONALD.

(Surname in capitals)

other ticket was purchased at 6.24pm that same evening. Inquiries have been made from persons who were in the TAB agency about those times but no person can recall seeing the deceased at either of those times on that day.

6. It is believed that it was the deceased who placed both those bets at those times. It is consistent with his habits and there is nothing to suggest that those tickets were purchased by any person other than the deceased.

7. The deceased was a homosexual and actively engaged in that practise. He had scores of names in his diary and almost all those persons have been interviewed and eliminated from suspicion. They are all self confessed homosexuals and go as far back as 10 years ago since having made contact with the deceased.

8. Property was stolen from the premises apparently at the time of the death and I produce a police circular setting out the items stolen and depicting a facsimile of some of the items. This has been circulated Australia wide and to the present time none of the property has been located. A canvass of the area and surrounds was made with negative results. I produce a police pamphlet that was distributed in the area seeking public assistance but no useful information was forthcoming from this aspect.

9. A current reward was proclaimed by the Government of this State in the amount of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand) but to the present time no information is forthcoming from that aspect. There are fingerprints found on the wall near the body and there is every reason to believe that those prints are those of the person responsible for this death.

10. Hundreds of persons have been interviewed and there is no evidence against any known person to justify a charge. The matter is still receiving attention and will continue to do so with a view to bringing the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

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