

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: _____ Place: Ashfield Police Station.
Murder of Ernest Allan HEAD. _____
 _____ Date: 30th June, 1976.

 Name: COHEN Gary Raymond.
 (Surname in capitals)
 Address: Ashfield Police Station. Tel. No.
 Occupation: Constable of Police. STATES:—

About 12.55 a.m. on Wednesday, 23rd June, 1976, as a result of a wireless message directed to the Police car I was patrolling in with Constable Winkley, we went to a block of home units at 49 Grosvenor Crescent, Summer Hill.

We went to the landing on the top floor outside units and . As we reached the landing I saw two men I now know to be Sydney Trevor MOORE and Senior Constable D. HUMPHREYS come out of unit . Mr. Moore then told us something and I entered unit by pushing open the front door which was closed but not locked. Mr. Moore accompanied me into the unit and Senior Constable Humphreys and Constable Winkley came into the flat after Mr. Moore.

As I entered the flat I noticed that a standard lamp was alight in the far left corner of the lounge room looking from the front door. This was the only light on in the home unit.

I then looked into the kitchen of the unit. The door to this room was completely open. I had a Police torch in my possession and I shone it into the kitchen and from this light and from the standard lamp I have described I could see the body of a man lying face down on the kitchen floor with the head turned to the right. The body was that of a man and he was completely naked but I noticed a pair of underpants near his face. The top of his head was situated in such a position that it was up against the bottom of the front of the refrigerator and under the door of the refrigerator. I saw a considerable amount of congealed blood on the body of the deceased and on the floor surrounding him. I noticed a number of wounds on the man's body and he was obviously dead.

I did not go into the kitchen and at this stage Mr. Moore was standing in the lounge room with Senior Constable Humphreys and Constable Winkley. I said something to them and they stayed where they were. I then walked down the hallway of the unit and from torchlight I could see that there were spots of blood on the carpet in the hallway. I also saw blood

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on the wall of the hallway near the door of the bathroom. I then entered the main bedroom at the left hand side of the end of the hall and I saw bloodstains on sheets on a double bed in that room and on the door to that room. The door to this bedroom was open. I noticed blankets and clothing on the floor of this room on the right hand side of the bed as I was looking at it from just inside the door. I noticed that the drawers to a wardrobe unit in the room were slightly pulled out and the doors to this unit were open and I saw clothing on the floor near this wardrobe.

I then entered the bathroom and the door to this room was also open. By torchlight I could see bloodstains on the vanity surround to the washbasin and these bloodstains appeared to me to be very light as it mixed with water but they appeared to be dry. I noticed some clothing and a bucket in the bath and I remember seeing a light coloured pair of mens' trousers hanging down on the door.

I then entered the second bedroom and the door to this room was open. I noticed that the doors to a wardrobe in that room were open and I noticed a number of pairs of shoes underneath this wardrobe. I noticed a quantity of books and papers on the floor near the end of a bed in this room. I also saw an ironing board in the room which had clothing on it.

I then left that room and went to the loungeroom where I spoke to the other men and we all then left the flat. I then went into unit No. [REDACTED] where I made a telephone call. While in that flat I saw a man I now know to be [REDACTED] 1454 who was sitting in the loungeroom.

A SHORT TIME LATER Detective Sergeant Peter and Detective Constable Halliday arrived at the home units and I had a conversation with them on the landing outside unit [REDACTED]. I then entered unit [REDACTED] with both detectives and I pointed out certain things to them. We then left the unit and Detective Sergeant Peter went into unit [REDACTED] and I remained on guard at the door of unit No. [REDACTED].

Shortly after 5 a.m. the body was conveyed to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown, and I accompanied the body to that Hospital where I had a conversation with Doctors Goldbeum and Steermer and they handed me a death certificate and I then accompanied the body to the City morgue. At 9 a.m. that morning I identified the body of the deceased Ernest Allan Head to Dr. Oettle at the city morgue.

Witness: _____ Signature: [REDACTED]