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STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: Cronulla Police Station.

Date: 12th January, 1965.

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T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)

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About 8.30am yesterday, I left home to go to Cronulla Beach with Marainne, Christine,

T3(a), T3(b)

T3(a), T3(b)

We got the train to Cronulla and we went down to the beach, but it was closed. We had lunch there and Marainne said something about going for a walk along to Wanda. We walked along the beach to the last set of flags. The wind was blowing the sand at us and the sand stung our legs and we walked to behind a couple of sandhills. Marainne and Christine told us to wait there as they were going back to get the bags which they had left on the rocks on the beach. I watched Marainne and Christine walk over the little sandhill but they didn't walk back to where we had left the bags, but they walked the other way. I didn't see the girls with any boys nor did I see them talking to any boys. The girls didn't come back and after about 10 minutes I told T3(a), T3(b) to go and look for them. T3(a), T3(b) went away and came back within five minutes and I asked T3(a), T3(b) did T3(a), T3(b) see the girls and I can't remember what T3(a), T3(b) told me. That was between 1pm and 1.30pm. We waited there until about 5pm and the girls didn't come back. I mean by that that we waited on the beach and when they didn't come back we decided we would go home. I took all of the children home and we got home I told T3(a), T3(b) what had happened. This morning T3(a), T3(b) told me that yesterday afternoon when T3(a), T3(b) went looking for Marainne and Christine T3(a), T3(b) saw a boy aged about 14 years of age walking along the beach and this boy was in between the two girls.

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Det. Sgt. 3/C.

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T1(d), T3(a), T3(b) We then walked through a park onto the beach on the 11th. January, 1965, and at the time I was with Marianne, T3(a), T3(b)

T3(a), T3(b) and we were also with Christine Sharrock T3(a), T3(b)

T3(a), T3(b) When we got onto the beach I saw a sign and it said "Beach Closed". We then walked up to the rocks on one side of the beach (South Cronulla) where we had our lunch, which were sandwiches which Marianne had cut for us before we left home that morning. We ate the sandwiches, some of which had Mermite on them, some had cucumbers and some had tomatoes. We left our bags on the rocks there and then we walked around the beach past the baths end along the promenade to North Cronulla Beach and I went down some steps with Marianne, T3(a), T3(b)

T3(a), T3(b) and Christine and then we walked along the beach towards the beach known as Wanda and we had some swims on the way, we didn't really have a swim on the way but T3(a), T3(b) and I ran through the water and splashed the water. Then we walked past the last house and we walked in the sand for about 500 yards and I have showed the Police the spot where T3(a), T3(b)

T3(a), T3(b) and myself sat down on the sand and waited while Marianne and Christine went away to get the bags (but the two girls walked along the beach in the opposite direction to where we had left the bags). After they had walked a little way I called out to Marianne and Christine and I said "Hey, the bags are back there" but they kept walking in the same direction. We waited for the girls a long time but they didn't come back so we went back to the rocks where our bags were but the girls were not there. T3(a), T3(b) waited there with the bags and

T3(a), T3(b) and I went back along the beach looking for the girls but we could not find them. We waited for them, until about five o'clock, at the place where the bags were. We then went to the Cronulla Railway Station and we caught a train which left just before six o'clock.

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We then walked through a park onto the beach and I saw a sign and it said 'Beach closed'. We then walked up to the rocks on one side of the beach (South Cronulla). We left our bags there. Then we walked around the beach past the baths and along the promenade to North Cronulla Beach and I went down some steps with Marianne, Christine, T3(a), T3(b) and then we walked along the beach towards the beach known as Wanda and we had some swims on the way and we then went past the last house. We walked in the sand for about 500 yards and I showed the Police a spot where T3(a), T3(b) and myself had sat down and waited while Marianne and Christine went away to get the bags (but the two girls walked in the opposite direction). Then we showed the Police how we walked back along the beach got our bags and then walked to the Railway Station.

Marianne had made some sandwiches on the morning of the 11th. January, 1965, before we went to the beach. When we walked up to the rocks on one side of the beach (South Cronulla) we had our lunch there and we sat down and ate the sandwiches that Marianne had made. On some of the sandwiches was Marmite, sliced cucumbers, some had tomatoes.

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[Redacted Name, Address, and Occupation]
T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)

At about 8.30am on Monday the 11th January, 1965, I left home with Marianne and Christine Sharrock and [Redacted] and [Redacted] and we caught the train at West Ryde to Redfern and changed trains and we all came to Cronulla and we went to put our bags under some rocks and after a while we all went to the sandhills and we walked along the beach and we went past all the houses and we found that the sand was hitting us and we found a place where the sand didn't hit us and we were sitting down in the sand and Marian and Christine said they were going to go for a walk and they walked away from us further into the sand hills and they said for us to wait where we were and they would come back soon but they didn't come back. and [Redacted] went to look for them and [Redacted] didn't see them but [Redacted] saw two boys playing and [Redacted] went also and [Redacted] told me that [Redacted] saw Marian and Christine ~~lying~~ walking and there was a boy walking in between them. I did not see any boys myself. After a while we walked back to where we had left the bags and we took Marian and Christines and we caught the train home.

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We caught a train at West Ryde then we went to Redfern and then we got onto another train and went to Cronulla. We all got off the train and we went to the Cronulla Beach. We found that it was closed. Marianne took me into the water for a swim. Marianne and I then left the water and went back to where the rest of the children were. We were at the Beach near where the train is. Marianne said, "we will all go for a walk." We then all walked up towards North Cronulla. When we got to North Cronulla we all sat down on the sand Marianne and Christine and then went for a walk towards some sand hills. I saw Marianne and Christine then met a boy and he walked along with them. I followed them and they walked towards the end of the beach. The boy that was walking with Christine and Marianne, was walking between them. I then fell over as I was running to catch up with them. When I got up I saw that they had walked into the sand hills. I did not see Marianne and Christine any more. A while later, I saw the boy that had walked into the sand hills with Christine and Marianne. He was alone and was walking back down the beach towards me. I said, "Where are the girls." He did not answer me; He then walked away and I did not see him again.

The man would be sixteen, like he was going to High School. he was fat and had a lot of light coloured hair all over his head. I remember that he had some white stuff on his nose He had long grey trousers on and was carrying a blue towel over his shoulder.

T3(a), T3(b)

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T3(a), T3(b)

STATES:—

At about 11.15am on Wednesday the 13th January, 1965, I accompanied Detective Sergeant Humphreys and other Police to the Cronulla Railway Station. I then walked across the road at the front of the Railway Station, walked through the park and down onto Cronulla Beach. I then walked with the Police along the beach front and when near some rocks (indicated to the Police) where on Monday we had left two bags. In the bags we had our lunch, which consisted of 6 oranges and 6 pears. At the time I was with T3(a), T3(b) We had our lunch on the rocks, I mean underneath the rocks. After we had our lunch we left the bags there and we walked along the beach, there was Marianne, Christine, T3(a), T3(b) T3(a), T3(b) After we had been walking along the sand a long way, T3(a), T3(b) and I sat down on the sandhill. We were sitting down and Christine and Marianne walked off into the sandhills.

We waited for a long while for Christine and Marianne to come back and when they didn't come back I went to look for them on my own. T3(a), T3(b) waited where we were sitting. After I had walked a long way along the sand I saw Christine and Marianne up on the sandhills, they were on their own. Not very long after I saw them with a boy, he was in the middle of Christine and Marianne. I never got close to them, but I called out to them but they didn't hear me. I started to walk back towards T3(a), T3(b) and when I got back to them we all walked back to where we had left our bags and we waited for a while to see if Christine and Marianne would come back. They didn't come back.

When I started to walk back after seeing Marianne and Christine with the boy, this boy, just when he was going to walk past me on the beach, I said to him, "Where are the girl's?" The boy did not answer me and he walked straight past me.

When we had our lunch under the rocks I had one Marmite sandwich, two cucumber sandwiches and two tomato sandwiches, I did not eat any of the fruit.

After we had waited for Marianne and Christine for a while we went to the train and we went to Redfern and then got on another train and went to West Ryde.

The boy I saw with Christine and Marianne is about 16 old, his hair was light brown and short, he was wearing grey

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long trousers, no shirt and no shoes. He was brown. He had cream on his nose. He had hair down each side of his face and on his chin. He was carrying a blue towel over his shoulder.

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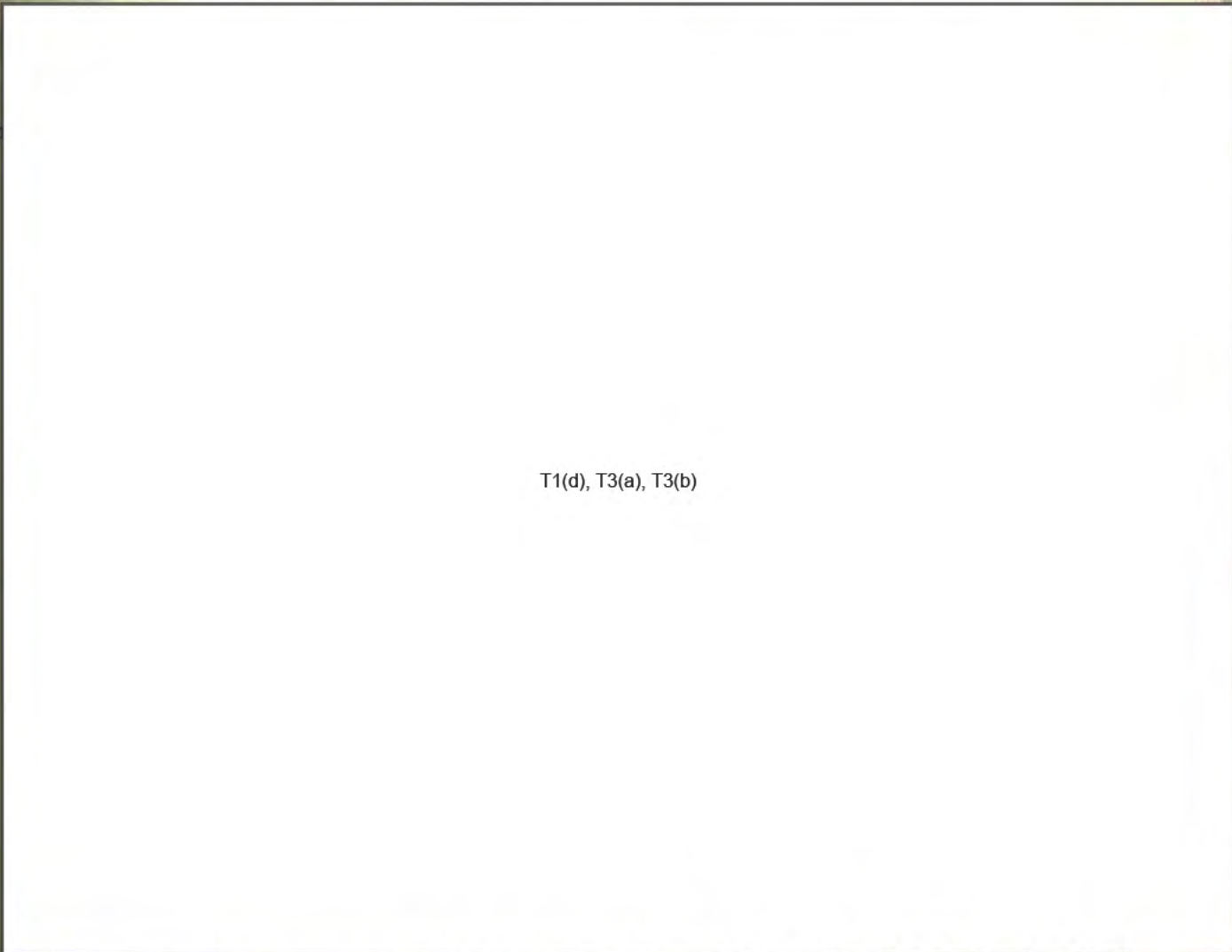
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Marianne attended the Marsden High School at Ervington. When school broke up in December, 1964, she completed her Third Year of study. It was her intention to continue her studies in Fourth Year and obtain her Intermediate Certificate at the end of that year.

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that Marianne had won a Scholarship at the Technical College and

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Marianne was a good student and obtained 98 % in German and 75 or 76 % in French and her English mark was over 80% in the final examination at the end of her Third Year. She did her home work regularly. She was a well behaved girl. She never went out anywhere except over the fence to the next house to talk to her girl friend Christine Sharrock. She did not attend picture shows or dances. She spent all her time at home and playing with the children. Christine Sharrock used to come help Marianne to clean it and to help with the ironing and things like that. She did not have a perma boy friend that she was in love with. She used to tell me that she liked the faces of certain boys at school.

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Marianne told me

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that when she was about
become an Air Hostess.

T1(d)

that she wished to

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her starting to learn the Spanish and Italian languages. She would have had to receive private coaching for these languages. Her aim was to become a Hostess who could speak all languages. I encouraged her to think about getting a boy friend and when she was old enough, getting married. However, she said it was no use that she had no intention of getting married until she saw Europe again.

T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)

beach at Cronulla. Christine did not accompany us on these picnics. She has only been to the beach about twice to my knowledge. This was during the early part of the last school holidays. She was at the beach at Cronulla on the 1st January, 1965 and on the day she died. I know these things because Christine did not have a costume up until about Christmas time and she used to borrow Marianne's costume.

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T3(a), T3(b)

STATES:—

On Monday the 11th. January, 1965, Christine and Marianne, T3(a), T3(b) and me were going to the beach. I went over to Chris's place to see if she was ready. I forget what I told her. She was ready and she stepped over the fence with me and she came to my place and went inside. Marianne filled the thermos with cold water out of the refrigerator. Christine put all her things in her beach bag and Marianne put all our things in our beach bag. We had our costumes on under our clothes. We always do that. We had our beach bowls around our necks but Marianne had hers in the beach bag. We then walked to the bus stop in Brush Road and we waited there for awhile but the bus did not come and then we walked to another bus stop and caught the bus to West Ryde Railway Station. Whilst on the bus we did not see anyone that we knew. I do not know who bought the train tickets. We did not see anyone on the Railway Station that we knew. We all sat in the same seat at the end of the carriage. We did not speak to anyone in the train and we did not speak to anyone in the train because we did not know anyone. The train stopped at Redfern and we got out of the train and caught another one to Cronulla. We all sat together in the train to Cronulla and we did not meet anyone we knew. Christine and Marianne did not speak to anyone. At Redfern we caught a train from No. 10 platform. The first two trains did not go to Cronulla but the third one did. We all got out of the train at Cronulla. Marianne had the tickets and she gave them to the man at the Cronulla Railway Station. We all walked down to the beach at Cronulla. We sat down and put our bags by the rocks. I took T3(a), T3(b) I went for a swim with Marianne in the water while all the others waited by the rocks for us to come back. Marianne taught me to swim. This is how I learnt to swim. A big wave came and went over here (indicating T3(a), T3(b) head) and I put my hands out and I swam. I got a mouthfull of water. Then we had a game. I got a hand full of water and I threw it over her face, and she had her mouth open and it went in her mouth and she gave me the same and the same thing happened to me. We got out of the water then and then we went back in again and she chased me and I ducked under and she went past me and when she came up I was behind her and she saw some bubbles. Then we went back to the others. We didn't see anyone we knew while we were in the water and we didn't speak to anybody.

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The others were standing near the rocks with their bags. We had our dinner, all of us. We had marmite sandwiches, cucumber sandwiches and tomato sandwiches. We also had some drink which Christine brought from home. I ate sandwiches and had a drink of water and some of the lime drink that Christine brought. We all sat down and had our dinner together. I saw a boy looking for crabs near us and then he walked on and then we went for the walk. When we got to the sandhills the wind was blowing the sand on to our feet and so we sat down and then Marianne and Chris went away. Then T3(a), T3(b) told me to look for them and I saw them with the boy and after that the boy, when the boy came back the knife was gone. I said to him, "Where are the girls?" and he didn't say anything and he was shaking a little bit. I saw the boy with the knife catching some crabs by the rocks while I was sitting on the rocks eating my lunch. Up in the sandhills when the girls say they were going to get the beach bags T3(a), T3(b) tell me to look for them if they are coming. The boy that was catching crabs had a knife. He was holding it in his hand. He didn't have it in his hand all the time. I can't explain it right now. He had the knife in the holster like T3(a), T3(b) all the time. He didn't have the knife in his hand at all. He had the long thing in his hands. It had a point. We have got something at home like it. It goes with a spear gun and it is about this long (indicates a distance of about three feet) He had it in one hand and he was trying to get a crab off of the crack. He got the crab out. I saw him trying to catch this crab while I was having my lunch. I did not see the boy talk to anyone while I was down at the rocks. When we were having our lunch he was about this far away from us (indicated a distance of about three yards). When we walked up on to the sandhills I saw that boy again. I am sure of this. I saw him again with the girls by the sandhills. I heard him speaking to the girls. They were this far away from me (distance measured - stepped at 10 yards) He said to the girls, "What's your name." The girls didn't say anything to him. The boy looked angry. I say he looked angry because his face looked angry. The boy was walking on the sandhills between Christine and Marianne and he was looking at Christine when he said, "What's your name." I was walking in front of them and to their left. (This position was indicated by demonstration and was consistent with T3(a), T3(b) being able to see the boy's face.) I didn't walk far with them. Christine and Marianne and this boy were not laughing and joking as they walked along.

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This boy was about 16, he had hair the same colour as Christine, it was combed back. I'll show you a boy with hair done like his. His hair wasn't blowing about in the wind that day because it was greasy. He had grey long pants on and nothing else and his towel (royal blue colour indicated) was over his right shoulder. When he was up on the sandhills when I saw him talking to the girls his knife was in the holster. He didn't have the spear. When he came back along the beach afterwards he still had the holster on but there was no knife in it. He had hair on his face (indicating down) but he was like T3(a), T3(b) He hadn't started to shave yet. I would know that boy again. I would know him again by his face. He had cream on his nose. Christine took a transistor radio with her when we walked up to the sandhills but when she left with Marianne after that she left the transistor with T3(a), T3(b)

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[Redacted] Christine used to come to [Redacted] a lot at night and she would talk to Marianne. We all would be in the lounge room watching T.V., usually Christine would have to be home by 9 o'clock as [Redacted] would tell her to be home at that time. Christine used to go to the Catholic School, I don't know where it was. Marianne used to go to school with [Redacted] this school was Marsden High. I remember that [Redacted] and [Redacted] used to go to school with Marianne and [Redacted] they used to call down to [Redacted] and they would all go together. Sometimes [Redacted] would come home with Marianne and they would go into her bedroom and talk, I don't know what they talked about in the room.

Marianne had a boy friend, his name was [Redacted] and she had his name in a small book, I don't know where he lives. She used to wear a heart shaped locket and she had [Redacted] photo in it. Somewhere around Christmas Marianne told me that she didn't like [Redacted] anymore, she wouldn't tell me why. She liked a boy from [Redacted] a bit, he lived down near [Redacted] Marianne used to go swimming with the school and I think [Redacted] used to go too, I think it was to the Ryde Swimming Pool. I cannot remember Marianne ever being late home from school, [Redacted]

On the weekend sometime we used to all go to Ryde Swimming Pool, I cannot remember Christine ever coming with us. I cannot remember Marianne ever talking to any young boys at the swimming pool on any occasion.

I remember Christine and Marianne went to Cronulla Beach by themselves. I think it was on New Years Day, they were away all day, when they came home they didn't tell me anything that happened that day at the beach.

On the following day, (The second of January, 1965) Christine did not go with us but the rest of [Redacted] [Redacted] went to the Cronulla Beach. We went by train from West Ryde to Redfern and then caught another train to Cronulla. I can't remember what time we got there but it was before

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lunch. We didnot talk to anybody on the train, nor did we talk to anybody on the beach that day. When we arrived at Cronulla T3(a), T3(b) wanted to go spear fishing, and I went around the rocks with them towards Shelley Beach. They did some spear fishin but we didn't stay there that long. We went around to South Cronulla Beach to where we had left Marianne and T3(a), T3(b) T3(a), T3(b) We found their towels there but they weren't anywhere in sight. We went back around where we had left our spearfishing gear on the rocks and then came back around to the towels and found Marianne there with the rest of the children. From what I can remember Marianne didn't say where she had been or what she had done. We stayed with Marianne and the rest of the children until it was time to go home, we all then went up to Cronulla Railway Station and we caught the train home.

On Saturday (9th January, 1965) we were at home and Marianne told me that she was going to take us to the beach on the following Monday, (11th January, 1965) I think that she told me that Christine was comeing too. When Monday came Marianne cut our lunch, it was bread and tomatoes, cucumbers and marmite together with some fruit. We left home at about 8.30am that morning, there was Marianne, Christine, T3(a), T3(b) and myself. Marianne and Christine carried the bags and we walked down to the West Ryde Railway Station, we didn't speak to anybody on the way. The train came and we got on it and it took us to Redfern, we didn't speak to anyone on the train. We got off at Redfern and changed platforms to platform 10. Marianne and Christine were with us all of that time and no person approached us or spoke to us. ON getting onto the train we all sat together on one of those long seats that run besides the windows at the back of the carriage. I cannot remember if anyone else was in the train carriage at the time, no persons spoke to us on the train. When we get off the train at Cronulla we were all together. Wewalked from the Station over the yellow lines (Cronulla Street) down a lane which runs between a park, some shops, and a fun parlour. We then walked across another Street (Gerrale Street) and into the big park, we walked right through the park, past the Lifesaver's house onto the footpath that runs around thebeach and walked onto the rocks(south). We walked for some distance on the rocks and I remember an old man and an old lady sitting on a seat just near there. I don't remember what they looked like. After a while we sat down on the rocks there and put our bags and towels down. We were only there a short while and then T3(a), T3(b) wanted to go to South Cronulla and play in the water there. Iremember that the beach was closed that day and the sea was very rough. Marianne took T3(a), T3(b) around to the beach and was only away for 20 minutes.

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T3(a), T3(b)

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During the time that Marianne and T3(a), T3(b) were away, Christine stayed with us on the rocks. When Marianne and T3(a), T3(b) came back we all sat down and had some lunch, which had been prepared by Marianne earlier that day. I cannot remember if Christine had any of our sandwiches. I remember sringking some lime and ice-cold water. Marianne had brought the cold water and Christine had bought the lime. After lunch Marianne and Christine had the idea that they wanted to go to Wanda Beach. I remember it was Marianne that said, "Let's go for a walk up to Wanda." I have never been to Wanda before. We put our bags on top of a ledge close to where we had been sitting and we started off to walk around the rocks again back towards South Cronulla. T3(a), T3(b) and I went ahead of the rest, I remember that Christine was last because she was T3(a), T3(b). We walked on to the sand on the beach and after a while when we get up near the first swimming pool we walked up onto the footpath and walked along it for some distance. I didnot see either of the girls speak to anybody either on the beach or on the footpath. We only passed a few people and they didn't seem to take any notice of us. We walked right along the footpath past the other beach (North Cronulla) and T3(a), T3(b). Marianne helped me up because she was just behind me. A short while later we walked off the footpth and onto the sand and walked along the beach towards the sand hills. Just before we got to the sand hills there was another beach (Wanda) and I remember seeing a number of boys and girls sunbaking. None of them seemed to take any notice of us. We then came to the sand hills, we walked just near them but still on the beach. After a while T3(a), T3(b) found a place in the sand hills where we could shelter as the wind was blowing very hard and the sand was stinging me all over. Marianne said, after we had gone into this shelter, "It would be better if we go back and get the bags alone." I understeed that she would go back with Christine to get them. Marianne said, "You stay here and we will get the bags." All of us children then covered ourselves with towels and sheltered from the wind. Christine gave me/ her National transistor radio and said, "Would you look after it for me." Both Christine and Marianne then walked over the sand hills and I could see they were going in the opposite direction from where we left the bags. I called out when they were only a little distance away, "Hey you are going in the wrong directien." The bags are over there." Both girls laughed and I remember that Marianne fell over in the sand, got up, and then continued to walk in the wrong direction, away from where we had left the bags. They didn't seem to hurry, nor were they going slow, they just seemed to walk along. When they went over the sand hills I didn't

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see them again. I told T3(a), T3(b) to go and look for them, T3(a), T3(b) got up from where T3(a), T3(b) was sitting and walked in the direction which the girls had taken and came back a short while later. I cannot remember T3(a), T3(b) saying anything to me, I am not really sure, but I don't think T3(a), T3(b) did. When we were sitting in the sand hills and just after the two girls had left I remember looking into the sand hills (west) and I saw two boys they were sort of sliding down the sand hills. (This would appear to have been some 100 yards away). I remember that one of these boys was about 15, about as tall as T3(a), T3(b) (5 ft 8 to 9 ins.) he was of medium build, and had sort of white hair, you might call it blonde. His hair didn't seem too long just ordinary cut, he was wearing a red shirt which had short sleeves, I think he had a grey pair of shorts on. No shoes. The other boy was also about 15, he was slightly shorter than the one with the white hair and he could have been thinner. He had black hair. (indicated medium cut) He was wearing a red shirt, I cannot remember whether he was wearing trousers or shorts. Both boys were carrying airways bags, one of these bags was blue. I cannot remember the colour of the other bag. These boys only stayed there a short while, after the girls had left, and they walked off over the sandhills. (Indicating a north-westerly direction. I didnot see these boys again.

We stayed in the sand hills waiting for the girls up till about 5 o'clock and then we left and went back to where the bags were. We got the bags and T3(a), T3(b) and I left the other children at South Cronulla and we walked back towards the sand hills — looking for the girls. We didn't get as far as we had gone when we went into the sand hills to shelter from the wind. We didn't see the girls, nor can I remember seeing anyone else. We went back and picked up the other children and then went to Cronulla Railway and caught the train home. When we got home T3(a), T3(b) asked me where the girls were and I told T3(a), T3(b) we lost them and T3(a), T3(b) went in to Christine's place and told T3(a), T3(b)

Witness:

Signature:

T3(a), T3(b)

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New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: T3(a), T3(b)

Date: 10th March, 1965.

Name: T3(a), T3(b)
Address:
Occupation:

STATES:—

T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)

On Saturday the 9th January, 1965, T3(a), T3(b) Marianne told me that she was going to take me and T3(a), T3(b) and her friend Christine Sharrock to the beach but we couldn't go on the Saturday because it was raining. She told me that she would take me on the following Monday if it wasn't raining.

T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)

Early on Monday the 11th January, 1965, after I got out of bed, T3(a), T3(b) Marianne told me that she and Christine Sharrock were going to take us to the beach at Cronulla and then she told T3(a), T3(b) to go T3(a), T3(b) to Christine Sharrock's house and see if she was ready. Marianne then made up some sandwiches, they were cucumber, and tomato and she put some cold water in a thermos flask for us to take to the beach. Christine came into our house and she had a thermos flask too and she had a lime drink in the flask. We had all arranged to go to the beach with the exception of T3(a), T3(b), T1(d)

T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)

T1(d), T3(a), T3(b) We all had changed in to our swimming costumes at my house before we left home and we were wearing our clothes over the costumes. Marianne carried our lunches, our towels and the thermos flask and Christine Sharrock brought her bag and a towel and she carried them. We walked from our house right up to West Ryde Railway

T3(a), T3(b)

Signature:

Witness:

STATEMENT (continued) in matter of: **Deaths of Marianne Schmidt and Christine Sharrock.**

Name: T3(a), T3(b)

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Station. When we got to the railway station Marianne went to the ticket box and bought all the tickets and then we waited for a train and after awhile the train came and Marianne, T3(a), T3(b) Christine Sharrock and I got on the train and we all sat on the same seat. Shortly after we got in the train a boy, who was in the train when we got in, and he was sitting in the corner, next to Christine. We were in the back part of the train, where there are only two seats, and you sit with your back to the windows. This boy started to talk to Christine and Marianne and I heard the boy, but I can't remember anything that they said. This boy was about 15 years of age, he was a tall boy, he was thin, he had black hair, curly and neat, he had a pale face and he had long trousers and a shirt on, with short sleeves, he had shoes on, black ones, he wasn't carrying anything. We stayed on this train until we arrived at Redfern Station and the boy was still on the train. The boy, Marianne and Christine were talking quietly and I could not hear what they were saying. When the train stopped at Redfern we all got out and the boy, who had been talking to Marianne and Christine stayed in the train and I saw him in the train when it moved off from the platform. We walked off this platform and went to another platform at Redfern and waited for the Cronulla Train. We were waiting for the Cronulla train for a long time and whilst we were waiting we didn't see anyone that we knew, and no person spoke to any of us. The Cronulla train came into the platform and we got into the back part of the train, the same as when we were in when we left West Ryde, but this time there was no one else in the carriage. T3(a), T3(b) sat nearest the back of the train, then T3(a), T3(b) then T3(a), T3(b) then me, then Marianne and then Christine. None of us left the carriage and we stayed in that part of the train until we arrived at Cronulla Railway Station. (Indicates opposite of train as from train from West Ryde.) No person spoke to any of us whilst we were travelling from Redfern to Cronulla. We got off the train at Cronulla Railway Station, then we walked out of the station, crossed the roadway and kept on walking until we saw the beach then we walked down the steps and onto the beach. We all walked around to some rocks near the water. When we got to the rocks we all took our clothes off, but Christine didn't take her clothes off, we all had our swimming costumes on. T3(a), T3(b) wanted to go for a swim, but T3(a), T3(b) couldn't because the beach was closed, and Marianne told T3(a), T3(b) that T3(a), T3(b) couldn't because it was too dangerous. T3(a), T3(b) asked again to go for a swim and Marianne still said, "NO." Then Marianne said that she would take T3(a), T3(b) and then

Witness: T3(a), T3(b)

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Name:

T3(a), T3(b)

(Surname in capitals)

Marianne took T3(a), T3(b) to the beach and they went in the water. We didn't watch them and we stayed near the rocks and Christine T3(a), T3(b) and I went for a paddle in a rock pool. We didn't talk to anyone then, but I saw a lady and a man sitting on the rocks, further away from us. After a little while Marianne and T3(a), T3(b) came back to us and then we had our lunch on the rocks. Marianne ate cucumber sandwiches, I ate cucumbers T3(a), T3(b) ate some tomatoes, T3(a), T3(b) ate some cucumber and tomato sandwiches and I can't remember whether of not Christine ate anything. After lunch the lady and man were still sitting on the rocks and we were all still together. Then Marianne said that we should go for a walk up to the sandhills and then we all got up and left our bags in a hole in some rocks. I don't know what the time was then, but it would have been about lunch time. We all walked together towards the sandhills, on the beach and after we had been walking for a long time and after we went up past the houses, the sand was hitting us on the legs and the wind was blowing. T3(a), T3(b) went and left us and then T3(a), T3(b) came back and told us that T3(a), T3(b) had found a place, where the sand wouldn't hit us so we all went with T3(a), T3(b) to a place in the sand over the hill and the sand wasn't blowing there so we all sat down. Marianne and Christine didn't sit down and they put all the towels, that we had, around us and they said that they would go on further. Marianne said this. I said to Marianne and Christine, "Where are you going?" Then they said, both of them, to me, "We are going mad." They didn't say anything else. They walked off together towards the sandhills. They walked up a little hill then I couldn't see them anymore. T3(a), T3(b) said to me awhile later, I don't know how long, "You go and see if they are coming." I got up and walked up the little hill, but I could not see anyone. We waited a little longer and then T3(a), T3(b) told T3(a), T3(b) to go and have a look, and then T3(a), T3(b) walked away for a little while then T3(a), T3(b) came back and T3(a), T3(b) didn't say anything. We were all sitting with our backs to the water and then I saw two boys walking, from near the top of the sandhills towards the rocks. and they were a longway away from us. I could see that they both had black hair, one boy had a red shirt and the other one had the same. I don't know how old they were. After awhile, when Marianne and Christine didn't come back we all walked back to where we had left our clothing and bags, then we waited for awhile, then T3(a), T3(b) went looking for the girls, then T3(a), T3(b) and I went looking for them, and we found T3(a), T3(b) and we stayed around the rocks for a little while longer and we still looked around for them and

Witness:

T3(a), T3(b)

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STATEMENT (continued) in matter of

T3(a), T3(b)

Name:

(Surname in capitals)

then we went to the Railway Station and caught th e train to Redfern Railway Station, then we caught another train to West Ryde Railway Station. When we arrived home at West Ryde we walked from the Station to our home and we told T3(a), T3(b) about the girls. T3(a), T3(b) came home after and (a), T3(b) asked me some questions about the girls.

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Witness:

T3(a), T3(b)

Signature:

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T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)

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Date and Time	Report of Occurrence	Police in Charge Action taken
14.1.65	<p>INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p> <p>At 4.20pm. on 13.1.65. we interviewed [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p>	<p>see 151, 398. 572.</p>
	<p>[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) stated that to [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) knowledge Marianne had only attended the Cronulla Beach on three occasions this season, the dates of same being the 1st, 2nd, and 11th, January, 1965. On the 1st, January, 1965, Marianne and the girl Christine Sharrock had gone together to Cronulla beach for the day. On the 2nd, January, 1965, [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) had accompanied both the abovementioned girls, and also the three younger Schmidt children, to Cronulla Beach. During that day, [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) and Marianne got into conversation with a youth who was spearfishing who stated that he was a Police Cadet who had previously resided in Queensland. This was only a short conversation between the three of them and apart from that occasion, [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) did not see [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) speak to any other boy on the beach. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) added that the deceased girl Marianne had never told [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) of any occasion on which she had met a boy or boys at the beach, however entries in the diaries of both the deceased girls show that on the 1st, January, 1965, they met two boys whilst on the beach.</p>	
	<p>PAUL ANN SHAW:</p> <p><i>Inquiry Suspended.</i></p>	

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15.1.65. 5pm.	<p><u>INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY</u> [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p> <p>Folio No. 67 refers to a conversation on the 2nd January, 1965 between the deceased Marianne Schmidt and a Police Cadet at Cronulla. The Police Cadet was described as a spearfisherman who stated that he previously resided in Queensland. Inquiries were made of the</p> <p>[redacted]</p> <p>T3(a), T3(b), T2(b), T1(f)</p>	<p>see 67,378</p> <p>572. 362.</p> <p>932. 1066.</p> <p>1253. 1455.</p> <p>1706.</p>
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	<u>ORIGINAL OF THIS ENTRY PORTION OF ENTRY ON PAGE 1096 OF THIS RUNNING SHEET.</u>	
	Constable 1/c Newtown then interviewed T3(a), T3(b) who was with T3(a), T3(b)	
	T3(a), T3(b), T1(d)	
	Description of Marianne Schmidt then obtained by Constable Newtown from T3(a), T3(b) T3(a), T3(b) who also supplied a photograph of the girl.	
	Constable Newtown to T3(a), T3(b)	
	Q. "Will you come outside with me for a moment?"	
	T3(a), T3(b) then went to front of the premises with Constable Newton.	
	Q. You would know better than anyone, do the two girls associate with any boys or have a boy friend?	
	A. No, I have never heard any girl mention any boys and the only reason they go to Cronulla is that they can go there by train from West Ryde. They have always gone there."	
	Q. How long have they been going there?"	
	A. Quite a few times.	
	Q. You heard what T3(a), T3(b) has told me, is there anything else you can say?	
	A. No, only what T3(a), T3(b) said.	
	Constable Newtown stated that at no stage did T3(a), T3(b) or T3(a), T3(b) T3(a), T3(b) mention that the children on T3(a), T3(b) had seen the two deceased girls with the chief suspect, the youth 16 old. T3(a), T3(b) was not interviewed at any stage by Constable 1st Class Newtown.	
	J. P. WHITFIELD. Ryde Police Station.	
	This interview took place on 5.2.1965.	

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11.2.65. 9.30am.	<p>INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p> <p>At about 6.15pm on the 10th February, 1965 interviewed the abovenamed to ascertain further particulars regarding Police Cadet. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p> <p>[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) stated that on the 2nd January, 1965, [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) had accompanied Marianne. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) After arriving at the beach at about 10.30am they split into two groups. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) and Marianne went to the beach, Cronulla and [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) went to the rocks at the southern end of the beach. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) then went into the water off the rocks spearfishing. At about 1pm they got into conversation with a boy who had been watching them in the water. This boy told them he was a Police Cadet and was interested in trying the fishing there. He said he had previously speared fish on the north or south coast. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) describes the Cadet as being about 17 old, 5'10", medium build, fair complexion, not very sun-tanned, short curly light brown hair, round face, about 10 stone weight. Smoked Rothmans cigarettes. Stated had lived in a suburb of Brisbane for four years prior to coming to Sydney and joining Cadets about two or three months ago. The Cadet was wearing either dark blue or white nylon 'Speedo' type trunks. The Cadet spoke of learning typing and shorthand and mentioned that he had not yet completed his courses in these subjects. He spoke of the Police Training Centre in Bourke Street, Redfern and of being on day shift at that time. He said he lived in the [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p> <p>[redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p> <p>Marianne had gone up the beach north at about 12.30pm and came back a short time later and [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) thinks she possibly went away again whilst [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) and the Cadet were swimming. At about 2pm [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) and the Cadet went for another swim and [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) came along and [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) asked [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) where Marianne was and [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) said, 'Oh, somewhere up top there.' [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) pointed in the direction of Wanda. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) didn't take much notice and just looked around the pool area. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) then went for another swim while the Cadet watched [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) and the Cadet went back to the dressing pavilion at Cronulla at about 3pm and got dressed. The Cadet dressed in Blue jeans. He had a comb, cigarettes and matches in his back pocket, no shoes or shirt. The Cadet left at about 3.15pm. During the afternoon [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) stated that Marianne did come back to where [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) and the Cadet were talking on the sand near the south end of the beach and she had a short conversation with them. At this time Marianne was sunbaking on her back and she</p>	<p>RUNNING SHEET REFERENCE No. 67.</p> <p><i>151 362</i></p> <p><i>932 1263</i></p> <p><i>1455 1706</i></p>

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11.2.65.	<p>INTERVIEW WITH [T3(a), T3(b)] CONTINUED. was sunburnt on the neck and the front of her legs. She was wearing a black costume with a white 'V' on the front, one piece. [T3(a), T3(b)] returned to the beach and at 3.30pm was rejoined by Marianne. [T3(a), T3(b)] and [T3(a), T3(b)] came back just before her from the same direction. Marianne didn't say where she had been and [T3(a), T3(b)] didn't ask her.</p>	
	<p>T1(d), T3(a), T3(b), T1(f), T2(b)</p>	
	<p>WALTON & AITKEN. <i>Inquiries Suspended.</i></p>	

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14.1.65 11.30am	INTERVIEW OF [redacted] T3(a), T3(b), RE IDENTI-KIT COMPOSITE OF SUSPECT IN MURDER OF CHRISTINE SHARROCK AND MARIANNE SCHMIDT AT WANDA BEACH ON 11.1.65.	SGT. K.LAWLER, M.O.SECTION. D/SGT.K.G.BROWN, S.I.BUREAU.
	Visited [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) which constituted a description and possible build-up of an Identi-Kit composite of the suspect person alleged seen by [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) on the beach and with the two girls on the day of the murder.	
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) described the suspect as a tall man, fat, same age as [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) he was brown, wearing long grey pants, slight beard round face. Attempts were then made, with [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) assistance, to build-up an Identi-Kit composite, but after two or three composites were produced, it was found that [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) was agreeing with every type of face that was put before [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	
	[redacted] T1(f), T3(a), T3(b)	
	[redacted] T1(f), T3(a), T3(b) the importance of an Identi-Kit likeness being produced from [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) description and under our instructions and directions, [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) After a short while, it appeared obvious to Sergeant Lawler and myself that	
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) was putting [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) own ideas into [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) head while attempting to build a composite and when a result was reached on one build-up, [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) then became disinterested in the proceedings and we decided to proceed again after lunch.	
	[redacted] T1(d), T3(a), T3(b), T2(b), T1(f)	
	Later in the afternoon, we adjourned	
	to [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) where we again attempted to obtain from [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) a further and more positive Identi-Kit composite.	
	[redacted] T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)	

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	T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)	
	<p>Having failed in any further attempts on a build-up [redacted] T3(a), T3(b), we abandoned the idea of ever obtaining an Identikit likeness of the suspect so far as [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) was concerned. [redacted] T3(a)</p>	
	T3(a), T3(b)	
	<p>Sgt. Lawler and myself then decided to communicate with the Police working on the case, to inform them of any results obtained</p>	
	<p>[redacted]</p> <p>T1(d), T3(a), T3(b), T1(f), T2(b)</p>	
	<p>[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) and [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) were then conveyed that afternoon to the Modus Operandi Section, P.T. Centre, Redfern, where [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p>	
	T3(a), T3(b)	
	<p>[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) selected several photographs from the photographic files, namely S.P.B.No.'s 64/1955 - chin line of suspect, 64/107 - hair style, 64/1472 - nose and mouth, 64/1806 - colour of skin and type of eyes, 64/2007 - hair colour. These were kept in mind for a future composite to be made, if required.</p> <p>At all times during our interview,</p>	
	<p>[redacted]</p> <p>T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)</p>	
	T3(a), T3(b)	
	<p>[redacted]</p> <p>Detective Sergeant 3rd Class. Scientific Investigation Bureau.</p>	

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14/1/65.	INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	
	On the 12/1/65, we interviewed	
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	<i>See</i>
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) stated that on Monday the 11/1/65, Christine left that house about 8.40am and joined Marianne SCHMIDT and the other persons referred to previously, for the purpose of visiting Cronulla Beach.	<i>942, 1090.</i>
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) had no knowledge of the girls meeting any persons at Wanda Beach or Cronulla Beach. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) recalled that Christine had £1 only when she left the house, and further that the girl did not take any lunch with her, but took a Thermos of Lime Cordial in her Beach Bag.	
	A check of the bag revealed that only the sum of 5/4d was left in her handbag.	
	All the articles of clothing that the girl took with her to the beach were accounted for, together with a Transistor Radio, apart from the clothing found on the deceased at Wanda Beach.	
	Christine Sharrock was born on the 5/10/49 and was attending St. Therese School.	
	We spoke to [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) about the girl's conduct generally and it appears that she has always conducted herself quite well and has not been in the habit of going with boys, however, [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) recalls that Christine had been working at [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) Store, West Ryde on the Stationary counter for three weeks prior to Christmas in the School vacation, and had there met a boy named	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) <i>in forwarded page 126.</i>
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b), T1(d)	
	We took a Diary from the girl's room and made a search of her property, but did not find any useful information.	<i>See 76.</i>
	A further check will be made through the Diary. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) informed us that Christine had [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	UP.

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14/1/65.	INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	<i>Record</i>
	On the afternoon of the 13/1/65, Det. Sgt. Paull and Det. Shaw visited [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) and there interviewed	
	[redacted] T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)	
	We discussed Marianne's movements with [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) generally and her friends. We ascertained that she is a School Girl attending 'Marsden High School, Ermington' D.O.B. 30/10/49 and was born at 'HOFF' Germany. We took possession of a diary which had been kept recently by Marianne.	
	Further inquiries to be made in connection with this matter. We also took possession of beach bag, two return rail tickets, a pair of thongs, a pair of shorts, and a wristlet watch, which is the property Marianne had taken with her to Wanda Beach on the 11/1/65, and rail	<i>See pages 69, 76, 201. 378 450-455. 1067</i>
	[redacted] T3(a) We confirmed with [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) the fact that none of [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) property was missing.	
	We checked the contents of the girl's room, but there was nothing to assist in this inquiry there.	
	DET. SGT. PAULL.	

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14.2.65. 5.30pm.	<p>FURTHER INTERVIEWS WITH [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) AND [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p>	
	<p>At about 11am this date, the abovenamed were conveyed to the Cronulla Police Station for the purpose of making comprehensive statements in connection with the Wanda Murders.</p> <p>The statements are filed in the Statement Folder.</p>	
	<p>Following this, [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) and [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) accompanied us to Cronulla beach. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) indicated to us the position on the rocks at Cronulla where [redacted] T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)</p>	
	<p>[redacted] T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)</p>	
	<p>[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) led us further south around the rocks. They each separately identified the place where they had had their lunch on the rocks. They further identified the ledge of rock immediately above where the two deceased left their beach bags and contents. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) then indicated a pool of water in the rocks where the boy placed the crab. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) indicated same. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) was asked how big the crab was and asked to draw it on the rock with a pencil. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) drew [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) it on the bed of the pool. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) had indicated.</p>	<p><i>See 290 944.1299.</i></p>
	<p>[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) was then asked where the crab was caught by the boy. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) then ran a few yards and beneath a small ledge of rock [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) drew a ring on the rock and said, "He caught that naughty crab there." At this stage [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) left the scene and when the underneath side of this ledge was examined a number of sizeable crabs were seen stationery in the rock crevice.</p>	
	<p>WALTON, JOHNSON, AITKEN.</p>	

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11/1/65	<u>RETRACING OF MOVEMENTS BY</u> T3(a), T3(b)	
	<p>On the morning of the 13/1/65, Detective Inspector Haines, Det. Sgt. Paul and Humphreys and Det. Lucas took the T3(a), T3(b) over the course made previously by them on the 11/1/65 with the deceased Marianno SCHMIDT and Christine SHARROCK.</p>	
	<p>After alighting from the train at Cronulla Railway Station on the 11th instant, T3(a), T3(b) had walked to some rocks at the southern end of Cronulla Beach where they had lunch, and then they walked fairly slowly up Cronulla Beach in a northerly direction to Wanda Beach.</p>	
	<p>T3(a), T3(b) indicated a location about half way along Wanda Beach, as being the spot where they sat down, and at that stage Marianno and Christine left them, apparently for the purpose of returning to the rocks at the southern end of Cronulla Beach to collect their beach bags, which they had secreted under rocks.</p>	
	<p>T3(a), T3(b) indicated that T3(a), T3(b) saw the two deceased walking in a northerly direction along Wanda Beach with the suspect described.</p>	
	<p>DEF. SGT. PAUL.</p>	

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11/1/65	OBSERVATIONS OF YOUTH SEEN BY [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	
	As a result of further interview with [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) on the 16/1/65 by Det. Sgt. Pauli and Det. Shaw.	
	Information was obtained from [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) that on the morning of the 11/1/65, whilst sitting on the rocks at the southern end of Cronulla Beach, they observed a youth described as above at 16 old, very fair hair, who was looking under the rocks for crabs, and was carrying a knife for that purpose.	
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) and [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) told us that that boy walked in a southerly direction around the rocks.	
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) when interviewed by us on the 16/1/65, stated that that boy who was looking for the crabs, is the boy that [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) saw walking north along Wanda Beach with the two deceased later in the day.	
	This is the first time that that information has become known. Because of this additional information, the Reception Officer was asked to request the newspapers to ask the boy who was seeking crabs, to contact the Cronulla Police.	
	BEVAN.	

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8.2.65.	FURTHER INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) [redacted] ADI [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	
	[redacted] T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)	
	adamant that the girl Sharrock would not willingly take alcohol. When further spoken to regarding [redacted] T1(f), T3(a), T3(b)	
	[redacted] T1(d), T1(f), T3(a), T3(b)	
	Having in mind the above information it now appears clear that Christine Sharrock and Maximine Schmidt could have directly misled the children into believing that they intended returning from Wanda beach to the beach at South Cronulla, to collect the bags when in fact it was their purpose to walk north along Wanda beach, knowing that the children would be waiting for them on their return.	
	PAULL AND SHAW.	

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11.2.65. 11.50am.	<p>PHUMPHU THORNTON T3(a), T3(b)</p> <p>T3(a), T3(b) ADD T3(a), T3(b)</p>	<p>RUNNING SHEET REFERENCE NO.</p>
	<p>At about 11.50am on the 10.2.65 we interviewed T3(a), T3(b) and asked T3(a), T3(b) to relate the conversation which occurred at the beach at Cronulla before they set out for Wanda beach on the 11.1.65. T3(a), T3(b) said that Marianne told them that they would all go home at 3pm. They walked up the beach. The wind was blowing sand on them. They found a place where the wind wasn't blowing. They had shown that place to Mr. Heines. They were sheltered from the wind there and the girls said that they would go and get the bags. T3(a), T3(b) said that they had lunch on the rocks at Cronulla beach and after lunch Christine and Marianne said that they would go for a walk up to Wanda beach and back.</p>	
	<p>T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)</p>	
	<p>T3(a), T3(b) said that the sandwiches that Marianne prepared for lunch were made up of bread and butter and lettuce; bread and butter and tomato; and bread and butter and cucumber. They also had oranges and apricots. T3(a), T3(b) thinks that Marianne ate a tomato sandwich and a cucumber sandwich. T3(a), T3(b) thinks Christine had a parmitte sandwich. T3(a), T3(b) said that they all went up to Wanda just after lunch. T3(a), T3(b) said that T3(a), T3(b) splashed in the water as they went up. T3(a), T3(b) remembers seeing surfboard riders in the water at Wanda. T3(a), T3(b) said that T3(a), T3(b) heard the girls say that they were had to go up there, (in the prevailing conditions).</p>	
	<p>T3(a), T3(b) said that T3(a), T3(b) wanted a swim before dinner and Marianne took T3(a), T3(b) for a swim at Cronulla beach. They were away for about 15 minutes. T3(a), T3(b) said that when the two deceased girls were leaving them in the sand hills at Wanda they were laughing to each other and looked back. T3(a), T3(b) said they were always laughing and giggling to each other.</p>	
	<p>T3(a), T3(b) was discreetly questioned in relation to the boy whom T3(a), T3(b) said was catching crabs and talking to T3(a), T3(b) and Christine on Cronulla beach on the morning of the 11.1.65. We were careful to ask questions which did not suggest an answer. T3(a), T3(b) is still under a strain but with the assistance of T3(a), T3(b) we were able to obtain an account of what occurred at the beach which could be of some</p>	

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11.2.65.	INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) CONTINUED.	
	<p>[redacted] assistance.</p> <p>T3(a), T3(b) said that [redacted] boy a 16 years old boy catching crabs. This boy had hair the same colour as Christine Sharrock. It was short cropped and standing up in front and is brushed down over his temples and the back of his neck in a conventional type of haircut. Christine Sharrock's hair is described as light brown. T3(a), T3(b) said this boy was about 16 old. He didn't shave. He had down on his cheeks. He was dressed only in a pair of light grey trousers. He had no shirt or shoes. He had sun-burn cream on his nose. He had a belt with a knife sheath attached which contained a knife similar to what T3(a), T3(b)</p>	
	<p>T3(a), T3(b) produced this sheath which was an ordinary sheath knife.</p>	
	<p>T3(a), T3(b) said that this boy was catching crabs in the rocks south of the pavilion at Cronulla beach. Evidently the Schmidt family had been visiting that part of Cronulla beach when Mrs. Schmidt was alive. They used to sit on the rocks under the shade of the overhanging cliff. It was here that the children had their lunch.</p>	
	<p>After lunch T3(a), T3(b) said that T3(a), T3(b) and T3(a), T3(b)</p>	
	<p>T3(a), T3(b) Marianna and Christine standing close together and then T3(a), T3(b) indicated with a cross where the boy catching crabs was standing. The position was between the two girls. T3(a), T3(b) said that the girls and the boy were talking but T3(a), T3(b) could not hear what they were saying. T3(a), T3(b) heard words but T3(a), T3(b) tried but could not remember them. T3(a), T3(b) thinks the boy was speaking Australian language. T3(a), T3(b) said this boy was the boy T3(a), T3(b) spoke to coming back from the sand hills where the girls had gone. T3(a), T3(b) was "Dad" looking. T3(a), T3(b) said his skin was brown and his hair was not out of place as he had grease on it.</p>	
	<p>T3(a), T3(b) said this boy had a blue towel. T3(a), T3(b)</p>	
	<p>T3(a), T3(b) produced two towels, one royal blue; the other sky blue. T3(a), T3(b) selected that royal blue one as being similar.</p>	
	<p>T3(a), T3(b) saw this boy catch crabs on the rocks. T3(a), T3(b) said they were big crabs. T3(a), T3(b) said he killed them first by pushing the knife through them and he then put them in a little pool of water.</p>	
	<p>T3(a), T3(b) said that the girls did not know they were standing behind them when they were talking to this man youth. Apparently</p>	
	<p>T3(a), T3(b) said this conversation took place after they had had their dinner. T3(a), T3(b) said they had their dinner about half an hour or so before they began to walk to Wanda beach.</p>	
	<p>T3(a), T3(b) thinks that after this conversation the girls placed their beach bags on a shelf</p>	

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11.2.65	<p>of rock and then with the children walked up the beach. T3(a), T3(b) said that walking up the beach the girls do not mention having to be at any place at any particular time.</p> <p>T3(a), T3(b) said it was very windy and when the girls walked into the sand hills and told them to wait there T3(a), T3(b) thought that they just wanted to walk up the Wanda Beach and back before they went home.</p> <p>T3(a), T3(b) said that as they walked away T3(a), T3(b) followed them without the girls knowing it. T3(a), T3(b) saw the boy who was talking to them on the rocks at Cronulla Beach talking to them again.</p> <p>T3(a), T3(b) thought the boy might have been angry with them T3(a), T3(b) said his face looked horrible. With the assistance of T3(a), T3(b) T3(a), T3(b) was able to say that the boy appeared to be angry with the girls because they would not answer him. T3(a), T3(b) heard the boy say to them, "What's your name?" They did not answer. The boy again asked them their names but they wouldn't tell him. T3(a), T3(b) said they boy then said something else to the girls but T3(a), T3(b) does not know what it was.</p> <p>T3(a), T3(b) said that when this conversation took place T3(a), T3(b) was standing about thirty feet (indicated distance) from them and the wind was blowing the boys voice towards T3(a), T3(b) said this boy walked away with the girls. He still had the blue towel on one shoulder and he had the trousers on and the knife in the sheath on his belt. T3(a), T3(b) then went back to the other children and later after a long time the boy came back along the beach. This time the boy was dressed the same way except that the knife was not in the holster. T3(a), T3(b) that he may have lost it in the sand or he may have had it inside his trousers.</p> <p>T3(a), T3(b) thinks that the knife was carried on the boys left hip. The holster was still on the belt but there was no knife in it.</p> <p>If this information is taken conjointly with the information recorded on running sheet page 290 it reveals that there is consistency in T3(a), T3(b) claim that they boy 'who was looking for the crabs', is the boy that T3(a), T3(b) saw walking north along Wanda beach with the two deceased later in the day.</p>	<p>up the</p>
	T3(a), T3(b)	
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7.2.65. 4 pm.	INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF GIRLS SCHMIDT AND SHARROCK AT WANDA BEACH ON THE 11.1.65.	Det. Sgt. WILLS. RYDE.
	<p>Subject: Telephone message from Detective Sergeant 1st Class Walton, Cronulla.</p> <p>" Will you have a Detective interview all uniform Police at Ryde who visited the premises at [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p> <p>re the missing girls, Sharrock and Schmidt and obtain from them a complete record of any conversation with members of the Sharrock or Schmidt family in question and answer form;</p> <p>Saw Sergeant 1st Class, Fulton of Ryde Police and ascertained that he had seen [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p>	
	<p>[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) about a 10 am. on the 12th of January, 1965 at the direction of Inspector 1st Class Live of Ryde Police and the following conversations took place;</p> <p>Sergeant/C Fulton to [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p>	
	<p>Q. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p> <p>[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) Christine Mary Sharrock, missing, whilst visiting Wanda Beach in the Cronulla area on the 11th. January, 1965. Have you heard anything further that might assist in locating them."</p>	
	<p>A. No. I thought that the police may have news."</p>	
	<p>Q. Do you know if either of the girls have boyfriends or associate with boys?</p>	
	<p>A. "No. I have always known them to be good girls and Christine attends school regularly."</p>	
	<p>Q. Have you known them to have any trouble with boys or men?</p>	
	<p>A. No. Christine knows how to ^{look} after herself,</p>	
	<p>[redacted] T1(d)</p>	
	<p>Q. "Has she a boy friend?"</p>	
	<p>A. "NO."</p>	
	<p>[redacted] T3(a), T3(b), T1(d)</p>	
	<p>Q. "Who accompanied the girls, Christine and Marianne to Cronulla yesterday?"</p>	
	<p>A. [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p> <p>[redacted] T3(a), T3(b) went with them, I didn't go, [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p>	

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Q. "Did T3(a), T3(b) go with them?"

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Det. Sgt. I/C. Fulton, I then entered the house of SCHMIDT and found that there was apple food and I saw T3(a), T3(b)

T3(a), T3(b)

"What happened at Cronulla yesterday, did you lose T3(a), T3(b) said,

"It was very windy, the sand was cutting our legs and faces, the girls said 'We will go over to the sand hills' we then left our things on the rocks and we had found a place in the sand hills and then Marian said, 'We will go back and get the things' The two girls left us. They did not come back. We waited a long time, then we went and got our things and got the train and came home".

Det. Sgt. Fulton, " I will come back and see T3(a), T3(b) to morrow and see how you are going and if you need anything".

I then left the premises, and I walked outside,

[Redacted]

T1(d), T3(a), T3(b)

I then advised Inspector Ist. Class Love of the matter, and Mr. Love informed me that two girls answering the description of Schmidt and Sharrock were seen by T3(a), T3(b) at Cronulla Railway Station and I made an entry in the Missing Friends Book.

Det. Sgt. Mills to Sergeant I/C Fulton.

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	<p>CONTINUED... BCE 1/3. FURTHER INTERVIEW.</p> <p>Q. "Has that matter been inquired into?"</p> <p>A. " Yes, Detective Sgt. Paul has been informed of the matter."</p> <p>Sergeant 1st. Class Fulton stated that at no time did [redacted] or [redacted] mentioned that they children including [redacted] had seen the two girls (Deceased) with the 16 year old suspect youth.</p> <p>[redacted]</p> <p>John J. Mills. Detective Sergeant 3/C. Hyde Police Station. 5 pm on the 7.2.65.</p>	

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8.2.1965. 3.30 PM.	<p>INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF TWO GIRLS, MARIANNE AND SHARROCK AT SANDHILLS BEACH ON 11.1.1965.</p> <p>SUBJECT: Tele-phone message from Detective Sergeant 1 st. Class Weston, Cronulla.</p>	<p>INS. SGT. LILLS. RYDE POLICE.</p>
	<p>"Will you have a detective interview all uniform staff concerned in inquiries into the missing girls, Sparrock and child and obtain a Record of any conversation with members of their family in question and answer form and forward to Cronulla.</p>	
	<p>Informed Inspector 2nd. Class L. Newman of request and obtained the following particulars of conversation relating to the reference matter;</p>	
	<p>Inspector 2nd. Class L. Newman, said,</p>	
	<p>"I visited the home of [redacted] T3(a)</p> <p>[redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p>	
	<p>4.30 pm on the 19 th. January, 1965 after a telephone call from Cronulla Detectives stating that the bodies of two girls had been found on the sandhills at Sandhills and they requested the family to be visited at the mentioned address and as much detail as possible obtained re clothing worn by the girls the room and Schmidt on the 11th. instant obtained from Cronulla informant.</p>	
	<p>On arrival at the home of [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) in the company of Sergeant 1/1 Green of Ryde Police, I saw Sergeant 1/1 Green speaking to members of the Schmidt family outside the dwelling, some short time later I spoke to Sergeant 1/1 Green and he informed me that he had just spoken to [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p>	
	<p>girl Marianno SCHMIDT, deceased, and the lad had told [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) that the two girls had been with [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) at the sandhills at Sandhills beach, Cronulla on the 11 th. January, 1965 and the two girls had walked away from them up the hill and near the top one of the girls appeared to fall over and get up again laughing. The two girls then disappeared in the sandhills, [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) then indicated [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) to Sergeant Green and said [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) told me where they went. I went up the hill after them and they were walking away and there was a fat boy walking with them, between the two girls."</p>	
	<p>Sergeant Green to [redacted] T3(a), T3(b)</p>	
	<p>Q. "Can you describe the boy who was with [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) and the girl Sparrock at Sandhills?"</p>	
	<p>A. (Wolfgang) Yes, he was fat and had nothing on except his trousers, they were light grey long trousers and he had a towel blue coloured over his shoulder and fair hair."</p>	

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	Q. "How big was the boy who was with [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) and the girl Schmidt?"	
	A. "He was about as big as the boys who go to High School."	
	Q. How far was the fat boy and girls from you when you saw him with them?"	
	A. "It was about 120 feet" (indicating a similar distance).	
	Q. "Would you know the fat boy again if you saw him?"	
	A. "Yes I think that I would know him again."	
	Sergeant Green states that he later accompanied [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) to Cronulla and either on the way there or returning to [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) stated [redacted] (a), T3(b) had seen the fat boy returning sometime later that day. Explicitly [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) only mentioned that the boy had gone with the girls and had not mentioned his returning. Other than that additional information from [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) at no time did he depart from [redacted] T3(a), T3(b) (primary mentioned above).	
	[redacted] T3(a), T3(b)	
	John J. Willis, Detective Sergeant 3/C.	
	Hyde Police Station, Sydney.	

