

MARTIN: Q. Just quickly, about the car parts. You did not go on the search at 2 Cowan Road that day but other police did, is that right?

P Thomas A. Yes.

Q. Peter Bridge, who occupied 2 Cowan Road, Roseanne Catt's son of a previous marriage, was asked to come down to the station and asked some questions?

A. I am not sure what happened.

Q. He was allowed to go?

A. I was not at 2 Cowan Road. I don't know what transpired there.

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Q. You were at the police station, did you see Peter Bridge there?

A. Yes.

Q. You saw Peter Bridge back at the police station at 7 o'clock at night?

A. I don't recall now.

Q. Do you know if Peter Bridge was ever charged in relation to stolen car parts or anything like that?

A. I don't recall.

Q. You don't recall?

A. I was not involved in the interviewing or charging of Peter Bridge, to my memory.

Q. Did you know anything about stolen car parts at all?

A. I had been told there were stolen car parts at 2 Cowan Road.

Q. Did you ask anybody any questions about stolen car parts?

A. I was not involved in the search or the enquiry about 2 Cowan Road, other police were.

Q. You supplied the information on the basis of which there was a search warrant issued?

A. Yes, I had other police assisting with enquiries and they made those enquiries. I didn't do it myself personally and I don't recall now what the result of those enquiries by other police were.

Q. Is that seriously your evidence?

A. Yes.

Q. You came down to Peter Bridge's trial in 1995, didn't you?

A. No, I did not.

Q. What?

A. No, I did not.

Q. Who was this person who called himself Peter Thomas that I cross-examined?

A. I have never seen you before until yesterday, Mr Martin.

Q. Somebody appeared for Mr Peter Bridge?

A. I was not at Peter Bridge's trial in 1995.

Q. Just have a look at this, I am going to hand you up a document that at the bottom it has got the date 1 June 1995 and on that document it has got the heading _Cross Examination_ and underneath there appears the name _Martin_ and above that are the words _in the presence of the jury, Peter Thomas 11.10am recalled and re-sworn_.

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Would you have a look at that (shown)?

A. I didn't go to Peter Bridge's trial. I was not at Peter Bridge's trial.

Q. You weren't - you have got a memory lapse about this?

HIS HONOUR: That is an impossible question to answer.

MARTIN: Q. I am sorry, Mr Thomas, I was there, I was not dressed like this, Judge Solomon was there?

A. The last time I gave evidence to my recollection was in 1991 at Roseanne Catt's trial. I have no knowledge of being at Peter Bridge's trial.

Q. Could you return that bundle of documents please?

(Complied). Have you ever given evidence that there was something like 250 people investigated in relation to the Roseanne Catt matter?

A. I was not at Peter Bridge's trial.

HIS HONOUR: That is not the question.

Q. Have you ever--

A. I don't ever remember giving evidence of that nature.

MARTIN: Q. How many people were interviewed in relation to the Roseanne Catt matter that you are aware of?

A. I don't recall now. There were a lot of people interviewed and statements were taken off a lot of people, 100, 150, I don't really recall. Might have been 200, I don't know.

Q. Did you ever make any statements in relation to Peter Bridge?

A. Not that I recall, no.

Q. You did not make a statement dated 20 September 1989 relating to Peter Bridge?

A. I don't recall making a statement.

Q. Look, Mr Thomas, I am sorry, I will give you another chance. I am rather surprised at your evidence that you say you did not come down for Peter Bridge's trial.

A. I was not at Peter Bridge's trial and if there was somebody there saying they were Peter Thomas, it was somebody else.

Q. Can I suggest to you that you know a person called Carl Paget?

A. Yes.

Q. He was at Peter Bridge's trial, wasn't he?

A. I have no knowledge of Peter Bridge's trial.

Q. Carl Paget was your partner?

A. I had been out of the New South Wales Police Force some four years then. I had no knowledge of what happened to Peter Bridge or what became of Peter Bridge.

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Q. But Carl Paget, he worked with you as your partner during the investigation of matters concerning Roseanne Catt?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you prefer charges against Peter Bridge?

A. I didn't, no.

Q. Who did?

A. I don't recall now.

Q. Did you interview him on the night of 24 August 1989?

A. No.

Q. Did you speak to him on 24 August 1989?

A. I don't recall whether I did or I didn't.

Q. I suggest to you that you spoke to him on 24 August 1989 and you had a can of beer in your hand and you were smelling of alcohol and you were drunk?

A. That is not true.

Q. I suggest to you that you threatened Peter Bridge and you threatened him with, amongst other things, losing his job as an apprentice. What do you say about that?

A. Not true.

Q. You told him - I will not put the exact words - to change his evidence or he would be charged with perjury?

A. That is not true.

Q. Do you know if Peter Bridge was charged with perjury or anything like perjury?

A. I am not aware of it.

Q. Conspiracy to pervert the course of justice?

A. I am not aware of it.

Q. Are you aware of Peter Bridge being charged with anything to do with the fact that he had given evidence to the same effect as Shane Golds in the prosecution of Barry Catt, the prosecution concerning the rock incident?

A. I know Peter Bridge was charged with a number of offences. I don't recall what those offences were.

Q. You said you had no contact with him that night?

A. I don't recall whether I did or I didn't.

Q. You certainly don't recall coming down to give evidence about it in 1995?

A. I didn't come down to give evidence in 1995.

(His Honour warned the witness not to speak to anyone about his evidence during the short adjournment.)

SHORT ADJOURNMENT

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Q. Mr Thomas, I am going to have placed in your hands two documents that have got yellow tags on them. One is number 1 and the other is number 2. The first one purports to be a copy of a statement made by you on 20 September 1989 concerning Peter Bridge. The other purports to be a copy of a section of transcript from pages 189 to 201 on 31 May 1995 and 1 June 1995 and it purports to be evidence that you gave in front of a Sydney District Court on those dates in the trial of Peter Bridge.

Could you have a look at those documents please (shown)?

I should point out that there has been some pen markings in various places and they are obviously not part of the documents.

A. Yes. Yes, the first photocopy appears to be a statement made by me and signed by me.

Q. I suppose with the other document you say you cannot recall giving that evidence and you cannot testify as to whether or not--

HIS HONOUR: I thought he said he did not give that evidence, not that he could not recall, just that he was not there. That is as I understood his evidence.

MARTIN: Q. Is his Honour right, you were not there, you did not give that evidence

A. I would not attempt to mislead the Court. I did not come to Peter Bridge's trial.

Q. And you certainly do not recognise that document behind the tab number 2 that appears to be a transcript?

A. No.

MARTIN: I tender those two documents. I will speak to my friend overnight and I hope that there might be a concession or further evidence into the matter and I will take it no further with this witness.

EXHIBIT #G DOCUMENT CONSISTING OF A STATEMENT OF WITNESS PETER THOMAS IN RELATION TO A MATTER INVOLVING MR BRIDGE AND THE TRANSCRIPT OF EVIDENCE OF A PERSON WHO GAVE THE NAME OF PETER THOMAS WHO SAID HE WAS, AS OF SEPTEMBER, A DETECTIVE SERGEANT OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE, SINCE RESIGNED, AND WHO HAD MADE A STATEMENT DATED 20/09/1989, AS WELL, OF COURSE, AS OTHER EVIDENCE, BEING PAGES 189 TO 201 OF THE TRANSCRIPT TENDERED, ADMITTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Q. As I understand your evidence, Mr Thomas, you say that you attended New South Wales to give evidence in Mrs Catt's trial in 1991?

A. Yes.

Q. Is it your recollection that you did not attend in New South Wales to give evidence in relation to any other

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