

<11> <PETER THOMAS (12.52 PM)
<12> SWORN AND EXAMINED
<13> CROWN PROSECUTOR: Q. Sir, is your full name Peter Thomas?
<14> A. Yes.
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<16> Q. As of September 1989. air, were you a detective sergeant of the
<17> New South Wales police force?
<18> A. Yes.
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<20> Q. And you have since resigned from the force, is that so, sir?
<22> A. Yes-
<23> Q. Did you make a statement in connection with this matter dated 20 September
1989? Would you have a look at this statement please?
<26> A. Yes, I did.
<27> (Statement handed to witness.)
<28> Q. Is that the statement made by you, sir, in connection with this matter?
<30> A. Yes.
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<32> MFI #6. STATEMENT OF THOMAS DATED 10/09/1989.
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<34> Q. Do you have a copy of that statement with you?
<35> A. Yes.
<36> Q. Would you take it out please, sir? Would you commence to read that in a loud
and slow voice commencing with "Thursday, 24 August*, please, if you would?
<39> A. Yes, on Thursday 24 August 1989 I was in Company - in the company of Det
Paget when he spoke to the defendant,
<41> Peter Kevin Bridge, at the Taree police station, Paget said, "Are
<42> you Peter Bridge?- He said, `Yes" Paget said, "I am Det Paget and
<43> this is Det Sgt Thomas. I want to speak to YOU about an incident
<44> that occurred at Mary Warwick's place in May last year when Barry
<45> Catt received a head injury as a result of being struck with a
<46> rock. I want you to understand that you are not obliged to say
<47> anything about the matter unless you wish. Whatever you say may be
<48> used in evidence at court. Do you understand that?' The defendant
<49> said, "Yes, that's when Mary Warwick went to hit Mum with the rock
<50> and hit Barry Catt". Paget said, "'Are you sure that Mary Warwick did that?"

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< 1> He said, "Yes, you can ask Shane Golds and the
< 2> kids. They were there. that's what happened".
< 3> Paget said, "Is that what you told the police before?" He
< 4> said "Yes". Paget Said "will you tell me now what you say
< 5> happened?- HE said "Mum and Barry Catt were on the ground. I got
< 6> out and got stuck into Barry. Shane give me a hand. Mary went to
< 7> hit Mum with the rock and hit Barry. Then we left".

< 8> Paget said, "Mary Warwick told police then and still
< 9> maintains that your mother struck Barry Catt with the rock.
<10> Do you wish to say anything about that?" The defendant said, "NO,
<11> she is wrong". Paget said, "Barry Catt told police at the time and
<12> made a statement then that your mother hit him with this rock. Do
<13> you wish to Say anything about that?- He said, "NO; Mary hit him."
<14> Paget said, Shane Golds has made a Statement to police to the
<15> affect that your mother in fact assaulted Barry Catt with the rock.
<16> Do you wish to say anything about that? He said "No.<17>
<18> Paget said, "Further, he says that your mother instructed
<19> him, yourself and the Catt children to say Mary went to hit your
<20> mother, if you were asked by police what happened. Do you wish to
<21> say anything about that?" He did not answer and commenced to cry.
<22> Paget asked the same question again and the defendant, still
<23> crying, shook his head.
<24> Det Paget then said, "Shane Golds has also told us that he
<25> told lies about what happened that day under the threat of
<26> losing his job. Do you wish to say anything about that?*" The
<27> defendant did not answer, still crying, shook his head.
<28> Q. was the accused than told he was to be charged?
<29> A. Yes.
<30> Q. And was he in fact then charged, sir?
<31> A. Yes.
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<33> <WITNESS STOOD DOWN.
<34> (His Honour reminded the jury of the warnings given
<35> about discussing the case and to decide this Case On
<36> the evidence heard in this court room.)
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