

STATEMENT in matter of: Place: Police Station, TAREE

BRIDGE Date: 20 September, 1989

Name: THOMAS, Peter (Surname in capitals)

Address: Detective Sergeant Tel. No.

Occupation: RCS Newcastle STATES:-

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in Court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. My date of birth is the 8.1.49

3. On Thursday the 24 August, 1989, I was in the company of Detective Paget when he spoke to the defendant, Peter Kevin BRIDGE, at the Taree Police Station.

4. Paget said, "Are you Peter BRIDGE." He said, "Yes." Paget said, "I am Detective Paget and this is Detective Sergeant Thomas. I want to speak to you about an incident that occurred at Mary WARWICK'S place, in May last year when Barry CATT received a head injury as a result of being struck with a rock. I want you to understand that you are not obliged to say anything about the matter unless you wish. Whatever you say may be used in evidence at Court. Do you understand that." The defendant said, "Yes, thats when Mary WARWICK went to hit Mum with the rock and hit Barry CATT."

5. Paget said, "Are you sure that Mary WARWICK did that." He said, "Yes, you can ask Shane GOLDS and the kids, they were there. Thats what happened."

6. Paget said, "Is that what you told the Police before." He said, "Yes." Paget said, "Will you tell me now what you say happened." He said, "Mum and Barry CATT were on the ground. I got out and got stuck into Barry. Shane give me a hand. Mary went to hit Mum with the rock and hit Barry. Then we left."

Witness:

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7. Paget said, "Mary WARWICK told Police then and still maintains that your mother struck Barry CATT with the rock. Do you wish to say anything about that." The defendant said, "No she is wrong."

8. Paget said, "Barry CATT told Police at the time and made a statement then that your mother hit him with the rock. Do you wish to say anything about that." He said, "No Mary hit him."

9. Paget said, "Shane GOLDS has made a statement to Police to the effect that you mother, infact assaulted Barry CATT with the rock. Do wish to say anything about that." He said, "No."

10. Paget said, "further, he says that you mother instructed him, yourself and the CATT C HILDREN to say Mary went to hit your mother, if y ou were asked by Police what happened. Do you wish to say anything about that." He did not answer - and commenced to cry. (Paget asked the same question again - the defendant, still crying, shook his head.)

11. Detective Paget then said, "Shane GOLDS has also told us that he told lies about what happened that day, under threat of losing his job. Do you wish to say anything about that." The defendant did not answer - still crying, shook his head.

12. Paget said,"Inlight of what we have been told you will be charged with conspiring with you mother to wrongfully accuse Barry CATT of assault. Do you understand that." He said, "Yes." Paget said, "You will also be charged with assaulting Barry CATT that day. Do you understand that." He said, "Yes." Detective Paget said, "Do you wish to make a hand written statemen about the matter." He said, "No."

13. He was conveyed to the charge room and charged. He made no further relevant comment to me.

Witness:

Signature:

Cl. Paget
P. Thomas

