

STATEMENT OF: Robert Henry SIMPSON.

Gives details of incidents leading to  
the assault. Does not witness assault.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

STATEMENT in matter of:

Date: .....

Name: Robert Henry SIMPSON

(Surname in capitals)

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Occupation: Screen Printer - Incline Advertising STATES:

My full name is Robert Henry SIMPSON. I reside at 11 Molloy Crescent, Cook. I am the owner of Incline Advertising in Queanbeyan.

On Saturday 30 May 1987, My wife, a number of our young friends and I went to an 18th birthday party which was held at the Ainslie Hotel. Approximately 8.30pm we arrived at the party and about 9.30pm during the course of conversations I met a man named Julian who I assumed was from Duntroon.

Approximately 10.15pm, my wife and I and our same friends then left the Hotel and went to the Private Bin Nightclub in Civic. We reached the Private Bin about 10.30pm and went to the ground floor bar area. I believe Julian was at the bar when we arrived.

About 10 minutes after we arrived I noticed out of the corner of my eye that two males approached Julian and an argument took place. It appeared that the two males were being verbally aggressive with Julian. One of the males was tall and stockily built and the other male was much shorter.

Julian didn't appear to be replying much to what was being said. After a couple of minutes the two males moved away from Julian but did not leave the area.

Over the next hour or so these same two males reapproached Julian on three or four occasions. The taller male was the more aggressive of the two persons. He was poking Julian in the chest and on occasions grabbing Julian by the collar.

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The last time that the two males approached Julian a fight broke out. I did not see how it started but I saw that the taller male was wrestling with another male that I did not know. I moved in and separated these two persons and I saw that Julain wasn't involved.

The next thing I saw was that Julian was running out of the club and he was holding his nose.

My wife Anne, Meghan, who is Julian's girlfriend and I then went outside to see Julian. I could see that Julian's nose was bleeding heavily.

Julian was upset and agitated. I asked Julian if he was going to be okay and he kept saying that he wanted to go back to his barracks. I asked him if that was safe and he convinced me that it wasn't, so I talked him into staying with us. I was talking to Julian alone on the median strip of Northborne Avenue opposite the Private Bin. By this time my wife had taken the other girl with us to her home. Meg had gone back into the club.

I then took Julian to the public toilets and cleaned him up. Shortly after this, Julian and I re-entered the Private Bin. I then sat Julian in the corner of the downstairs bar and waited for my wife to return for me.

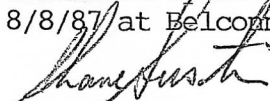
Things seemed to quieten down and Julian was very quiet, just gazing around him. I then continued drinking until my wife returned and about 2.30am we started organising to go home. Someone told me that Julian had gone to the toilet and that was the last I saw of him.

I then left the club with my wife and we went home. I did not know of what happened to Julian until, I think it was the following day. I had not met Julian before this night. I would describe Julian as unaffected by alcohol on this night.

On 8 August 1987, I attended at Belconnen Police Station where I gave this statement to First Constable AUSTIN.

SIGNED: Robert Henry SIMPSON  
8/8/87

Statement taken & signature  
witnessed by me at 5.40pm  
8/8/87 at Belconnen Police Station.

  
(SHANE AUSTIN)