

STATEMENT OF: Michelle Therese BILSTON.
Officer Cadet.

Witness to the incident.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

STATEMENT in matter of:

Date:

Name: Michelle Therese BILSTON

(Surname in capitals)
Address: Gallipoli Company, Duntroon. Phone Home Office 759573

Occupation: Staff Cadet. STATES:

My full name is Michelle Therese BILSTON, I am 18 years old and reside at Gallipoli Company at Duntroon in the Australian Capital Territory. I am a Staff Cadet and have been sok for the past eleven months.

On Saturday the 30th of May 1987, I attended a controlled function at the college, after which time I and a few friends left the college and went to the Private Bin.

I am not exactly sure of the time, but I think it was about 2.00am on Sunday the 31st of May 1987 when I got to the bin. I was at the bin for about half an hour when I saw Mongo REED. Mongo REED is one of the senior cadets at the college, and I have known him for about fourteen months.

We were standing near the bar on the lower level and just talking generally just after Mongo had returned from buying me a drink. We were half way along the bar and about 2 to 3 metres in front of it. I was standing facing the bar and Mongo REED was to my right with his back to the bar and about a metre away from me. We had been in this general area for between 20 to 30 minutes. While I was standing there I became aware of a male person moving into the group on my left. I saw him through the corner of my eye. I didn't recognise this person as a cadet that I know. I accepted this person from his appearance to be a cadet. I didn't have much time to think any further about this person when I saw his fist go past my face. It was about 30cms in front of my face and I didn't see anything in the fist. I looked in the direction of where the fist was going and saw that Mongo was bleeding from the right hand side of his face.

There was a lot of blood and I could not be sure where the blood was coming from. I saw that Mongo had his head forward, his hand to the side of his face and he was saying 'What happened'. I didn't see the fist come into contact with Mongo's head. I then went over to my hand bag near the opposite wall, took

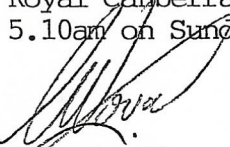
a tissue from it and I put it to his face to stop the bleeding. The male person that was standing next to me was now no where to be seen.

I don't remember much about this male person but I think he was about 5'6" tall, medium build and wearing jeans and a jumper.

During the time that I was at the Private Bin and talking to Mongo REED and other friends I was not aware of any trouble at all. I took Mongo to Royal Canberra Hospital in a taxi. At the hospital I was spoken to by Police and I made this statement to Senior Constable NOVAK.

SIGNED: M. BILSTON
31.5.87

Statement taken by me and
signature witnessed by me at
Royal Canberra Hospital at
5.10am on Sunday 31.5.87


(E. NOVAK)
Senior Constable 2228