

STATEMENT OF: Reid Patrick TOOGOOD.
Officer Cadet.

Witness to the incident.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

STATEMENT in matter of:

Date:

Name: Reid Patrick TOOGOOD

(Surname in capitals)

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Occupation: Army Officer STATES:

My full name is Reid Patrick TOOGOOD and I am currently employed by the Royal Military College. I am currently under going officer training. I have been with RMC for the past 18 months.

About 7.30pm on Saturday 30 May 1987 I left the Royal Military College and travelled to the Mascot Chinese Restaurant in Woden with my girlfriend. I stayed there with her until about 8.30pm. We then left and went to the Stockade Bistro in Lonsdale St., Braddon. My girlfriend dropped me off and I went into the Stockade. There was a senior NCO's function on and there were about 25 blokes from RMC.

When I got there I saw a friend of mine who's name is Philip John REED his nickname is 'MONGO' and hes a final year staff cadet at RMC with me.

We all stayed at the Stockade till about 10.45pm and left as a group and went to the Private Bin in Northbourne Avenue.

I think most of the blokes went to the bottom bar and started drinking. The bar room was very full and extremely hard to move around. When I got to the Bin I got a drink and started talking to some other blokes. We were standing on the stairs between the bar and the lower dance floor where the car front is suspended from the ceiling.

About 2.30am on Sunday 31 May 1987 I decided to leave the 'Bin' because I was tired and it was too full I had only had about four cans of beer during the time I was at the 'Bin'. When I decided to leave I saw a mate of mine Shane GABRELL who's also at RMC. I had a chat with him and we decided to catch a cab to RMC.

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Just prior to leaving the 'Bin' I was walking up the stairs heading towards the front door. On the way out I saw Philip REED standing at a table opposite the bar when I saw somebody strike Philip REED in the right side of the face. It happened very quickly. I saw Philip croch over in front at the table and I further saw another guy who was wearing light coloured, possible brownish/beige clothing running towards the front door. At first I thought that the guy running had pushed a can into Philip's face.

I then ran after the guy running out the door. When I got out onto the footpath he had turned left and was sprinting up the footpath. I began to chase him and I saw him cross Northbourne Ave. near the traffic light. I was about 25 metres away from him and I gave up running.

I then returned to the bar area to see how 'MONGO' was. That's Philip's nickname. When I got back into the bar I saw 'MONGO' bleeding from the right side of his face. There was a woman trying to stop the bleeding, so I ushered them out of the bar and out the front door and arranged for a taxi to take him to Canberra Hospital. I then assisted 'MONGO' into a taxi and I told the driver to take him to hospital.

I then went back into the bin and a short time later the Police arrived and I had a conversation with them.

Because the incident happened so fast I am unable to give a better description of the offender. During the night I did not hear Philip or 'MONGO' argue with anybody.

SIGNED: Reid Patrick TOOGOOD
City Police Station
31 May 87

Statement taken and signature
witnessed by me at City Police
Station on 31/5/87 Sunday.


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First Constable 3291