



Statement of: Barbara Mary Floyd (B: 55-05-22)  
121 Inglis St., Sydney, N.S.

RCMP 2

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In the Spring of 1971 I attended a dance at St. Joseph's Hall, in Sydney. When the dance ended I left with Sandra McNeil and Joan Clements. We walked down the sidewalk on George Street. A short distance from the Hall near the parking lot I saw John Pratico arguing with Rickey Risk. A few minutes before I saw Pratico someone had come along and told us not to go down to the Park because a guy had been stabbed down there.

We continued down George and went a short distance up Argyle taking Joan home. Sandra and I then walked to our homes on Townsend and Inglis Streets. The next day John McIntyre and a uniform policeman came to my home. They questioned me about where I was and who I had seen at the dance. I told them what I had done and I don't believe I told them I saw John Pratico up by the dance as it didn't mean anything.

The next thing I can recall is that the trial was on and Pratico was a key witness. I found this unbelievable as Pratico was up around the dance and never mentioned a stabbing. I saw Pratico around and always felt that he was rather strange. I discussed this with my girlfriends and we thought it should be reported. I called one of the lawyers and told him that I couldn't see why Pratico was a main witness as we had seen him in the parking lot at the dance. He just said your too late and that was the end of the conversation.

(Signed by:) Barbara Floyd

S/Sgt. H.F. WHEATON

Cst. R.D. MacQUEEN

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA,  
APPEAL DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF A REFERENCE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
 617 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE BY THE HONOURABLE JEAN  
 CHRETIEN, MINISTER OF JUSTICE, TO THE APPEAL  
 DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA UPON  
 AN APPLICATION FOR THE MERCY OF THE CROWN ON  
 BEHALF OF DONALD MARSHALL, JR.

AFFIDAVIT

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I, Barbara Mary Floyd, of 12 Inglis Street, Sydney,  
 in the County of Cape Breton and Province of Nova Scotia, make  
 oath and say as follows:

1. That I was born on May 22, 1955 and attended a dance at St. Joseph's Hall, in the City of Sydney on Friday evening, May 28, 1971.
2. That the said dance ended between 11:30 and 11:45 P.M., and I left the said Hall in the company of two friends, Sandra McNeil (now Sandra Cotie) and Joan Clements.
3. That as we walked down George Street, in Sydney, I saw John Practico arguing with Rickey Risk, a short distance from the said Hall, and that Practico followed along behind us along George Street, until we turned onto Argyle Street, Sydney.
4. That prior to having seen the said John Practico, as referred to in Paragraph 3, we had been advised of a stabbing in Wentworth Park, Sydney, and to avoid the said Park.
5. That at no time on the night of May 28, 1971, or thereafter, did the said John Practico mention to me that a stabbing had occurred in the said Wentworth Park or that he had witnessed the stabbing.
6. That I was interviewed on March 29, 1982 by R.C.M.P S/Sgt. H.F. Wheaton and gave to the said S/Sgt. Wheaton a free and voluntary statement, a copy of which is produced herewith

and marked Exhibit 'A' and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the facts contained in that statement are true.

SWORN TO at Sydney )  
 in the County of Cape Breton, )  
 Province of Nova Scotia, )  
 this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D.)  
 1982, before me, )

*[Signature]* )

A Barrister of the Supreme )  
 Court of Nova Scotia )

*[Signature]*  
 BARBARA MARY FLOYD )