



Sydney, N.S.
47 Rotary Drive
29 March 82

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STATEMENT OF SANDRA V. COTIE, (B: 7 Jan 1955)
47 Rotary Drive, Sydney, N.S.

In the Spring of 1971, I attended a dance at St. Joseph's Hall with Barb FLOYD and Joan CLEMENTS. When the dance got over, we three girls left.

I recall someone, I don't know who, telling us there had been a stabbing in the Park. We started walking down George Street. I remember John PRACTICO coming along and having something smart to say, and following us down towards the Park.

I don't know which way John PRACTICO went, but we went up Argyle. This was at the time the dance got over and there were a lot of kids on the road.

(Sgd) Sandra V. COTIE

WITNESS:

H.F. WHEATON, S/Sgt.
Sydney S/Div. P.C. Co-Ordinator

S.C.C. No. 00580

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

I, Sandra V. Cotie, formerly Sandra McNeil, of 47 Rotary Drive, Sydney, in the County of Cape Breton and Province of Nova Scotia, make oath and say as follows:

1. That I was born on January 7, 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 P.M. and 11:45 P.M. and I left the said Hall in the company of two friends, Barbara Mary Floyd and Joan Clements.
3. That as we left the said Hall, we were informed that there had been a stabbing in Wentworth Park in Sydney.
4. That as we walked along George Street, Sydney, John Practico came along and followed us towards the said Wentworth Park, until we turned onto Argyle Street, Sydney, when John Practico left us.
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

