

In the Supreme Court

at Melbourne.

Date of Trial

September 15th 1947.

The King

vs

George Barrett

Charles William Martin

Offence Attempted murder

plea Not Guilty

Accused are in jail.

Exhibitions etc.

Witnesses

Robert Currier Rollerson
Michael Zolner Hamilton
Kellie Kellerman Hulse
Valma Edith Hulse
Bernard Collins
John Hanson Peter Burnett-Snell
John Sloman Grady
Ellen Currier R. Sloman
Frederick Hobley
William Wallace Wayne Manney
Charles Herbert Betty
Cyrene Currier
Hugh Robert Slanelly

Committee by
Case of Betty Semons
St. Kilda.

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KEITH KITCHENER HULL.

STATES.

EXHIBIT "E"
P V. *Bennett - Martin*
Court of Petty Sessions
St. Kilda.
15 / 8 / 1947.

I am a Wood carter, and I reside at 2 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda.

I know the accused as Jack Paul and the accused Martin as Charlie Martin.

I have known Paul since 1944. I first met him in Sydney and I have known Charlie Martin for about 2½ years.

On Sunday the 27th July 1947, at about 3.p.m. Jack Paul and Charlie Martin came to a room occupied by my wife and I at 2 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda. They knocked on our door and one of us called out, "Come in". We had a dozen bottles of beer. I was in bed with my wife, the beer was brought to the room for them.

Shortly after they came into the room, Charlie Martin said, "We want a taxi, but we haven't got enough money, will you drive us in the truck?" We can get some petrol, I want to go out to Pentridge to get a chap out on bail." I agreed. My truck was standing outside my address in Beaconsfield Parade.

My wife and I had one glass of beer each and Martin and Paul consumed the rest of three bottles between them. They remained in the room for about twenty minutes while I got dressed.

Martin said, "What are you going to do without your husband tonight, I will be back to sleep with you." He addressed these remarks to my wife.

My wife took it as a joke and I did not think anything of it at the time.

About 3.20.p.m. we left the room and just as we were leaving, Martin spoke to June Grady, who works in the building, then the three of us went to my truck in Beaconsfield Parade. I got in at the wheel of the truck, Paul got in and sat next to me, then Martin got in and sat on the outside. Martin said, "Drive up here, and we will get some money off this fellow up here". He then directed me to drive up Acland Street and then turn into Robe Street, then into Neptune Lane. One of them said

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" Pull, up here", I forget which one said this. I stopped the truck in Neptune Lane, Martin got out and walked up to the corner of Little Neptune Lane, and Neptune Street, where there is a post, Paul said to him, "Have you got the opener?" They had taken three bottles of beer from our room, and placed them on the back of the truck in the wood dust before we started off.

Martin called out, "No, but I will open it for you." Martin then came back to the truck, picked up a bottle of beer and opened it with his teeth. They both had a drink, they had offered me one first, but I refused, and I said, "No." I had shut the engine off. I then leaned back in the seat and placed my arms on the steering wheel. I then saw Paul, who by this time, was standing on the roadway on the left hand side of the truck at the open door, with a revolver in his hand. As I turned to face the wheel, after refusing the drink, Paul said, "Cop this" and fired, the bullet struck me in the chest on the left side. I then placed my left hand up to the spot, and received another bullet in the left wrist. There was no lock on the driving side door, so I threw myself out onto the roadway, and called out "Help". Both Paul and Martin ran from the truck and I ran towards Robe Street.

At the corner of Acland and Robe Streets, a man came along in a car, I told him I had been shot, and I got him to drive me home, but my wife was not in our room, so I got them to drive me to the Alfred Hospital, where I was admitted and remained until the following day, when the bullet was removed from my left wrist. The bullet which entered my chest, just went in and out, it was found in my singlet, by the Doctor at the hospital.

Martin was standing close to Paul when he shot me. I know now that he went to the end of the lane to make sure, no one was coming before Paul shot me.

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I told the Detectives at the hospital that I refused to say who shot me, but since then, there has been attempts to shoot my wife, so I decided to tell the whole truth. I gave neither Martin nor Paul any reason for shooting me, and they did not give me any reason for shooting me.

Paul was a mate of Donald Day @ Donald Duck, who was shot in Sydney, and I have no doubt that this is the reason why I was shot.

My wife is in the family way, and I consider the tactics of these people standing over a woman is despicable, and not the same as standing over a man, and this is the reason I am giving evidence so my wife will be protected. I am not worrying about myself in the matter, nor am I considering myself.

Statement taken by Snr.
Detective Donnelly, at
2 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda,
on 8/8/47.

Keith K Hull

INFORMATION FOR AN OFFENCE.IN THE Central BAILIWICK.Hugh Rupert Donelly Informant.George Barrett Defendant.

THE information of Sr. Detective Hugh Rupert Donelly
of C.I. Branch, Melbourne in the State of Victoria, who saith
that the above-named defendant on the 27th day
of July 1947 at St. Kilda in the
said Bailiwick and State, did wound Keith Kitchen Hull with intent
to murder.

H R Donelly
Sr. Detective 7740 Informant.

Taken before me, at MELBOURNE
in the State of Victoria, this 4th
day of August 1947

James Fearns
Justice of the Peace.

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Serge Barrett

INFORMATION FOR AN OFFENCE.IN THE Central BAILIWICK.Charles H. Petty Informant.Charles William Martin Defendant.

THE information of Charles H. Petty (An Detective)
of Melbourne in the State of Victoria, who saith
that the above-named defendant on the 27th day
of July 1947 at St Kilda in the
said Bailiwick and State, did wound Keith Hull with
intent to murder him

Charles H. Petty Informant.
per o/c 8359

Taken before me, at MELBOURNE
in the State of Victoria, this 4th
day of August 1947

John Lear
Justice of the Peace.

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DEPOSITIONS OF WITNESSES.

In the *Centine* Bailiwick.

Hugh Rupert Donnelly Informant.
George Barnett, and Charles William Martin Defendant.

Date of Information—The *4th* day of *August* 19 *47*
 Nature of Information—For that on the _____ day of _____
 19 _____ at _____ in the said bailiwick the
 said defendant did _____

Attempted murder

(a) Give the names,
 abodes, and oc-
 cupations of all
 the witnesses.

THE Examination of (a) *Robert Eustace Rollason*
Alfred Hopital in the State of Victoria, *Medical Practitioner*
 and *others* of
 in the said State,

taken on oath, this *15th* day of *August* 19 *47*
 at *St Kilda*, in the State aforesaid, before the undersigned, one
 of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Bailiwick, in the State aforesaid,
 in the presence and hearing of the said defendant, who is charged this day before me,
 upon the above-mentioned information.

(b) Name of 1st wit-
 ness.

This deponent (b) *Robert Eustace Rollason*

(c) Stating the de- on *his* oath, saith as follows: (c)
 position of the wit-
 ness as nearly as
 possible in the
 words he uses.
 When the deposi-
 tion is complete, it
 is to be read over
 to and signed by
 the witness.

Robert Lunstee (Robert) Rollason
man said.

I am a legally qualified
medical practitioner at
Alfred Hospital.

At 3.30 PM on 27/7/47

I saw a man named
Keith ^{Hitchener} ~~Hitchener~~ Hull at
the Casualty Dept of
Alfred Hospital. He
is the man in
Court today.

On examination, I found
that there were two
wounds on his chest.

It was an in-and-out
wound. ~~One~~ One

~~wound~~ wound was one inch to
the right of his left
upper ~~upper~~ and the other
one was almost at
the midline.

They were communicated by
a track under the
skin ~~skin~~ which was

almost horizontal. The
track did not enter
the chest cavity, as far
as I could make out.

In my opinion, the wounds
(wound) could have been
caused by a bullet.

of about .32 calibre.

I found a bullet (wound)
(Hull's) lying on Hull's
skin under his armpit.

I later handed it to
Sen - Det ^{Detention} Donnelly
Hannely.

It is similar to

the bullet produced (A)

Hull has a small
depressed wound half an
inch up from the
styloid process of the
radius. The radius
is the outer bone of
the wrist, on the
thumb side.

There was no exit wound
there.

The entrance wound there ~~was~~
^{about}
~~about~~ the same size
as that in his chest.
I was not present when
that bullet was removed.

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Nicholas Tolbert Hamilton

sworn south

I am a legally qualified medical practitioner at Alfred Hospital.

On afternoon of 27/7/41, I saw Keith Kitchenner there at the Alfred Hospital.

At 11 PM that evening

I operated on his left wrist and removed the bullet protruding (B)

It was on the dorsal side of the wrist between the capitate and the (distal) multangulum major bones in the wrist.

It is the wrist

joint. It had

penetrated the wrist

at an ^{oblique} oblique angle. The

bullet was about 1 1/2

inches ^{from} ~~from~~ the entrance

and ^{about} ~~about~~ 1/4 " from

the surface.

It was wedged there, and

I had some difficulty
in removing it.

Hull was given an
anesthetic. There

is almost certain to
be some permanent

injury to his wrist joint.

On 28/7/47 Hull was
allowed to leave

hospital.

A. J. M. Hamilton

Keith Kitchen Hull

sworn south:-

I am a
"Ellenara"
Wood Carter and reside at, 2
2, Gray St St Kilda

I have known accused Barnett
since 1944. I first

knew him in Sydney

I have known accused Charles

Martin ~~know~~ ^{about} ~~about~~ the

same time, I think.

I first met him

in Victoria. My

wife's name is Valma

Edith Hull. She is

called Judy

on 27/7/47 at about

3 P.M., accused Barnett

and Martin came to

my room on the

ground floor at "Ellenara".

Mrs Hull and I were

in bed at the

time. The first

indication I had

that they were there ~~was~~
that I was told

they were there. They
both entered my room.
They got a dozen bottles
of beer off someone they
knew, after they
entered the room.

Soon after
~~Soon~~ after they entered the
room. Barnett mentioned
something ~~about~~ ^{about} conveyance to
take them to.

Pentridge Jail. I

~~own~~ ^{own} a 1936 Dodge truck.

One of them said "We
have not got enough ~~money~~ ^{money}
to get a taxi out
to Pentridge. Would
you drive us out?"

I "Who is it?"

One of them said "A fellow
named Joe Turner"

Both accused were present
at the time.

I "I wouldn't have

3
enough petrol to get
you out there
Brett I can get you
sent 6 to 8 gallons
if you get enough
to get me to Town

About three bottles of beer were
opened there. I had a
glass, and I think
Mrs Hull may have
had one glass.

Martin had a cup of ^{glases} ~~glases~~,
but Brett consumed the
rest, I think. He
was drinking pretty fast.
I finally agreed to drive
them to Pentridge.

At about 3.20 PM that
day, I left my
room with the two
accused.

Martin said to my wife, as
we were leaving. "Seeing
that Kite is going away,
who is ^{going} ~~going~~ ^{going} to be your

Husband for tonight. He
won't be coming back.

As we were leaving the room,
a Miss June Grady came
along. Martin said to
her "How are you,
Curly Top?" or something
like that.

At that time, my trunk
was packed opposite my
window on Beaconfield Side.
My window is the last
window.

We went out our side ^{door} door,
and walked over a low
fence, instead of going
to the front gate.

The two armed took
three bottles ^{if been} with them,
and left ^{about} ~~about~~ six in
the room.

When we arrived at the
trunk, I got inside and
started it. I then got
out, and measured the

petrol.

I said to Barnett "Where you
are. You can see I
haven't got much juice at
all

Barnett I don't think he replied.
They put the beer on
the back of the truck,
and pushed some mallee
root dust up against it.
The ^{beer} ~~beer~~ was put (better)
in the corner behind the
opposite side of the
driver's side, close to
the cabin.

I got into the driving
seat again. and Barnett
got in beside me.
Martin got in beside

Barnett

I drove down Beaconsfield
Pde, and ^{around} ~~across~~ the
triangle into Fitzroy
St. I turned
up Oakland St,

and into Robt St and then
into Neptune Lane.

Martin suggested ^{going} to
Neptune Lane to see
a man and to get
£3 or £4 off him.

(~~When~~) We proceeded about
30 to 35 yards along Neptune
Lane, and got almost to
a paddock on the
left-hand side

Martin: Pull up here. I'll
go over and get this
money if I can.
Martin got out of the truck
and Barnett followed.
I sat in the truck,
and turned the engine
off.

Martin crossed Neptune Lane
at an angle and went
to a post on the
corner of Neptune Lane
and Neptune St.

Barnett then ^{called out} ~~said~~ ~~to~~ ~~me~~

Have you got the opener?
Martin said No. I will
come back and open
it for you

Martin came back and
~~opened~~^{opened} a bottle of beer
from the back of the
truck with his teeth.
He gave the bottle to
Barrett. Barrett then

put the bottle inside
the truck and said
Have a drink

I. I don't want one.

At that time, both accused
were standing (~~opposite~~) ^{outside} ~~outside~~
the opposite door of the
truck to where I was
sitting. I was
sitting behind the wheel,
with my hands on
the steering wheel

As Barrett spoke to me,
I ~~looked~~^{looked} at him, but
did not alter my

position. I moved only
my head when I
spoke to him.

Barnett had a drink and
then gave the bottle
to Martin, who
had a drink.

I said to Martin "You'd
better go and get that
money, Charlie. I don't
feel too well."

I had been drinking all
the night before.

Barnett then turned ^{round} ~~round~~
and said "No. Well, oh
this."

I felt a stinging in my
chest, and put my
left hand up. I then
felt a stinging in
my left hand.

I saw Barnett with
a gun in his hand
after the first ^{blow} blow.
I saw him fire at

me. ~~It was a~~ Here

was a lot of space between
his shots. I do not

think it was an

automatic. I am

not sure what it was.

After the first shot, I

put my hand as I

am indicating. I saw

blood on my hand,

and then got the

^{the}
~~other~~ one through my

wrist

Photograph No 1 is a photograph

of my truck. (C)
~~Photograph~~ No 2 shows the

interior of the ^{cabin} ~~cabin~~

of my truck.

The rubble in photograph No 1

is the mallee root dust.

I have spoken of.

There is no load on

the door of my truck

on the driving side.

When the second shot was