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List of Exhibits for the Inquest of Taylor & Cutmore.

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EXHIBIT. A. Bullet taken from the body of Joseph Leslie Taylor.

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B. Bullet found in lining of Joseph Leslie Taylor's coat.

C. Bullet taken from Cutmore's body.

D. Portion of bullet taken from the body of John D. Cutmore.

E. Automatic pistol taken from Taylor's pocket.

F. Box containing 46 automatic pistol cartridges in Taylor's pocket.

G. Automatic pistol found under fence at 33 McArthur Square.

H. 2 Automatic pistol cartridges found under fence at McArthur S.

I. Piece of metal from bottom of magazine of pistol.

J. Automatic pistol cartridge found on Cutmore's bed.

K. 4 cartridge shells found under Cutmore's bed by Det. Grieve.

L. 4 shells, 1 bullet and piece of lead found on floor.

M. Bullet found under dressing table.

N. Two 32 cal cartridge cases found by Const McDonald.

O. One 25 cal cartridge case found by Const McDonald on Cutmore's bed.

P. 25 Cal Automatic pistol found by Const Good in cistern of lavatory.

Q. Two 25 cal auto pistol cartridges found in magazine of pistol.

R. Bullet taken from Mrs Cutmore's ~~Mr~~ Senior shoulder.

✓ S. Two bullets and a piece of lead found on bottom sheet of Cutmore's bed after he was removed.

✗ T. Two automatic cartridges found in Automatic pistol at 33 McArthur Square.

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GLADYS CUTMORE, on her oath saith:

My name is Gladys Cutmore and I am a widow living at 50 Barkly Street, Carlton. At the City Morgue on the 28th October last I identified the body of deceased John Daniel Cutmore. He was my husband. He was a resident of Sydney and arrived in Melbourne from Sydney on Sunday, the 23rd October I think. I am not sure of the date. A young man named Roy Travers came with him. I left Sydney 7 weeks ago today. At about 6 p.m. on the 27th October Mother sent me up for some milk. I was away about 5 or 6 minutes. On returning I was met in the passage by Mum and she told me John had been shot. I rushed into the room to John. I saw him lying in bed. He could not speak. I lifted his head up and moistened his lips with some drink. He could not speak; he just gasped. He was bad with influenza at the time. When I entered the house I saw no one at all about. When I went into the room my husband was lying in bed as I left him when I went out. He was lying on his back. The bed clothes were just about up to his chest I think. While in bed he had on a cardigan jacket, striped fuji pyjamas and a shirt and woollen singlet. I never noticed any stains until I undid his clothing. When I entered the house I did not see anybody leaving. I was there when the constable and Dr McCutcheon arrived. I did not hear any reports of firearms. I never saw my husband with a pistol. I saw no sign of a pistol about the room when I went in after coming back from the message. I did not know of any quarrel between the deceased and Taylor. I never knew that my husband even knew him.

Roy Travers was not there when I came back. I never saw him. I saw him leave afterwards, at about 6.30 p.m. I would be back after getting the milk at about 5 past 6 or something like that. He came in with the constable and the doctor after I came back. He was not there when

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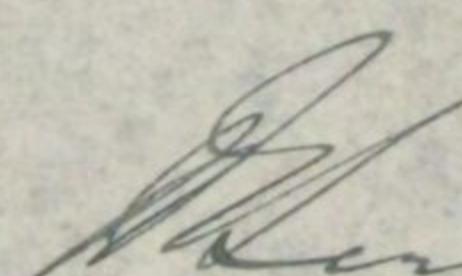
I came back with the milk. I did not see anyone at all enter or leave the house immediately before I saw my husband in bed when I returned. I never saw my husband with any firearms at all and I never saw any in the room.

Looking at the photograph produced I see some marks on the wall at the head of the bed. They were not there before I went for the milk.

..... EXHIBIT "A"..... Two photographs of bedroom.

(SIGNED) GLADYS CUTMORE.

TAKEN AND SWORN BEFORE ME AT MELBOURNE THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 1927.


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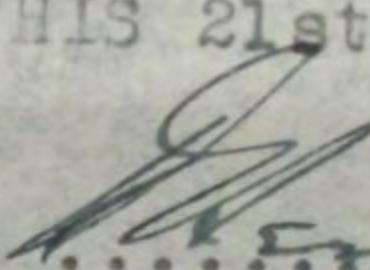
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IDA MURIEL TAYLOR, on her oath saith:

My name is Ida Muriel Taylor and I am a widow living at 18 Darlington Parade, Richmond. At the City Morgue at about 9 p.m. on the 27th October last I identified the body of Joseph Leslie Taylor, my husband. He was 38 years of age. I last saw him alive on the morning of the 27th October, somewhere about 11 o'clock. He then left the house to go to the city. He said that he would be home at a quarter to 6 for dinner. I know he had no firearms in his possession, because I had brushed his clothes and laid them out on the bed for him before he dressed. He had not been drinking lately, or at all. From something I was told about 6 p.m. by a stranger who knocked at the door I went straight to St Vincent's Hospital, with a man named Smith and another man I did not know. I see Norman Smith standing up in Court, that is the man Smith I refer to. Thomas Kelly, standing up in Court is not the other man. When I went to St. Vincent's Hospital. I saw my husband there; he was dead. When I left the hospital I forgot whether or not I left Smith there. I just got in the taxi and went home. I did not tell the police that Thomas Kelly was the man with Smith at my house. Detective Grieve described the man to me and I said it was like him. If that is Kelly I never saw him at the hospital.

(SIGNED) IDA TAYLOR.

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CRAWFORD HENRY MOLLISON, on his oath saith.

I am a legally qualified medical practitioner residing at 41 Spring Street, Melbourne. On the 28th ult. at the City Morgue I made a post mortem examination of the body of Joseph Leslie Theodore Taylor; the body was that of a middle aged man, 5 feet 2 inches in height, it was fully dressed, there were two bullet wounds in the right side of the coat, and one bullet, with one side flattened, was found in the lining of the coat on the right side. There was a bullet wound on the right side of the chest, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches immediately below the right nipple, the bullet had passed between the 6th and 7th ribs, through the liver and across to the left side wounding the left kidney and passing out into the muscles of the loin between the 11th and 12th ribs; two inches below the bullet wound in the right side of the chest there was a grazing wound of the skin, it was only superficial and was evidently caused by the bullet found in the coat; rigor mortis and post mortem staining were present, there was a small heart tattooed on the left forearm; the heart was fairly normal, it contained very little blood; the lungs were flabby, there were no wounds in them, there was some fluid blood on the right side of the chest. The liver was fairly healthy, it showed a large penetrating bullet wound; the ~~six~~ spleen was fibrous; the stomach contained a quantity of turbid fluid with a marked odour of alcohol. The kidneys were firm and their capsules were adherent; there was no injury to the skull. The brain was large, weighing $53\frac{1}{2}$ ounces, it did not show anything noteworthy. Death was due to the bullet wound of the liver.

On the 28th ult. at the City Morgue Melbourne I made a post mortem examination on the body of John Daniel Cutmore; the body was that of a fair haired well nourished man, 5 ft 7 inches in height, it was dressed in pyjamas,

wh te shirt, singlet, woollen jacket and sox, the clothes were soaked with blood on the left side of the chest; the body was pale in front, rigor mortis and post mortem staining were present; on the left side of the chest, 1 inch internal to and half an inch below the nipple, there was a bullet wound of entry, the bullet had passed between the 6th and 7th ribs, to the upper lobe of the left lung, along the heart tearing upon the cavity of the left ventricle, and out between the 10th and 11th ribs at theback of the ~~xxxxx~~ chest. The left side of the chest was half full of fluid and clotted blood; there was a bullet wound on the outside side of the lower curve of the left arm. The bone was shattered and pieces of a battered bullet were found among the fragments of bone; there was a bullet wound of the base of the right little finger, the bond being broken; there was a bullet wound of the outer side of the left hip, the bullet had passed backwards and out to the ~~buttock~~; there was a glancing bullet wound at theback of the left shoulder passing downwards and out in the middle of the back; there was a small superficial bruise on the left side of the front of the abdomen; after removing the clothes a bullet was found loose behind the body; there was no extravasation of blood around the fracture of the left arm bone; the heart was empty and showed a long tear on its left side; the lungs were more or less collapsed; the air passages were normal; the liver was firm; the spleen was fibrous; the stomach contained a little thick fluid, there was no abnormal odour; the kidneys were firm and their capsules were tending to adhere; the skull was thick and heavy there was no injury to it. The brain showed signs of an old injury, an old laceration with brown pigmentation on the right side and two small cysts with brown discolouration on the right side. Death was due to hemorrhage from the

the bullet wounds of the heart and lungs. I produce the bullets referred to. Taking deceased Taylor first the two bullets produced are the bullets I found. The one I hold up was taken from the body.

..... EXHIBIT "B"..... Bullet taken from deceased Taylor's body.

The other one, the flattened bullet, was found in the lining of the coat.

..... EXHIBIT "C"..... Bullet found in lining of deceased Taylor's coat.

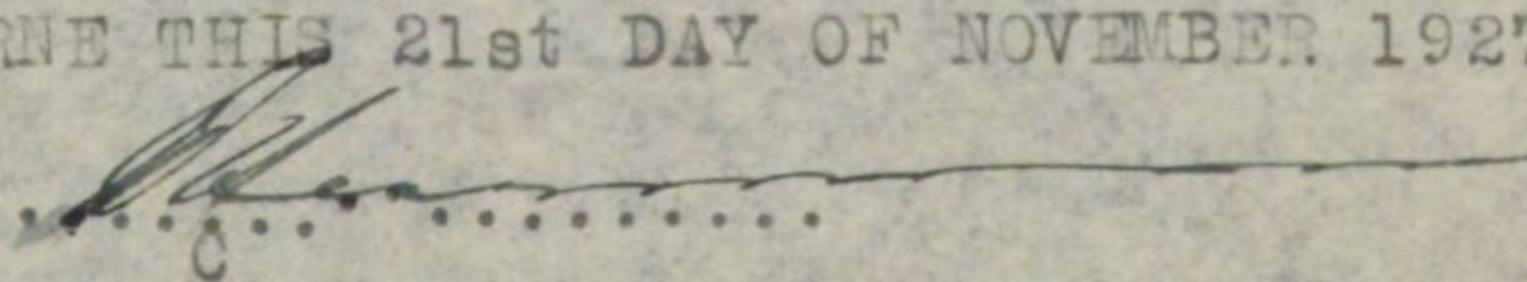
I see the race cards and papers produced, they were taken from the deceased Taylor's pocket. They have been torn and perforated. If those books and papers were in the right hand pocket of deceased Taylor's coat and a bullet had passed through I think it would have caused the bullet to fall down in the lining of the coat. On the deceased Cutmore there were 5 bullet wounds altogether. Four bullets passed through the body. I produce the bullet taken from the body of deceased Cutmore, from the wound in the left arm, it was battered and in pieces. I produce the other bullet I found behind the body of deceased Cutmore, as it passed through. I could not say which one caused death. From the position of that bullet found behind the body I think it very likely that was the fatal bullet.

..... Exhibit D..... Two bullets, one recovered from deceased Cutmore's body and one found behind the body.

In regard to the wound on the right little finger of deceased Cutmore I illustrate with the pistol produced the position of the wound. That would be right in line with the base of the magazine of the pistol. A bullet striking that little finger there would almost certainly strike the bottom of the magazine of the pistol.

(SIGNED) CRAWFORD H. MOLLISON

TAKEN AND SIGNED BEFORE ME AT MELBOURNE THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 1927.



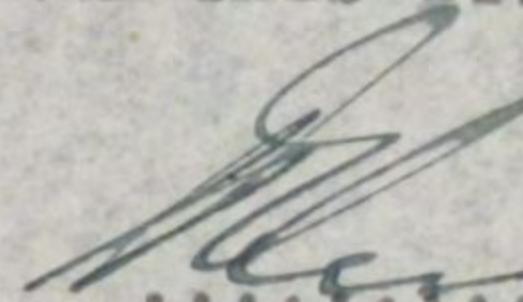
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FRANCIS JOHN FOLEY, on his oath saith:

I am a legally qualified medical practitioner residing at 282 Orrong Road, Caulfield. On the 27th October 1927, I was resident surgeon attached to the St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne. About 6.20 p.m. on that date I was present at the Casualty Ward when the deceased Joseph Leslie Taylor was admitted for treatment. He was in an unconscious condition and markedly exhausted. I examined him and found him to have a bullet wound in the right side of the body. Without regaining consciousness he died about half an hour after admission. About 7 p.m. on the same date (27th October) I saw Thomas Kelly in the Casualty Ward, he was standing in the company of other persons. I did not then speak to him. About half an hour later he came to me in the Casualty Ward and said "Is Taylor dead." I said "Yes, and you know that, and you have been here before." Kelly replied "I have been sent here by someone else to find out if Taylor was dead." I said "Well, you know now." Kelly then left and I next saw him on the 30th of October last at the City Watchhouse and identified him as being the man who spoke to me in the Casualty ward on the 27th October last at 6.50 p.m.

(SIGNED) F.J.FOLEY.

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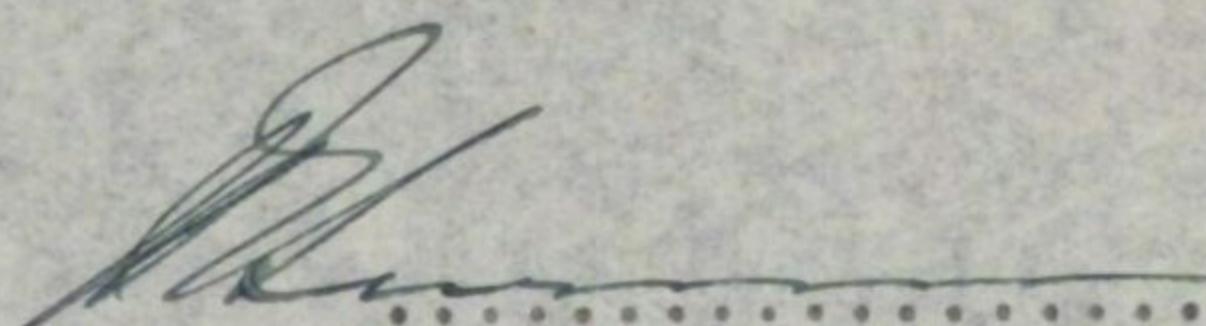
JOHN WILLIAM HALL, on his oath saith:

My name is John William Hall and I am a ~~high~~ hire car driver living at 12 Murchison Street, Carlton. About 5 p.m. on the 27th October 1927 I was in the Bookmakers' Club. I saw the deceased, Joseph Leslie Taylor there, as I came out of the club to go home to tea. He asked me to drive him somewhere. I said "Where to". He said "To Carlton". I said "I have not much petrol and my engine is miss firing". He said "I will soon get you some petrol". When Taylor first came up to me there was nobody with him. There were two men standing some distance off. Then Taylor and the two men got in my car. I only had a fleeting glance of those two men and I would not be sure if I would know them again. (Sydney Kelly and Thomas Kelly stood up in Court.) I see those two men standing up in Court, they are not the two men who got into the car with Taylor. When they got in the car I ~~saw~~ then proceeded along Lonsdale Street and Exhibition Street to Carlton, to the corner of Palmerston Street, and Rathdown Street, to an hotel there. The three got out of the car and went into the hotel. When they came out we proceeded up Rathdown Street as far as Newry Street. That was not another hotel there. We proceeded round into Drummond Street and stopped at two hotels there in Drummond Street, I do not know the names of the hotels. After leaving the hotels Taylor said to drive him to Barkly Street. I then proceeded to Barkly Street. When we got there Taylor told me to pull up on the right hand side of Barkly Street, near the end of Nicholson Street and Barkly Street. That would be about 50 or 60 yards away from the house I saw him to into - Cutmore's house. When they left my car I could not say where they went, they went at the back of me and I had my ~~engine~~ head on the side of the door of my car, as I illustrate, waiting for them to return. I should say

they were away about 3 or 4 minutes; it may not have been that long. I never heard shots, or a sound. When they came back Taylor said to me "Drive me to St Vincent's Hospital, quick." His condition was that he just had a little side stoop, holding one hand to his side. He was quite all right. He opened the door of the car himself and then sat in the car. After he told me to drive him to the hospital he gradually fell over to my arm on the wheel. He was in the front seat with me; I could not say who was in the back seat, it was one of the other men who had previously been there. On the road into the hospital after I left Barkly Street, I proceeded along Barkly Street to turn round to the right when the man in the back told me "Don't turn round there, go through there" meaning Johnson Street. When I got to the corner of Johnson Street and Brunswick Street the other man got out of the car there and disappeared. I then proceeded over the crossing at the first available Street up to St Vincent's Hospital as fast as I could get along.

(SIGNED) J. W. HALL.

TAKEN AND SWEORN BEFORE ME AT MELBOURNE THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 1927.



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BRIDGET DELIA CUTMORE, on her oath saith:

My name is Bridget Delia Cutmore and I am a married woman living at 50 Barkly Street, Carlton. I remember the 27th October last, it was a Thursday. About 6 p.m. I was getting tea ready. The deceased, John Daniel Cutmore, was my son. At that time he was in bed suffering from influenza. While I was cooking dinner I saw two men come in. Before that I had sent Gladys Cutmore for some milk and she was out of the house at that time. I saw two men coming down the passage just after she left. They went into my son's room. Almost immediately I heard shots - I thought it was crackers or something going off. When I heard shots being fired I ran into the room. When I got there I saw my boy lying on the bed and he could not speak. Somebody said "Get out of the road." and I got out of the road. There were two men besides my son in the room. I did not know the deceased Taylor. I think I saw him once but I would not know him again. My son was lying on the bed on his back with his arms out; I think the clothes were drawn up over him but I am not quite sure. While I was there I got into a little bit of an accident. It was a shot. It struck me in the right shoulder. I could not say who it was that fired that shot, I have no idea. At the time of the shooting there was a young man in the house. I had asked him to chop some wood for me. That man was Roy Travers. That is the man now standing up in Court, he is the man I asked to chop the wood for me. There was another man in the house, a man who works on the wharf, John King. At the time of the shooting he was in his bed asleep, I think. He was suffering a recovery after being under the influence of drink. I did not see him in the room where the shooting took place and I did not see Travers there - not till afterwards. I see the men Thomas Kelly and Sydney Kelly standing up in Court. Neither of those men

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were in the bedroom on that day.

(SIGNED) B.D.CUTMORE.

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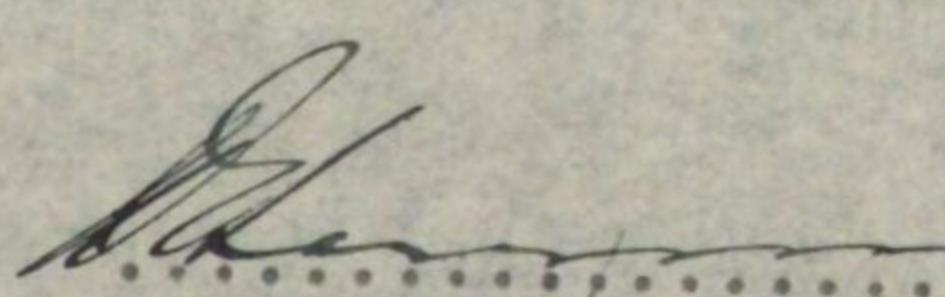

B. D. Cutmore
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HERBERT WILSON, on his oath saith:

My right name is Roy Travers and I am a laborer residing at 17 Samuel Street, Sydney, New South Wales. On the 27th October 1927 I was residing at Mrs. Cutmore's place 50 Barkly Street, Carlton. I occupied the bed there in the front bedroom. I woke up about a quarter past five; I had been cleaning a suit earlier in the day and I went down the yard to see how the suit was. I saw a few stains still on it and I started to remove them. Mrs. Cutmore came down the yard and asked me would I chop some wood so as to hurry on the dinner. I was in the lavatory about half past five and I heard several shots fired. I immediately adjusted myself and rushed up the yard. I did not go into Cutmore's room. As I was rushing up the yard I noticed a small man run out of the front door. Another man rushed out of Cutmore's room; he was a big lump of a fellow. I grabbed him by the throat, but he managed to trip me and succeeded in getting away. I suppose he would be about 5 ft 10 inches in height and would weigh about 14 stone. I then ran into the room and said "What is up, Johnnie." He made no reply. I saw a revolver in the room at the time. I do not know whether it was on the bed or on the floor, or where it was. I recognise the gun produced as Cutmore's. Then I went away for the doctor. I was subsequently brought back from Albury, New South Wales in police custody. When going from the house I did not take that gun with me. The gun was in the room at the time I ran in and I left it there. I did not take it away. I did not know either of the men I saw in the house when the shooting was going on.

(SIGNED) ROY TRAVERS.

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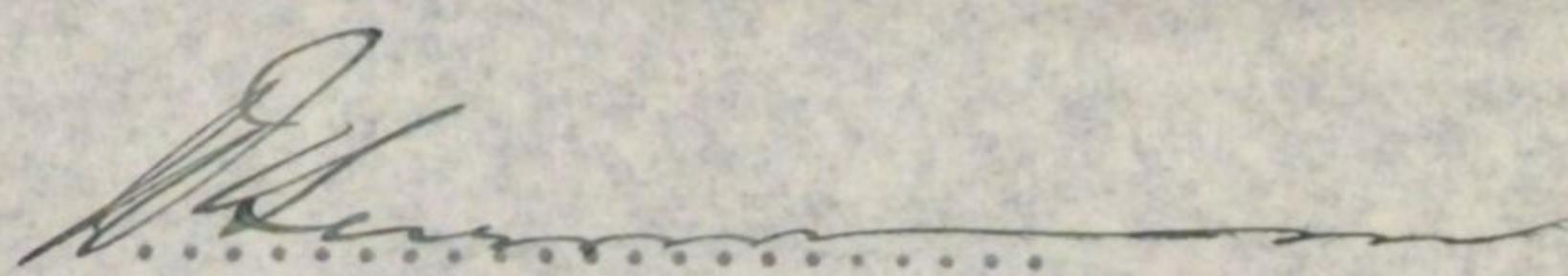

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FINLAY McDONALD, on his oath saith:

My name is Finlay MacDonald and I am a police constable stationed at Carlton. On the 27th October, 1927 I was on duty in the watchhouse. From something I was told I went to 50 Barkly Street, Carlton. I there saw the body of John Daniel Cutmore lying on a bed in the back bedroom. Dr. McCutcheon made an examination of the body and I noticed a wound on the left breast above the heart. There were four other persons present in the house at the time, they were, Mrs. Gladys Cutmore, Mrs. Cutmore, the mother of the deceased, Roy Travers and John King. When the doctor saw the deceased, Cutmore, he pronounced life extinct. I noticed Mrs. Cutmore Senior had a wound in the right shoulder. I said to her "How did you get shot." She made no reply. I did not notice any firearms about the house.

(SIGNED) F. McDONALD.

TAKEN AND SWEORN BEFORE ME AT MELBOURNE THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 1927.



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WILLIAM HENRY WIEGARD, on his oath saith:

My name is William Henry Wiegard and I am a constable of police stationed at Fitzroy. About 6.35 p.m. on the 27th October last I went to St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne. I went there by myself. I there met Constable Souter. The hospital authorities informed me a man had been brought there suffering from a wound and had just died. In company with Constable Souter I went to the casualty room and searched the deceased Leslie Taylor. On searching him I found the pistol produced in the right hand coat pocket.

..... (Exhibit E)..... Taylor's Revolver.

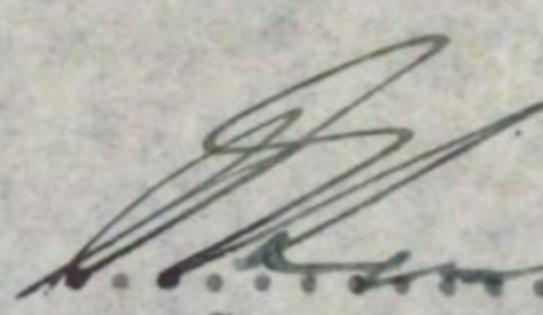
On the inside coat pocket, on the right side, I found the race book and other papers produced.

..... EXHIBIT F..... Race books and other papers.

I later handed them over to Senior Detective Grieve.

(SIGNED) W.H.WIEGARD.

TAKEN AND SWORN BEFORE ~~ME~~ ME AT MELBOURNE THIS 21st. DAY OF NOVEMBER 1927


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HENRY FRANCIS JOSEPH SOUTER, On his oath saith:

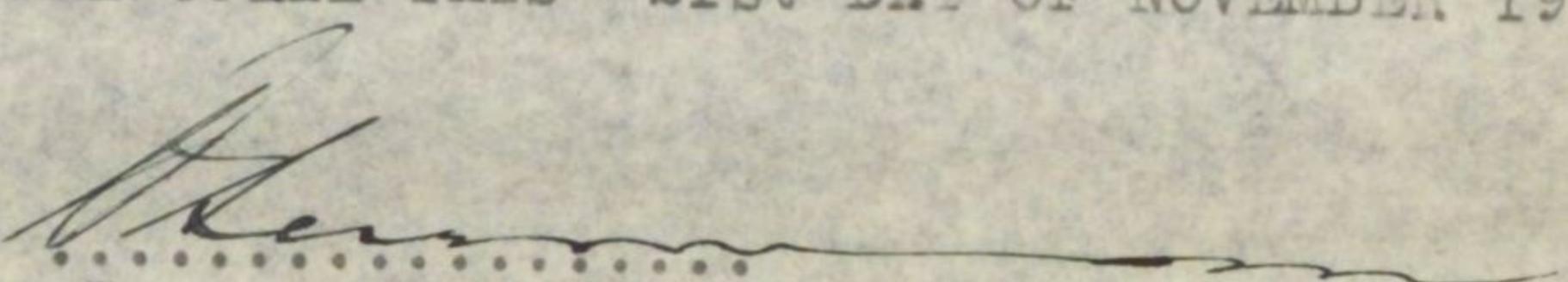
My name is Henry Francis Joseph Souter and I am a constable of police stationed at Fitzroy. About 6.20 p.m. on the 27th of October last, in consequence of something I was told, I proceeded to St Vincent's Hospital. In the casualty ward there I saw the deceased Joseph Leslie Taylor. He was then alive. He died soon afterwards. He was unconscious. In company with Constable Wiegard I searched the body. I found a packet of bullets in the left hand outside coat pocket. Those are the bullets produced.

..... EXHIBIT G..... Packet of bullets found in Taylor's coat pocket.

I also found three £1 notes and 15/- in silver. I handed the box of cartridges over to Senior Detective Grieve.

(SIGNED) H. F. J. SOUTER.

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WILLIAM JAMES WARD, on his oath saith:

My name is William James Ward and I am a constable of police stationed at Carlton. At about 9.15 a.m. on the 28th October last I was on duty in McArthur Square, Carlton. I was called to a house occupied by Mrs. Hudson at 33 McArthur Square, and she informed me there was a pistol in her back yard. I went into the back yard and I found the pistol lying there just inside the picket fence. That is the pistol produced.

..... EXHIBIT H..... Pistol found in yard at 33 McArthur Square, Carlton.

The pistol had one cartridge jammed in the barrel and another one on top of the magazine. It was not capable of being fired. There was no chance of it being fired. I found two live cartridges which I now produce, lying where the pistol was lying.

..... EXHIBIT "I"..... Two live cartridges found in yard of 33 McArthur Square.

I took possession of the pistol and the cartridges and handed them over to Senior Detective Grieve.

(SIGNED) WILLIAM JAMES WARD.

TAKEN AND SWORN BEFORE ME AT MELBOURNE THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 1927.


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HORACE GOVETT JAMES, on his oath saith.

My name is Horace Govett James and I am a gun expert
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employed by Donald Mackintosh, gun expert, 432 Bourke Street,
Melbourne. On the 3rd inst. Detective Grieve handed me
for examination twenty exhibits which I have reported on
as follows:

Exhibit A.

Spent bullet from body of Leslie Taylor deceased.
Calibre 7.65 M/M or 32 automatic, metal cased, weight
70 grains, has 6 rifling grooves on metal case and
turn from right to left; in between the rifling the
nickeling is scratched such as would be made by a
rusted barrel, and in my opinion bullet has been fired
from automatic pistol Exhibit G.

Exhibit B.

Spent bullet found in lining of Leslie Taylor's
coat. Calibre 7.65 or 32 automatic, metal cased,
weight 70 grains, is flattened on one side through
striking some hard substance, shows 6 rifling grooves
and turns from right to left. In between rifling
grooves are scratches such as would be made by a
rusted barrel. In my opinion it has been fired from
pistol Ex.G.

Exhibit C.

Spent bullet taken from body of Cutmore deceased,
calibre 7.65 M/M or 32 automatic, metal cased, weight
71 grains, 5 rifling grooves appear and turn from
left to right. Between rifling grooves are scratches
such as would be made by a rusted barrel. In my opinion
it has been fired from pistol Ex.E.

EXHIBIT D.

Portion of spent bullet taken from Cutmore's body.
weighs 17 grains, metal casing missing and possibly is
the lead inside of a 7.65 or 32 automatic bullet,
nickel case shows rifling grooves which turn from
left to right, in between grooves the metal is scratched
as would be made by a rusted barrel.

Exhibit E.

Automatic pistol of Belgium manufacture, (Melior)
No.32151, blue black hammerless, calibre 7.65 M/M
or 32 automatic. Barrel has 5 rifling ridges turning
from left to right, barrel is rusted in between rifling
ridges. Magazine will hold 7 cartridges. Pistol will
function properly, striker hits cap central.

EXHIBIT F.

Box containing 46 cartridges calibre 7.65 or
32 automatic (Kynoch) English manufacture. Bullet
weigh 72 grains, shell contains 4 grains of smokeless
powder.

EXHIBIT G.

Automatic pistol, Spanish manufacture (Eibar)
branded (Destroyer) blue black No.50234, calibre 7.65
M/M or 32 automatic. Barrel has 6 rifling ridges
turning from right to left, barrel is rusted in between

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rifling ridges. Magazine will hold 9 cartridges. Striker does not hit cap central, magazine base damaged and magazine platform spring is visible. A heavy blow would be necessary to so damage it, the blow has been from the muzzle end. Pistol will function, but at times would be likely to misfire or jamb, it being of inferior make.

EXHIBIT H.

Two automatic pistol cartridges found under fence at McArthur Square. Calibre 7.65 M/M or 32 automatic. Are of Belgium manufacture. Shell contains 4 grains of smokeless powder, bullet weighs 70 grains, metal cased.

EXHIBIT I.

Piece of metal from bottom of magazine of automatic pistol, coincides with damaged portion of magazine of pistol Exhibit G.

EXHIBIT J.

Automatic pistol cartridge found on Cutmore's bed, calibre 7.65 or 32 automatic, of Belgium manufacture. Shell contains 4 grains of smokeless powder, bullet weighs 70 grains, metal cased. A portion of lead adheres to the bullet and portion of the shell.

EXHIBIT "K"

Four cartridge shells found under Cutmore's bed by Detective Grieve. Are of English manufacture, calibre 7.65 or 32 automatic. The indentation of striker is in centre of the cap and coincides with one another. and coincides with test shell fired in pistol Ex.E, and in my opinion has been fired from this pistol.

EXHIBIT "L".

Four shells, one bullet and piece of lead found on floor. Two of the shells are of Belgium manufacture and are of the calibre 7.65 M/M or 32 automatic, and the indentation on the cap is not central. These coincide with test shell fired in pistol Exhibit G and in my opinion were fired from this pistol. The other two are of English manufacture, calibre 7.65 M/M or 32 automatic. The indentation on the cap is central, and coincides with test shell fired in pistol Exhibit E, and in my opinion were fired from this pistol. Piece of lead is probably portion of a spent bullet after striking some hard substance destroying the metal casing from off it.

EXHIBIT M.

Bullet found under dressing table. Has been distorted through striking some hard substance such as brick. The weight of same is 59 grains, and is in my opinion the lead portion of a bullet calibre 7.65 M/M or 32 automatic with the metal casing forced off.

EXHIBIT N.

Two cartridge cases found by Constable McDonald. One is of Belgium manufacture, calibre 7.65 M/M or 32 automatic. The indentation made by the striker is off the centre of cap and coincides with test shell

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fired in pistol exhibit G, and coincides with the two Belgium shells, Exhibit L, and in my opinion has been fired from Pistol Exhibit G. The other shell is of English manufacture calibre 7.65 M/M or 32 automatic. The indentation of the striker on the cap is central and coincides with test shell fired in pistol Exhibit E and coincides with the two English shells Exhibit L, and in my opinion has been fired by automatic pistol Exhibit E.

H. Coming to ~~Exhibit~~ Exhibit T: -

EXHIBIT T.

Two automatic pistol cartridges found in automatic pistol Exhibit G at 33 McArthur Square, Carlton. Are of Belgium manufacture, calibre 7.65 or 32 automatic, and coincide with the Belgium shells exhibits L and N. The bullets are metal cased and weigh 70 grains, the shell contains 4 grains of smokeless powder.

With regard to the four shells that were ~~found~~ and handed to me by Detective Grieve, they are similar to those in the box found in Taylor's pocket. They are the same. I

H. was in Court and saw Dr Mollison illustrate how ~~the~~/right little finger had been injured. A bullet striking that right little finger would cause damage to the pistol.

It would also knock the cartridge out of the magazine and ~~be~~ be likely to splash the lead. With regard to the bullet found under the dressing table, judging from the damage to the woodwork of the mirror I would say that would

probably smash the bullet to pieces. I have seen the

H. The race books. A bullet striking those books and penetrating through them would probably rebound off something back into the lining of the coat.

(SIGNED) H.G. JAMES.

TAKEN AND SWORN BEFORE ME AT MELBOURNE THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 1927.

H.
Coroner.

JOHN ALEXANDER GRIEVE, on his oath saith:

My name is John Alexander Grieve and I am a senior Detective at Melbourne. At about 7 p.m. on the 27th of last month with Detective McPhee I went to St Vincent's Hospital where I saw the body of deceased Joseph Leslie Taylor. I also saw Constables Wiegard and Souter. Wiegard handed me the automatic pistol produced (Exhibit E, Mr. James's statement), also a number of race books, and Souter handed me a box containing 46 cartridges of 32 calibre. I later went with other police to a house situated at 50 Barkly Street, Carlton. On going to a room at the rear of the house I saw deceased John Daniel Cutmore lying on his back in bed. The clothes were up about his throat. On making an examination of the room I noticed two bullet marks at the head of the bed as shown on the photograph, (produced). One mark was on the left side of the bed about 2 feet 5 inches from the floor, and the other one on the right ~~is~~ about 3 feet 9 inches up. On the North-west corner of the room I found the mirror produced, with the bullet mark through the frame.

..... EXHIBIT "J"..... Mirror.

J ~~Throughout~~ I noticed that the bullet had penetrated the wall, and taking up a position in the direction of the head of the bed I am of opinion that the shot was fired from the direction where deceased Cutmore was lying. The bullet went in a slanting direction extending upwards. On the floor and about the bed I found 11 empty pistol shells, 10 of them being of 32 Calibre. When Cutmore was removed from the bed I found two bullets and a piece of lead underneath where the body was lying. On the back of the bed, on the metal part, I noticed the enamel knocked off, and a dent on the metal part. It would be in just about the position where it would strike the deceased Taylor if he had been standing in that direction, and would in my opinion be the cause of the bullet being flattened on the one side. That is the bullet found in the lining of the coat.

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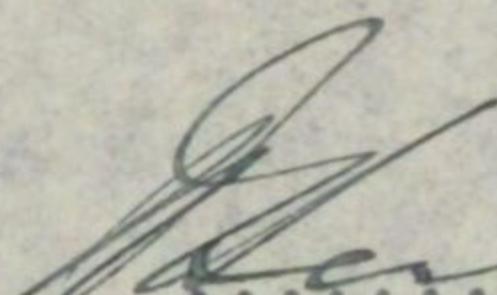
The piece of metal produced I found on the floor on the left of Cutmore's bed and in a line with his right hand, and apparently it had fallen there. I fitted it on the pistol produced. It fits the pistol and had apparently been torn off by a blow by some hard object, such as a bullet. I produce a plan of the house, yard and back lane.

..... EXHIBIT "K"..... Plan.

The room where the deceased Cutmore was lying is about 12 feet by 12. I produce two photographs of that room. (Exhibit A). The place was not disturbed and was the same as shown in the photographs. No.33 McArthur Square would be about 200 paces away from the rear of 50 Barkly Street. It is in the direction of the Carlton Police Station and Dr McCutcheon's residence. It would be the nearest and most convenient way for anybody to go to the police station and to Dr McCutcheon's house.

(SIGNED) J.A.GRIEVE.

TAKEN AND SWORN BEFORE ME AT MELBOURNE THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 1927.



.....
Coroner.

Government Shorthand Writer's Office,

Melbourne, 22 / 11 / 1927.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing typewritten pages, numbered 1 & 2, 17 to 21, are a correct transcript of the Shorthand Notes of Evidence of—

GLADYS CUTMORE.

HORACE GOVETT JAMES.

JOHN ALEXANDER GRIEVE.

taken by me at Melbourne, on the 21st day of November 1927.

at an Inquest upon the bodies of John Daniel Cutmore and
Joseph Leslie Taylor.
into a fire at

S. C. Hulme
Licensed Shorthand Writer.

Government Shorthand Writer's Office,

Melbourne, 22 / 11 / 1927.

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BRIDGET DELIA CUTMORE,
HERBERT WILSON
FINLAY McDONALD,
WILLIAM HENRY WIEGARD,
HENRY FRANCIS JOSEPH SOUTER, and
WILLIAM JAMES WARD

taken by me at Melbourne, on the 21st day of November 1927.

upon the ~~body of~~ bodies of John Daniel Cutmore and
at an Inquest { Leslie Joseph Taylor.
~~into a fire~~

P. W. Wiegard.
Licensed Shorthand Writer.