

**Date :** 30 January 2020  
**Location :** Alice Springs Police Station.  
**Conversation Between :** D/Sergeant Paul MORRISSEY and Probationary Constable Mark SYKES  
**Also Present:** Andrea WYLLIE (NTPA)  
**Conversation Commenced :** 11:21am  
**Conversation Concluded :** 11:28am

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**Transcript accuracy disclaimer:**

*I, Detective Senior Constable First Class Alicia HARVEY, of the Northern Territory Police, have checked the accuracy of this transcript and it appears to be a true and correct copy of a recorded statutory declaration made by Mark SYKES in the presence of Paul MORRISSEY and Andrea WYLLIE (NTPA).*

MORRISSEY: My names Paul MORRISSEY, I'm a Detective Sergeant currently attached to Operation CHARWELL, this is a recorded Statutory Declaration of witness Mark SYKES. Ah, conducted on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 at Alice Springs Police Station, the time is now 11:21am. Ah, also present is a Support Person, Andrea WYLLIE, Andrea could you, get you to identify yourself please for the tape.

WILEY: Andrea WYLLIE for the NT Police Association.

MORRISSEY: Ah, can Mark please state your full name.

SYKES: Mark Vincent James SYKES.

MORRISSEY: And Rank and Station.

SYKES: Ah, Probationary Constable, in Alice Springs.

MORRISSEY: I wish to talk to you about an incident that you might have information about, it is important that you tell me the truth. Repeat after me, I, Mark SYKES, solemnly and sincere- sincerely declare the following to be true.

SYKES: I, Mark SYKES, solemnly and sincerely declare the following to be true.

MORRISSEY: Now Mark I want to talk to you about ah the Police shooting out at Yuendumu.

SYKES: Yes.

MORRISSEY: Um, I've already had a conversation with you in regards to this. Is that correct?

SYKES: It is.

MORRISSEY: Alright.

MORRISSEY: I'm just gonna ask you a couple of questions to clarify points –

SYKES: Yep.

MORRISSEY: - ah that were raised ah, through, through the investigation as a result of your earlier Statement.

MORRISSEY: Ah, it's not a directed interview, you don't have to answer any questions if you don't want to, ah, it's your free will to provide this information.

SYKES: I understand.

MORRISSEY: Okay.

MORRISSEY: You happy to go ahead?

SYKES: Yeah of course.

MORRISSEY: Alright.

MORRISSEY: Um, I think earlier when we had, in, in your Statement we spoke about um, events leading up to um, the shooting on this 9<sup>th</sup> of November.

SYKES: Yes.

MORRISSEY: Ah were you involved in any searches for um, Mr WALKER prior –

SYKES: No.

MORRISSEY: - to that event?

SYKES: No.

MORRISSEY: Do you know your shift on the Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup>?

SYKES: Yeah two days prior to the incident?

MORRISSEY: That's two days prior.  
SYKES: Yeah, I was off on sick leave.  
MORRISSEY: Yep.

MORRISSEY: Ah, did you work on the Friday?  
SYKES: Sick leave as well.  
MORRISSEY: Okay.

MORRISSEY: Alright. A Review of ah Zac ROLFE'S notebook –  
SYKES: Yes.  
MORRISSEY: - has indicated that on the 30<sup>th</sup> of ah, October 2019 –  
SYKES: Mm-hmm.  
MORRISSEY: - ah, you worked with him.  
SYKES: Yes. I, I know that 'cause I've got my notebook here.  
MORRISSEY: Okay.

MORRISSEY: Ah, did anything happen during that shift, that involved ██████████  
WALKER?  
SYKES: Not that I can recall. And it was brought to my attention by yourself  
um, that in the Brief he had been mentioned as um, an Arrest  
Target and to be honest I hadn't even remembered that was the  
case until I looked at my, my book. Um, but in here I've just written,  
after the Muster points I've written '*Brief*' and I've got ██████████  
*WALKER at 6 Warpiri*'. Um and from there, I don't recall making  
any attempts to locate him.

MORRISSEY: Alright.

MORRISSEY: Can you recall if you'd done any Promis searches for him?  
SYKES: No.  
MORRISSEY: Alright.

MORRISSEY: Ah, is that you can't recall or you didn't do it?  
SYKES: Can't recall.  
MORRISSEY: Alright.

MORRISSEY: Um, I think that was the only shift you worked with him prior to, oh no, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, so the Wednesday you also worked with ah, Zac.

SYKES: So that's previous to August 30<sup>th</sup>. No.

MORRISSEY: No, no.

SYKES: On the 6<sup>th</sup>, let's have a look.

MORRISSEY: 6<sup>th</sup> is, I think you said you were sick on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

SYKES: So I've got the 5<sup>th</sup> there. I'm back at the 30<sup>th</sup>. Yep I'm onto the 6<sup>th</sup> here now. Yep.

MORRISSEY: Do you recall that you're working with Zac?

SYKES: I wouldn't recall just by you saying the 6<sup>th</sup> but now that I'm reading it in my notebook, yes I.

MORRISSEY: So you, do you record that, that who you work with?

SYKES: Oh sorry, yeah, no, yeah got it here, yep.

MORRISSEY: Yep.

MORRISSEY: Do you recall, is there anything there in regards to Mr WALKER?

SYKES: Ah from the Brief I've written '*Supervisor tasking for Calvin SMITH*'. Um, a '*Wade (inaudible)*'. And that was all from the Briefing, no, so then I'll have a look at our notes. No.

MORRISSEY: No worries.

MORRISSEY: Alright. So do you recall any attempts to look for Mr WALKER?

SYKES: No.

MORRISSEY: Okay.

MORRISSEY: Just back to post-event, post the shooting.

SYKES: Yes.

MORRISSEY: Um you've had conversations with um, Zac –

SYKES: Yes.

MORRISSEY: - in regards to the incident?  
SYKES: Yes.  
MORRISSEY: Yep.

MORRISSEY: And I believe you've spoken about those with me already.  
SYKES: Correct.

MORRISSEY: Is there any further conversations you've had with Zac or any other, of the other IRT crew since ah, that time, that you wish to divulge further at this time?  
SYKES: Ah, no.  
MORRISSEY: Alright.

MORRISSEY: Are you still in contact with Zac?  
SYKES: Yeah. Yeah no I'm, I'm mates with him so.  
MORRISSEY: Yeah I understand that.

MORRISSEY: Have you been and visited him?  
SYKES: Yep.

MORRISSEY: Sorry, ah quick, ah something came up the other day. Your partner  
-  
SYKES: Yes.  
MORRISSEY: - sorry. Does she know Zac?  
SYKES: Yes.  
MORRISSEY: Alright.

MORRISSEY: How does she know Zac?  
SYKES: Through me.  
MORRISSEY: Okay.

MORRISSEY: Does your partner know Zac's housemate - ?  
SYKES: Yes.  
MORRISSEY: - at the time.

MORRISSEY: And how is that?  
SYKES: Through, through Zac. So um, when we realised we get the posting to Alice Springs, this was when we were in Darwin.  
MORRISSEY: Yep.  
SYKES: At the College. Grace started applying for jobs um, and she got a job here with the ah, Regional Desert Council with a start date before I was finished in College and she came down here. And at that point she lived with ah, Zac I think and Danielle for approximately 5 to 6 weeks before I came here on, in late May.  
MORRISSEY: Mmm. Ah.  
SYKES: So that's how she knows Danielle, to answer your question there.  
MORRISSEY: Yep.  
MORRISSEY: And would she her on a regular basis?  
SYKES: Yeah.  
MORRISSEY: They've made friends.  
SYKES: Yeah, they, they became quite good friends, yeah.  
MORRISSEY: Alright, that's all. Is there anything else you wish to raise about the matter?  
SYKES: No.  
MORRISSEY: Alright.  
MORRISSEY: Is all of what you've told me today the truth?  
SYKES: It is.  
MORRISSEY: Do you understand that it's an offence to make a Statutory Declaration that is false in any material particular?  
SYKES: I do.  
MORRISSEY: Can you tell me where we're making this Statement today?  
SYKES: Alice Springs Police Station.

MORRISSEY: Today's date?

SYKES: We've got the Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of the first 2020.

MORRISSEY: Ah, my name's Paul MORRISSEY, um my business address is NAB House Darwin, my contact number 04[REDACTED]. I've been present for the entirety of this recording today. It is now 11:28 on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2020. This concludes the recording.

I, Mark Sykes, certify that this is a true and correct copy of my notes from my police notebook (# 48053).

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  - CRNR
  - Lovegrove / Smith St
  - Monday 1700/1800
  - Radiator hose broken
  - Keys not left in vehicle

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