

Riley View Farm
Okaramio
21st March 1998
1220hrs

Robert Charles O'MALLEY states:

This is my full name and I live at Riley View Farm in Okaramio. My home phone number is 5728380. I am self employed as a builder. I am 52 years old and was born on 14/02/45.

I am speaking to Detective Constable HIBBS of the Nelson CIB in relation to Guy WALLACE who worked for us some time ago.

I have known Guy Wallace for some time because he was a friend of my sons for a while.

About 1989, I employed Guy as a labourer working on buildings in Renwick and the Sounds.

Initially before we really got to know Guy he appeared to be OK and there were no real problems.

Later when we got to know him we realised that he told lies, had a violent temper, and thought he was God's gift to women.

Robert Charles O'MALLEY further states:

We found that he had a great imagination about himself and most things that he said seemed to be lies and were very hard to believe.

It was mainly lies about his personal life and not work related, although he initially said that he was really experienced at being a labourer and we found out that he wasn't.

Sometimes at work he would yell and scream and rant and rave, and it was then that we realised that he had a violent temper.

There was never any warning and it would just happen all of a sudden. I once asked him to help me to lift something and he just went off and yelled and screamed.

There was virtually no reason for him to go like this that I could see. I remember once down at the Sounds when he was working and we were living with the owners that we were doing some building for.

He was in the shower and there was a slight fluctuation in the water temperature and he ended up belting the shower walls. He would get uptight and it would take him a while to calm down again. I have seen him previously go red in the face when he gets upset.

He did not ever fight physically with the other guys that worked for me that I am aware of.

Guy thought that he got on with the guys he worked with and the people we worked for but I know that once these people got to know him, they didn't like him. He thought he was everyone's friend really.

Robert Charles O'MALLEY further states:

He appeared to have a sick attitude towards woman and the way he spoke about them. He appeared also to me to be a womaniser. Once when we worked on a job down in the Sounds, he took a fancy to the wife of the building owner and he was always paying her attention.

He worked for about 4-5 months for me. After that incident in the shower where he went mad, I decided that I did not want him working for me anymore and sent him back.

The owner of the house dropped him off at Rai Valley and he hitched back to Blenheim I think.

This job that we were doing was at Port Ligar.

Since then I have seen him a couple of times and he has been friendly towards me. Initially he was cross that I fired him but seemed to come right later on. He initially tried to get the union onto me.

My son Nigel doesn't have anything to do with him anymore.

Initially when I first saw Guy WALLACE on the news about his missing person case in the Sounds, I thought that he had done away with them himself.

I really thought that he had done it himself when I first saw it. I don't think that he is the type of person to go and plan something like that but if it was a spur of the moment thing, maybe.

Robert Charles O'MALLEY further states:

I do not know Scott WATSON and neither do I recall seeing the sloop at all in the Sounds.

I was in the Pelorus Sounds for New Year's Eve.

This is about all that I can help you with at present. I have not really heard much about what has happened.

We used to own a bach at Onepua Bay at around the same time and Guy WALLACE has been there a few times. He stayed at the neighbours bach a few times with Nigel when Nigel used to mow the lawns there.

He knows the area quite well.

We no longer own a bach there any more.

There is one area in this bay that seems to have a lot of debris wash up on it. It is by the first bach in, and has a long beach that goes right in. It is on your right.

The bay is quite deep and it is just behind that hook that you can see on the map.

The WILLIAMS' bach that Guy stayed at is quite an old homestead and it has quite a large flat area behind it. Guy would know the area around there quite well. The owner is Brent WILLIAMS and he is hardly ever there.

Robert Charles O'MALLEY further states:

I think that it probably would be worth a look in that area.

I have read this statement and it is true and correct.

(Sgd) R O'Malley

Statement taken and
signature witnessed by:

R K Hibbs
Detective Constable D188
21st March 1998
1245hrs