

From Victor Susman's statement:

An even bigger exclusion from the series was from James Hepi's second statement. Hepi was Murdoch's dope dealing business partner, who was facing serious drug charges in WA, and probably several years in jail. He cleverly negotiated a deal for a lighter sentence by telling police Brad Murdoch was Falconio's killer. Hepi got a slap on the wrist. Two fines of \$600 and a suspended jail sentence. After he got his deal he made three statements. On page 22 of his second statement dated 26 September 2002, Hepi says: "When Gary [Murdoch] came over I had wood on the back that I had to take over to the pub so I stayed at the pub and got drunk. I know that Gary came over before that Falconio bloke came over".

Hepi places Falconio at his dope growing farm in Sedan South Australia. He makes no mention of Joanne Lees. If true, this changes everything about the case and yet for reasons never told, police never asked Ms Lees about this statement which was remiss, considering the head of the Falconio investigation, Colleen Gwynne, flew to the UK for Lees' identification of Murdoch about a month after Hepi made his 2nd statement.

Northern Territory Police's response to Victor Susman's claim:

The second statutory declaration provided to Northern Territory Police by James Hepi includes the statement, "When Gary [Murdoch] came over I had wood on the back that I had to take over to the pub so I stayed at the pub and got drunk. I know that Gary came over before that Falconio bloke came over".

This comment is not in reference to Peter Falconio attending Mr Hepi's property in South Australia. The comment is provided as a time stamp reference of Mr Hepi meeting Gary Murdoch on one of Gary's trips to South Australia which occurred prior to Peter Falconio travelling to Australia. There is no information suggesting Peter Falconio knew the Murdoch's, James Hepi or that he attended the property in South Australia.