

**Submission
No 97**

**INQUIRY INTO UNSOLVED MURDERS AND LONG-TERM
MISSING PERSONS CASES IN NEW SOUTH WALES
BETWEEN 1965 AND 2010**

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I may have met Ivan Milat and family in November-December 1993, on the road from Nowra to Braidwood, via Nerriga, when it was a dirt road. I was near the locality of Sassafras. After I met them, I continued walking to Sassafras, and stayed overnight. I am not sure of the exact year or time of year, the night was cool but not freezing cold. The man I later identified visually as Ivan, was irritated that I asked for water, as I was at the time, walking, and the day was warm. Most campers would not be irritated by a request for water. I camped in a shepherd's hut overnight on someone else's property at Sassafras without permission and was terrified by gunshots and yelling late at night.

I state this to the enquiry because although I have already made a similar statement to the NSW police about 18 months ago, I have not had any feedback. If there are people in that area, it might help families. I don't blame the police, I didn't make ANY statement while Milat was alive. It is therefore my fault, I did not speak up. I don't know how to make it better or easier for people like me to speak up, when people like me should speak up even though everything is vague. I don't trust my memory completely, I only saw the people at the campsite for at most five minutes in total.