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earlier at the home of (Louie) Bayeh. was described to the as having a reputation andover man and of being associated with organ- me in Sydney. It was said also been described as the right hand man for ard Arthur (The Big Fella, e Old Fellow) McPherson. ong those at the meeting, rding to Duff's ISU inter- were McPherson, Bayeh, s Flannery (an alleged hit- who disappeared in May year), Rogerson and - to est of Duff's recollection - her homicide detective. Duff said that Rogerson had ded the meeting because knows those people and they t him", and also to help oduce the other detective, o was investigating some of underworld killings. Duff cited Rogerson's atten- nce at the meeting, even ough Rogerson had been at the ne suspended from the force ending the resolution of criminal charges, as evidence of his edication. The tribunal accepted the evidence of a senior police officer that Duff's attendance at the meeting had been "quite improper". Apparently Rogerson's atten- dance was not improper.

tap inquiry

been the subject of surveillance and inquiries by National Crime Authority investigators. Federal Police are believed to have become aware in about December last year that their phones might have been tapped. It is understood that they had been concerned for several months before this that details of some of their operations were being leaked.

- ANDREW KEENAN

Dead patients bulk billed, court is told

By BEN BREMNER

A North Shore doctor sought to defraud the Health Commission by bulk-billing terminally ill patients for services they never received, the District Court heard yesterday.

Eight of the patients died on the day that he claimed to have provided the services, the Crown prosecutor, Miss P. Bergin, told the court.

Dr John Phillip Rolleston, of Hastings Road, Warrawee, is charged with 10 counts of issuing a document that was false in a material particular. He is also charged with presenting a document, and producing a statement in writing, which were false in material particulars. Rolleston has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Miss Bergin told the jury of seven women and five men that evidence would be given that Rolleston had made a total of 10 false claims for consulting patients at the Neringah Hospital for terminally ill patients at Wahroonga between July 6, 1981, and February 24, 1982.

In two of the cases, Miss Bergin said that Rolleston had been overseas on the day that he claimed to have provided services. The other eight patients had all died on the day that Rolleston had claimed to provide the services, she said.

Miss Bergin said that in two instances, Rolleston had filled out a Memorandum of Fees Due for Professional Attendance in which he claimed to have visited the patients for extended consultations in a place other than a hospital or nursing home. At the time, both patients had been in the nursing home.

In one other case, Rolleston had filled out a similar memorandum for a standard home consultation while the patient also was a resident at Neringah. In the seven other cases involving patients at Neringah, Rolleston had claimed that he had visited the hospital specifically to see a single patient.

The hospital administrator at Neringah, Mr John Doran, said in evidence that Rolleston had been a private practitioner who had begun work at the hospital as a visiting doctor in early 1977.

Mr Doran told the court that in late November or early December 1981, the director of nursing at the hospital, Mrs Peters, had complained to him that Rolleston had billed her mother for an extended home consultation. She told Mr Doran that her mother had been a patient at Neringah for some time and that she (her mother) had been a patient at the hospital on the day that the memorandum was dated.

The trial continues today.

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