Special unit for gay murders

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Homicide squad police from Sydney's South Region have formed a unit to probe the possibility that the murders of two homosexual men and a series of attacks on other gays in the east and inner west are connected.

Detective Sergeant Steve McCann said the unit needed information from people with any knowledge of the crimes, which include two murders, a disappearance and a number of assaults and robberies.

"We want an overview of the situation, concerning a number of attacks on gays, to see if there could be a connection," Mr McCann said.

Detective Constable Sue Emmett said inquiries would focus on attacks at the cliff area of South Bondi and in Alexandria Park. "There have been a lot of assault and robberies at South Bondi, and not all of these have been reported to us," Ms Emmett said.

"People are reluctant to come forward for various reasons.

"The response could be so much better, and this is part of the problem. We would like people to contact us or the gay and lesbian liaison unit."

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