## 'Gay bash' theory in backyard bricks murder-

POLICE are investi-gating the bashing death of a homosexual on Sunday night – the sixth man to be killed in attacks on members of the gay community of the gay community since 1988.

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By SANDRA LEE

know." Det Sgt Finch said. "But (because of) the fact that he was homo-sexual, I guess it comes under the heading of a gay bashing until any further motive is elic-ited."

diary thrown from the car which contained Mr McCarty's name. Mr McCarty, who was working as a head tech-nician with the Austral-ian Ballet Company, had been living with two other men, one of whom be had known for about 20 years. A New Zealander, he had been in Australia for about 11 years, most of which he spent in Mel-bourne.

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which he spent in Mel-bourne. Police said Mr McCarty only arrived in Newtown, which has a large homo-sexual community. last month. He was last seen at 5pm on Sunday after finish-ing work. A spokeswoman for the Australian Ballet Com-pany said Mr McCarty was in Sydney only tem-porarily for the current season, including a tril-ogy of dance which opens tonight at the Opera

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stop violence directed at the gay community.

The group issued a statement saying the church denounced gays. the judicial system discri-minated against thera, the media mocked them and the education system ignored them.

ing contributions to homohatred, discrimina-tion and violence against gay men and lesbians". to

Take unsigned press re-lease said the protesters would paint the town red - "the color of our blood that's being spil ton the streets, the color of our anger at the s... that's heaped on us by a society that says violence

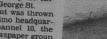
against gay men and les-bians is OK". The Richard Johnson Foundation, a gay lobby group named after a nurder victim, distanced liself from the paint spree.

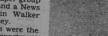
Hoen However, a foundation spree. However, a foundation spokesman said gay people were fed up and were not going to sit back and "keep being assaul-ted and murdered".





Maurice McCarty . . . staggered outside after being bashed with bricks







Police later charged a 33-year-old doctor from Potts Point with causing malicious damage to Par-liament House. He was remanded on bail to appear at the bowning Centre Court on April 2. The paint spree fol-lowed a call by the Gay and Lesbian Rights and Lesbian Rights Lobby on Education Min-ister Chadwick to try to

It said these institu-tions were targeted be-cause of their "outstand-

Fay bashing until any further motive is elicited." Mr. McCarty was attacked in his home and then staggered outside. Detective-Sergeant Dave Llewellyn from the Major Crime Squad said it did not appear the victim had surprised a burglar. After Mr. McCarty was bashed he apparently fell on some sharp objects. causing further head injuries. Police want to question an Asian man aged in his mid-206 in relation to the mudder. He was last seen driving a Nissan sedan in Wollstonecart y yester-day.

day. A woman picked up a tonight at the Opera House. She said the company was saddened at the loss of Mr McCarty and everyone involved with the company had been "thinking about him a lot" yesterday.



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