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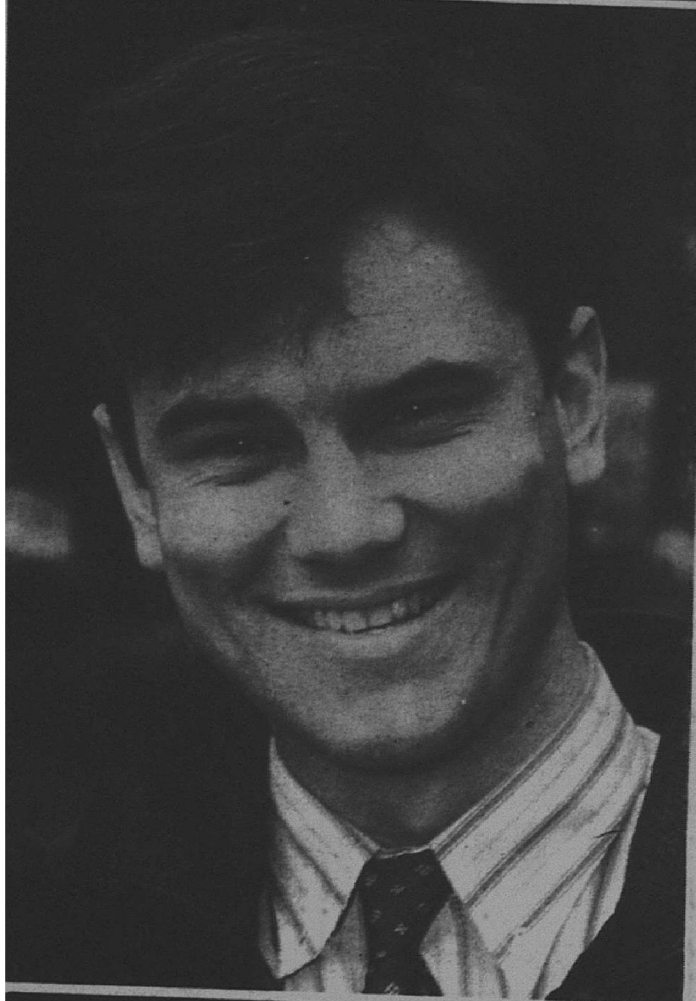
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Ross Warren disappears



Police fear missing WIN TV weatherman Ross Warren is dead after three days of intensive investigation failed to shed any light on his mysterious disappearance.

Mr Warren, 24, was last seen early on Saturday morning after visiting a number of wine bars in Oxford St, Sydney.

About 2.30 am he left the Redfern flat where he was staying, telling friends he was going for a drive.

They reported him missing on Sunday.

Mr Warren's brown Nissan car was later found abandoned in Kenneth St, South Bondi. His car keys were found on rocks near the the water line at Bondi Beach on Monday.

A full search by water police, the air wing and Bondi foot patrol failed to find any further leads.

Mr Warren's parents were yesterday travelling from their Gold Coast home to join the search.

However police investigations have revealed Mr Warren was depressed on Friday night and Missing Persons Bureau spokesman Jeff Emery has refused to rule out suicide.

"The circumstances of his disappearance don't look too good for him," he said.

"There's the possibility of murder... but maybe he ran away for other rea-

TV STAR MURDER FEARED



By KIM TREASURE

sons. We have made inquiries with friends and they say he was in a slightly depressed state."

Yesterday Mr Warren's WIN TV workmates admitted they were baffled and deeply worried by his failure to show up for work.

Stunned friends said Mr Warren's disappearance was completely out of character, describing the media personality as extremely conscientious.

WIN TV station manager Kerry Kingston said he was "concerned and mystified".

"He was very popular... we are all very worried and concerned," Mr Kingston said.

"And it's totally baffling, which makes it all the harder to accept. Baffling I think is an understatement.

"We were happy with the work he was doing and I'm pretty sure he was aware of that. As a news presenter he had a lot of potential."

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Mr Warren started his career in television as a cameraman at RTN Lismore.

Prime Television's Wollongong general manager Chris Jeremy, then working at Mt Isa, gave Mr Warren his first on-air break in 1984.

"He was a very pleasant young man," Mr Jeremy said.

"I have never known him to do anything like this.

"He always said he was either going

to be the Peter Faiman of production or the Brian Henderson of the 1990s. He was capable of doing both."

Mr Warren's former workmates at RVN Wagga are also deeply disturbed by his disappearance.

"He was a fairly quiet young man," RVN Television manager Tony Cook said yesterday.

"He always kept to himself, he was a very private individual."

Late last night there had been no further developments in the police search for Mr Warren.