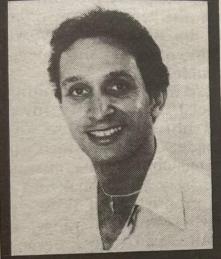


VICIOUS MURDER STUNS COMMUNITY SECOND MURDER IN THREE DAYS



SYDNEY: A gay man was knifed to death in a Paddington flat on Saturday night, October 17.

The 27 year old victim, Gerald Leslie Cuthbert, died after he was stabbed more than 60 times and his throat cut.

Two friends discovered the body lying face down on a bed in the flat after returning from Nowra.

Cuthbert did not live in the flat but had permission from his friends to use the flat from time to time.

The victim was last seen alive on Saturday evening around 7.30pm. His movements after that time are crucial to the police investigation. The police and the gay community leaders are concerned that the murderer could attack again.

Anyone who has any information should contact the Waverly Detectives on 387.1851 or 387.1370. You can also contact CIB Homicide Squad on 219.3471 or 219 3474.

We stress that confidentiality will be maintained and that no publicity will be given to anyone who comes forward. The main concern is to apprehend the murderer.

If you can't consider the above form of contact, then get in touch with us here at The Sydney Star, 357.5577



SYDNEY: A 41 year old school teacher was found gagged, bound and stabbed to death at Potts Point.

The murdered man, Peter John Parkes, was an active member of the gay community who devoted a lot of time to the Gay Counselling Service (CAMP, NSW).

The gay community has reacted in shock with this second murder. Police can not say at this point that the murders are linked in any way.

Community leaders urge everyone to exercise extreme caution when out. Don't go home with strangers is the main emphasis until the murderer is apprehended.

Appeals are also being made for people to come forward with any information that might lead to the identity of the killer/s.

If someone has information and is afraid to go to the police they should contact The Sydney Star, Campaign or the Gay Counselling Service. (357 5577/ 29.3076/211.1177).

These organizations will accompany anyone with information to the police,

as a safeguard. If you have any information come forward now.