

## **INVESTIGATION PLAN**

### **SITUATION**

Strike Force NEIWAND is a Unsolved Homicide Team led investigation into the suspicious deaths of Gilles Jacques MATTAINI, Ross Bradley WARREN and John Alan RUSSELL. In 2001 the cases of WARREN and RUSSELL were reinvestigated under Operation Taradale.

Marks Park, Bondi/Tamarama is the location where RUSSELL's body was location and was also where MATTAINI and WARREN were last seen. This location is known to be a 'gay beat' frequented by men engaging in anonymous sexual encounters with other men. All three victims were homosexuals.

### **The suspicious death of Gillies MATTIANI on 15 September 1985**

Gilles MATTAINI, a 27 year old French National, was a homosexual who resided in the Bondi area. At the time MATTAINI went missing he had overstayed his visa and was concerned about his residency. MATTAINI was last seen walking along a track at Bondi on 15 September 1985.

Although MATTIANI was known to take long walks along the Marks Park walking track he didn't frequent the Mark's Park area for male companionship.

MATTIANI's disappearance was reinvestigated under Operation Taradale in 2002 and at the subsequent inquest into his disappearance it was found that he died on or about the 15 September 1985. The cause and manner of his death is unknown.

### **The suspicious death of Ross Bradley WARREN on 22 July 1989**

Ross Bradley WARREN was a 25 year old homosexual male from the Wollongong area. At the time of his disappearance WARREN was employed as a television presenter with WIN 4 Television.

At 2am on 22 July 1989 WARREN was last seen leaving Oxford Street, Sydney and driving toward the Bondi area.

On 23 July 1989 two friends of WARREN attended Paddington Police Station to formally report him as missing. WARREN's friends conducted their own search for him and located his vehicle parked on Kenneth St, Bondi, near Marks Park. The following day the two friends returned to the area to continue searching for WARREN and found his keys on the rocks below the cliff.

The initial investigators determined WARREN had fallen off the cliffs edge and his body swept out to sea.

WARREN's disappearance was reinvestigated in 2001 under Operation Taradale and at the subsequent inquest it was found that he died on or about 22 July 1989 and that he was the victim of a homicide perpetrated by person or persons unknown.

## **The suspicious death of John Alan RUSSELL on 23 November 1989**

John Alan RUSSELL was a 31 year old homosexual male who resided in Bondi. At the time of his death RUSSELL was employed and due to inherit a considerable amount of money.

On the evening of Wednesday 22 November 1989, RUSSELL attended the Bondi Hotel for a night of drinking and socialising with a friend. RUSSELL was last seen alive at 11pm.

On Thursday 23 November 1989 RUSSELL's body was discovered at the base of a cliff below the walkway of Marks Park between Tamarama and Bondi. The initial Police investigation into RUSSELL's death deemed it 'accidental'.

In 2001 under Operation Taradale, the matter was reinvestigated whereby a further inquest found RUSSELL's was found to be a 'victim of homicide perpetrated by person or persons unknown.'

### **MISSION**

To reinvestigate the suspicious deaths of Gilles Jacques MATTAINI, Ross Bradley WARREN and John Alan RUSSELL.

### **STRATEGIES/EXECUTION**

The initial priorities of this investigation are to carry out an extensive search to locate all investigation material including holdings at the State Coroner's Office, NSW Crime Commission and Forensic Analytical Science Service.

Investigators will;

- ∞ Review all archived material from Operation Taradale;
- ∞ Separate and re-investigate each case individually, but concurrently under the Strike Force;
- ∞ Extract material from Operation Taradale which assists S/F Neiwand and categorise it under the respective case;
- ∞ Locate any outstanding exhibits or files.

### **Information Management:**

The Strike Force has been assigned the name 'Neiwand'. All investigative records will be recorded and managed on E@gle-i. The investigation will be housed at SCC – Homicide Squads Unsolved Homicide Team.

Information security will be reinforced with all staff due to the sensitive nature of the investigation being carried out.

### **Investigative Roles & Responsibilities**

Investigations Coordinator	Detective Chief Inspector Christopher OLEN.
Investigation Supervisor	Detective Sergeant Steve MORGAN
Officer in Charge	Detective Senior Constable Michael CHEBL
Investigator	Detective Senior Constable Tamar KILANI

Investigator                                      Detective Senior Constable Jon OLDFIELD  
Investigator                                      Detective Senior Constable Paul RULLO

### **Crime Scene Management**

Consideration will be given to have ISRAPS capture Marks Park, Tamarama for investigative purposes.

### **Canvassing**

A revisit of residents who resided around Marks Park, Tamarama in 1989/1990 were spoken to in 2001/2002, a review of the canvass forms and possible follow up with these persons will be undertaken.

### **Forensic Evidence Management**

Once all exhibits have been located and re-entered onto EFIMS, a forensic review will be undertaken to determine any further examination needs to occur.

### **Witness Management**

Follow up statements will be required from identified witnesses for clarification and expansion purposes as well as statements from freshly identified witnesses.

### **Exhibit Management**

The locations and existence of exhibits appears to be problematic as key exhibits appears to be missing. Of priority is to compile a spreadsheet of exhibits for these investigations and locate the physical object. In due course a forensic review process will be carried out once all exhibits have been identified and located.

### **Persons of Interest**

A detailed list of persons of interests will be developed after an extensive review of all material.

### **Informant Management**

A community source has been identified and has indicated a willingness to assist. This person will be a registered source during the course of the investigation.

### **Internal/External Stake Holders**

During S/F Taradale the NSWCC intercepted a number of telephone calls under "Wellington" reference. As the investigation progresses, contact will be made with the NSWCC to obtain all material they have on hand relating to S/F Neiwand.