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**Subject:** Re: GAY HATE HOMICIDES  
**Date:** Thursday, 25 June 2015 15:40:14

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Thanks Don,

I appreciate your advice and assistance. I will follow up and see how I go.

Regards



**From:** Don\_J.Weatherburn@agd.nsw.gov.au  
**To:** Anthony Crandell/[REDACTED]  
**Date:** 25/06/2015 15:07  
**Subject:** Re: GAY HATE HOMICIDES

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Hi Anthony,

Here are two options:

- Professor Gail Mason (Sydney University Law School) who is gay and has done a lot of work on gay hate crime. Her profile is at: <http://sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities/supervisors/280>
- Dr Andrew McGrath (Charles Sturt) who is more junior but was one of my students and who I have a high regard for. He can be reached at [amcgrath@csu.edu.au](mailto:amcgrath@csu.edu.au)

Can't promise that either will be free but I'll leave the negotiations to you.

Regards

Don

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**Subject:** Re: GAY HATE HOMICIDES

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Hi Don,

I agree with your assessment which aligns with our concerns about the earlier research. I want Parrabell investigators to review the available evidence and check for things such as motive etc. Unfortunately many sections of the gay/lesbian community will never accept our conclusions simply because of our status as police. I was really after some independence and a method of recording findings for prosperity rather than just sending a media release at the end.

There will be a reporting structure for Parrabell that will include monthly reports involving key community agencies such as the Aids Council, local MPs etc, so that any concerns with our methodology can be raised in a timely fashion. We are preparing a sheet with indicators of bias crimes to determine whether such a classification is appropriate or not. In any event I understand your position with scarcity of researchers. Are you able to suggest anywhere else I might be able to entice an independent academic review? I was thinking perhaps post graduate university students as an alternative?

Regards



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Subject: Re: GAY HATE HOMICIDES

Hi Anthony

I've read the Mouzos and Thompson report and I'm not impressed. The study does not make clear what its criteria were for deeming a homicide as "gay hate". If the criteria are the dot points on page 2, then the estimate of gay hate homicides contained in the paper would in my view be inflated. The mere fact that a homicide occurred after a "frenzied" attack or near to a gay "beat" for example is not very convincing evidence that it was a "gay hate" homicide. Having said all this, it's not clear to me how we could help you. As far as I know COPS doesn't reliably record whether a homicide is a gay hate homicide. Some sort of inference might be drawn from homicide files but this would be a time-consuming task without any assurance of a reliable result (do the files contain reliable information on offender motive?). I simply don't have the staff to put on this sort of project. I would have thought your own review would answer any outstanding questions of concern to the gay community.

Regards

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From: Anthony Crandell <[REDACTED]>

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Date: 22/06/2015 05:37 PM

Subject: GAY HATE HOMICIDES

Hi Don,

We spoke last at Surry Hills Police Station regarding research into the affects of FCANs upon recidivism with gentlemen from Griffith University.

The purpose of this email is to assess your interest in pursuing research with the NSWPF on a completely unrelated topic of gay hate homicide. My interest in this area stems from my corporate sponsorship of sexuality and gender diversity and our reviewing of historical investigations to determine whether or not evidence of bias crimes exist among a list of 80 deaths and homicides involving gay men between 1979 and 2000.

The original assertions came from research conducted by Sue Thompson and the AIC (See attached), however there has been some suggestion that the methodology used by Sue was not consistent for each death. Sue has been openly critical of police, perhaps with good

reason, however I am after a completely independent view.

I have committed to reviewing each of the 80 identified cases because of feeling within the gay/lesbian community that police did not investigate these crimes correctly and that they were potential bias or gay hate crimes. The police task force is Operation Parrabell and will be conducted by Surry Hills detectives and other officers from Surry Hills Police Station, expected to commence within the upcoming weeks. Tasks will include a review of all available material to determine whether there is evidence of bias crimes or gay hate motives. The review will not reinvestigate the crimes, they will however review the available evidence and if necessary pass any future leads on to the Cold Case Unit of the Homicide Squad. I expect Operation Parrabell to run for the next 6 to 12 months with monthly reporting by investigators on results and findings.

Could you please let me know your interest or otherwise in creating a research project aligned with Parrabell, with a view to publishing some objective material about the deaths being examined? I ask this question of you without any expectation, so if it is of interest please let me know, if not I am comfortable checking for interest elsewhere, and will be happy to take any suggestions you may care to provide.

I am on [REDACTED] if you need further information or clarification.

Regards



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