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To: Craig Middleton; Craig Middleton
Cc: Willem de Kuy; Willem de Kuy
Subject: RE: Quick question [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Date: Thursday, 10 August 2017 13:11:45

Thanks Craig.

I will forward this answer to Willem as well as he is working on this section. The term "connection between offenders" is a bit rubbery. I will chat to Willem about this section (in light of your response).

He may well email you back.

The victim idea is a bit sensitive. I presumed that any whiff of victim blaming would have been something that Mr Crandell would not like. Still, we may be able to suture in a few sentences that speak to this idea. I will seek Willem's counsel.

WILLEM – I have colour coded the VICTIM bit in purple for your easy identification.

From: Craig N Middleton [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 10 August 2017 10:59 AM
To: Derek Dalton <derek.dalton@flinders.edu.au>
Subject: Re: Quick question [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Derek

Sorry to here that you have been unwell but a quick recovery is always a good sign.

To answer some of your questions:

SF Taradale.

We did not review Taradale's work as such. However I do have access to their investigative files as it is contained in the same electronic management system that we used for SF Parrabell. We call it our e@glei system. Taradale investigated several cases, not just limited to murders, but also included assaults (attempted murders) that occurred within the Marks Park area in 1989. Willem is correct in stating that Taradale concentrated on a cluster of cases that were geographically connected (*gay beat at Marks Park at Tamarama*).

The original Terms of Reference (TOR) and Investigation Plan for Taradale stated 3 matters were to be reinvestigated by Taradale (Warren, Russell and the attempt murder of McMahon. All occurred in 1989 in Marks Park. The investigation formally commenced in July 2000 but as you can imagine it expanded over the course of the investigation. Below is a extract from the Investigators Report (DSgt Page) dated 18 May 2001 explaining the current enquiries to date and probably best answers Willem questions.

Our review of all of the cases found, by and large, a lack of connection between offenders. That is, anti-gay bias homicide is not typically associated with people who operate in groups of 2 or more despite media coverage that would support such a view.

I am not sure of this statement or the message that it might convey to the broader audience. It just may be that I am misinterpreting the message. *a lack of connection between offenders?*, what exactly does this mean ?. In at least 16 matters Parrabell reviewed involved 2 or more offenders (mostly young male adolescents who knew each other or in 2 matters- brothers). 4 matters involved multiple young male (between 3 to 8) offenders. (JOHNSON - 8 youths, STEVENS - 5 youths, RATTANAJURATHAPORN - 3 youths, MILICEVIC - 3 youths). This is not to mention the unsolved ones where it is very highly suspected multiple offenders (youths) were involved (Russell, Warren, Keam, Allen). All of the 16 matters involving 2 or more offenders were coded by Parrabell and yourselves as either Bias Crime or Suspected Bias Crime. I didnt include the Insufficient Information ones with multiple offenders (which no doubt would further inflate the numbers).

It would be my opinion that in all these matters involving 2 or more offenders - the offenders were connected (*ie they shared a common purpose*) primarily assault/robbery but also a mixture of anti gay bias or at the very least targeting homosexuals due to a perceived vulnerability which led them to target homosexuals for robbery/assault. (ie location, weakness to fight back, reluctance to report assault, paedophile, client base of prostitute offender). I am not quite sure what you are trying to say by the above statements. Is it the case that you are stating that the offenders from each matter are not connected ?. I think what you might be trying to say is that the image portrayed by the media of *'uncontrollable youth gangs rampaging through the streets and Parks randomly killing gay men over these decades'* is not evident in the majority of cases that Parrabell reviewed. There is certainly evidence of a couple of instances of youth gangs targeting homosexual males, but by and large, each matter is not connected as the media portrayal.

As a side issue, and to me what is interesting to note, after the review, I distinctly noticed a reoccurring theme of the victim. It cannot be ignored that in the majority of these murders involving juvenile males offenders, the victim placed themselves in a vulnerable situation by actively pursuing young males for sex. What has been largely ignored by the media and wider community is that these victims were actually committing an illegal act by actively exploiting street kids, seeking out, paying for, or simply preying on under age youths for sex. In other words they were active paedophiles. We seem to have conveniently ignored this aspect of the victims criminality.

Anyway like always Im waffling on, so I hope that I havent confused you (once again).

Good luck with the report - nearly there. I am also in the midst of re-proof reading my final synopsis for the 3rd time which contains a summary of each matter for the boss. I note that he has agreed not to publish the individual review forms and will rely on my synopsis and your academic report for publication. I will send you the final synopsis once I am satisfied it is 100% accurate. There have been some minor corrections, but nothing that affects the coding. If anything I have given some narrative to the deaths to make it flow better and not be so clinical as the review forms. So it wont change your academic report.

Regards



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From: Derek Dalton <derek.dalton@flinders.edu.au>
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Date: 09/08/2017 18:25
Subject: Quick question

Hi Craig,

Methodically dealing with a few issues here after being bedridden for 2 days with a really nasty cold (God knows how it has passed so quickly. Perhaps good luck).

Willem has authored this bit in report:
 Willem has asked me if you could somehow come up with a precise number here.

It is noteworthy that *Strike Force Taradale* (SFT) concentrated on a cluster of cases that were geographically connected and where it was suspected that crime was linked to perpetrators who had some sort of connection or relation to each other [e.g. group or gang affiliation]. SFT found XXX cases or persons that were linked. Our review of all of the cases found, by and large, a lack of connection between offenders. That is, anti-gay bias homicide is not typically associated with people who operate in groups of 2 or more despite media coverage that would support such a view. However, this not to assert that groups targeting gay men for violent assaults where not operating in the Bondi region in the 1980s and 1990s. Many of the deaths in these cases were classified as II.

We may have to rephrase if you can't.

Please discard the EXCEL I sent you. We had to change a few Anti-paed to Anti-homo (and vice versa) after we revisited them.

Will send you FINAL version of EXCEL soon.

Cheers

Thanks

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