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Subject: Fwd: Article Report re Strike Force Parrabell [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, 20 August 2018 20:29:01

Hi Christiane

FYI

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Birch, Philip" <pbirch@csu.edu.au>
Date: 20 August 2018 at 8:14:18 pm AEST
To: "Anthony Crandell" <[REDACTED]>
Cc: "Wayne Sievers (mmrwayne@bigpond.net.au)" <mmrwayne@bigpond.net.au>, "Michael Kennedy" <m.kennedy@westernsydney.edu.au>
Subject: Re: Article Report re Strike Force Parrabell [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Marvellous - let's lock in 12noon! Around the room you were in, on campus, when you were last up here with Tracey and Colin! I'll meet you there :-)

12noon 14th September - it's in my diary.

Cheers
Phil

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On Mon, Aug 20, 2018 at 8:11 PM +1000, "Anthony Crandell"
<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thanks Phil

At this stage I am doing some media about recruiting country students using CSU faculties in Port Macquarie. That is scheduled tentatively between 2pm and 3pm and I will need to be back in Sydney thereafter.

About 12 or 1pm that day would be good for me.

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On 20 Aug 2018, at 8:06 pm, Birch, Philip <pbirch@csu.edu.au<<mailto:pbirch@csu.edu.au>>> wrote:

Well shall we pencil something in on the 14th?
Are you on campus? If you let me know a time I shall work around you.

In the meantime I can do some enquiries. I hold a couple of research fellowships in research centres in the UK - working along side Professoress Jane Ireland - Michael knows Jane. I get access to research assistants. I could see if one will do a systematic review on bias crime indicators that can then be used to develop a model for you :-).

All very exciting! Let me know a time on the 14th and we can lock it in.

Cheers
Phil

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On Mon, Aug 20, 2018 at 8:00 PM +1000, "Anthony Crandell"

> wrote:

Hi Phil

All sounds good. I am actually in Port on the 14/9.

I am also able meet during the afternoon of the 6/9 or anytime on the 7/9.

Thanks again.

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On 20 Aug 2018, at 4:18 pm, Birch, Philip <pbirch@csu.edu.au<<mailto:pbirch@csu.edu.au>>> wrote:

Hello Tony,
Why don't we have a meeting then, we can have a chat about your observations on the data and then let's see how we can frame an article from that.

As for the bias crime indicator - sounds like a really good project. Let me put some feelers out - we maybe about to get an honours student to look at something for us - at least a preliminary examination of hate crime and some form of model that we maybe able to look to extend. I'll see if there is any interest and we can chat about this when we catch up.

I'm not sure if you know but I have recently completed a preliminary hate crime study amongst inmates in the Scottish prison service. Its on my list of things to get written up into an article - that's on my October list of things to do :-)!

How are you fixed for a meeting on either the 6th or 7th September for a chat? I know it's a few weeks away but I have a deadline for another article to be revised and resubmitted and then start a book chapter that's due to be submitted at the end of September - if I can spend some time making head way with these projects that would be really helpful.

Let me know and I can schedule a online meeting with our CSU technology, unless you are planning on being up in Port over the next few weeks?

Cheers
Phil

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Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 15:03
To: Birch, Philip
Cc: Wayne Sievers <[REDACTED]>; Michael Kennedy
Subject: RE: Article Report re Strike Force Parrabell [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Phil,

Apologies for not responding earlier. I think the original plan was for an article to be written about the deaths and perhaps contrary findings for the Australian Police Journal. If you were considering analysing the approach by Flinders regarding some of the inaccuracies in classifications, especially those in the paedophile range, I would be happy to arrange a meeting beforehand - if that is appropriate.

From a purely policing perspective, I would like to develop a simplified bias crime indicator for operational police because both the Parrabell and academic teams had difficulty categorising these matters consistently with the 10 bias crime indicators model then, and now, used by the NSWPF.

I was not aware of the additional link between Flinders and related criminal activity, albeit I was aware that Derek Dalton had published material in related areas. I am not sure that you anticipated anything further than contributing to an article, however if you think further development of a bias crimes indicator is within your scope, I am interested in your thoughts.

Thanks for your work so far.

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Date: 20/08/2018 11:50
Subject: RE: Article Report re Strike Force Parrabell

Hi All,

I am just following up on the email I sent the other week. Yesterday, I came across 'The Family' murders and the subsequent conviction of Bevan Spencer Von Einem. Are you aware of these murders in South Australia in late 1970's/early 1980's. It is proposed that a group of men would target young men, gay men and young boys (one victim was just 14) raped and then murdered. The Forensic Science department at Flinders university was involved in examining DNA linked to this crime. I thought this was interesting in light of the Criminology Department at Flinders university linking the gay murders in Sydney to paedophilia. I suspect the criminology team at Flinders may have been

influenced by this SA case when they looked at your StrikeForce Parrabell report. I suspect drawing links between the two cases will have benefited the Flinders academics more than it would have NSWPF.

Where you aware of this????

Cheers
Phil

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From: Birch, Philip

Sent: Tuesday, 7 August 2018 4:45 PM

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Sievers

Subject: RE: Article Report re Strike Force Parrabell

Hello Everyone,

I have been through the report and thought I would share some thoughts with you. The decision then is next steps.

I will try and capture my thoughts/observations below, but if we need to have a chat about this, I can arrange an online meeting through our great CSU technology. So here goes (hope my stream of consciousness makes sense):

1. Both the NSWPF report and Flinders report as stand-alone reports are both good, the problem lies with the fact they are two stand-alone reports that have been brought together and compared. Both reports use two different analytical frameworks, albeit on the same 'dataset' but as to be expected two different analytical frameworks have garnered two different findings. Comparing the two sets of findings is problematic/wrong.
2. Based on the terms of reference it would seem that what's missing here is external validity.... That being an external assessor/researcher to SFP, who would/should have conducted the same approach SFP used to assessing the homicides see if they come up with the same results – this would have been a more fruitful exercise in terms of a comparison.
3. I am not convinced you can draw any conclusion about police practice and investigation other than what is done today is different. The review by Flinders seems to be examining police practice of 1970's, 1980's and 1990's through a 2017 lens – of course it is different, forensic tools, investigative interviewing as well as society and culture. If you want to examine if police did not look into these cases with enough vigour/without prejudice than we would need to look at other homicides during this timeframe – to see how the police conducted the investigations. You could do this broadly, and/or by looking at other homicide 'hate crimes' where race, disability was present.... If you look at other murders and find there is a difference then there is a scope to draw conclusions/implications of what that difference is/was.
4. The term hate crime/bias crime has been used/applied retrospectively – these terms first made its way into legislation in 1981 - in Washington and Oregon, over subsequent years the terms became more widely used – but over time, NSWPF solved more of these murders than they didn't.... so it could be argued as 'hate crime' became more of a mainstream term, it was reflected in practice.... hence the improvements in solving the cases. In hindsight if we view these crimes as hate crimes, let's compare them to other hate crime murders and make an assessment of good/bad/indifference practice.
5. Though the leap to and link to paedophiles was strange, bizarre, unwarranted and not justified. Flinders seemed to support this category based on a 60 year old coming onto a 17 year old lad.... This isn't paedophilia. It may contravene social norms re: the age difference but it's not paedophilia. Again in the 1970'/1980's age of consent was different/homosexuality illegal in NSW for some of this time, but Paedophilia is defined as an ongoing sexual attraction to pre-pubescent children, so 13 years and younger, not a 17 year old. Was there evidence in the case files of any of these men engaging with children in a sexual manner? Flinders noted early in their report that they were solely engaged in an evidence based approach, yet used justification that some people in society viewed gay men as paedophiles and therefore 'we will use this as a category' for analytical purposes.... This was all bit strange to me...

There are a couple of things that can be done here:

1. Look at the categories NSWPF SFP generated and how they cross reference to the categories Flinders have. So of the 8 men who were claimed to be bias homicides by NSWPF, where do they feature in Flinders list – do they make up part of the 17 of anti-bias crimes, or have they been categorised elsewhere and why.... As these seems unclear. The datasets when presented and compared in the Flinders report don't do this, probably because you can't;
2. Take the NSWPF hate crime matrix used to classify these homicides, and look at other hate crime homicides at the time to evaluate hate crime murders and how they were investigated as well as changes over time (this could help support a validation of this matrix – Flinders claimed it was unreliable as there was no evidence for it);
3. Get someone to review the gay homicides using the same approach as NSWPF to support/refute the conclusions made – but using the same analytical framework.

Not sure if the above makes sense.... It does in my head, but not sure I have captured it well here. Also, Tony/Wayne, in previous emails you have noted your observations, would be good to know what you want out of this process and potential next steps, now that I have properly read the report.

Hope the above helps and is not totally useless ☺

Cheers
Phil

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Subject: Re: Article Report re Strike Force Parrabell

Hi Phil

The final Strike Force Parrabell report is available on the NSW Police Force Internet site:

www.police.nsw.gov.au/?a=575265<<http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/?a=575265>><<http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/?a=575265>><<http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/?a=575265>><<http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/?a=575265>>

It includes the Flinders University Review from page 47.

I have done some preliminary comparison work around differences in findings between Strike Force Parrabell and the Academic Review. I am happy to share my additional statistics and findings with you when the time is right. For example - the professors separated anti-gay animus from anti-paedophile animus, whereas police did not, resulting in several cases with contrary findings.

One case was particularly contentious (Dempsey) because of contrary findings for reasons related to the weight attached to different portions of evidence.

I also have a list of 86 case summaries, which are half-page descriptions of individual deaths including facts and circumstances drawn from evidence within case files. These summaries were not released publicly because many are especially gruesome. They were released conditionally to media reporters with a caveat that they were not for further distribution. I can also provide you that material.

Regards

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On 15 Jul 2018, at 9:30 am, Birch, Philip <pbirch@csu.edu.au<<mailto:pbirch@csu.edu.au>>>
<<mailto:pbirch@csu.edu.au>><<mailto:pbirch@csu.edu.au>>>wrote:
Hi Everyone,

Thanks for this Michael. Is there somewhere I can locate the report and response that Flinders has produced? If so, I am happy to look at both and pull out some points to share with you, which could be used to formulate the article for the policing journal. Would that approach work?

I have 4 projects I need to get finished by the end of the month, but I could look to doing this from August.

Let me know if this is agreeable, all I need are the two documents to look at.

Cheers
Phil

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Subject: Article Report re Strike Force Parrabell

Dear All

This email relates to my phone call rewriting an article for the Australian Police Journal re Operation Parrabell and some of the conflicting conclusions.

Tony is the NSW Assistant Commissioner who put together the final report that was reviewed by academics at Flinders Uni.

Would it be possible for Phil and Wayne to put together an article for APJ. The reasons are fairly obvious. Wayne was the AFP Gay Liaison Officer and Phil is involved in commentary about identity politics and masculinity.

No one is suggesting that police could not have done a better job but some of the assumptions are baseless or based on a tautological argument that is agenda driven.

Tony I have also spoken to Phil about a PhD candidature. I prefer his solution and think it's more beneficial to you. Phil can you take this up with Tracey after a chat with Tony. Thanks mate.

Anyway I will leave it up to you all to communicate with each other. I would suggest a few phone calls would be the way to

begin a discussion. Your contact details are below.

Tony [REDACTED]
 Phil [REDACTED]
 Wayne [REDACTED]

Regards

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