

NSW Police

**INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE**

<b>Investigation:</b>	S/F Neiwand
<b>Title of Note:</b>	Telephone call with Jacque MUSY

**Narrative:**

Gilles MATTAINI, (DOB: 25/10/1958) a French National, was a homosexual male who resided in the Bondi area with his partner, Jacque MUSY (who was holidaying in France in 1985).

Whilst in France, MUSY received a phone call from a mutual friend of his and MATTAINI, Vincent OTTAVIANI (Died.1995), who informed him that MATTAINI was missing. OTTAVIANI is said to have searched for MATTAINI with another friend Marc HUBERT (Work colleague), the pair had supposedly reported MATTAINI missing to Paddington Police, no record of this exists.

At the time of his disappearance MATTAINI had overstayed his visa and was concerned about the status of his residency, despite this he was said to be in good spirits as he had another friend, Anthony WYSZYNSKI (Died.2005) due to visit him from France. As no Police report and subsequent investigation took place no inquiries were made by Police into MATTAINI's disappearance in 1985.

In 2002 due to the media attention Operation Taradale was receiving, MUSY contacted Police in relation to MATTAINI's disappearance. From the inquiries made by Police it was learnt from MUSY and other friends, that upon MUSY's return to Australia he conducted his own search. As a result he spoke to a Bondi local known to him and MATTAINI, who informed him he had seen MATTAINI walking at Bondi and he looked "Aloof." It was further learnt MATTAINI was known to take long walks along the Marks Park walking track but didn't frequent the Mark's Park area for male companionship. MATTAINI was last seen walking along a track at Bondi on 15/09/1985.

On the 09/03/2005 a finding into MATTAINI's disappearance was handed down by Deputy State Coroner J. MILLEDGE, "*I find that Giles Jacques MATTAINI died on or about the 15 September 1985 in Sydney. The cause and manner of his death remain undetermined as the evidence before me does not enable me to say.*" At this stage no persons of interest have been identified in relation to MATTIANI's disappearance.

On the 28/08/2016 a Mutual Assistance Request questionnaire was submitted to the Attorney General's Office to commence liaisons with French Authorities.

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On the 19/11/2016 Magali EYRAUD, of the Documentation and International Relations Group Central Office for the Suppression of Violence against Persons, Central Directorate of the Judicial Police in France emailed DSC CHEBL with information regarding her recent contact with MUSY.

EYRAUD stated she spoke with MUSY on the 17/11/2016 and during the conversation MUSY stated he was happy to assist Police, but was surprised about the Police investigation as MATTAINI stated to him that "he wanted to die and nobody would found his body". MUSY further stated MATTAINI made suicide attempts before he went missing, because of this MATTAINI's relatives weren't surprised of his disappearance. MUSY' details in France were provided to Police.

Between the 28/11/2016 and 06/12/2016 Detective Senior Constable Michael CHEBL exchanged emails with MUSY [REDACTED]. Arrangements were made to speak via telephone at 6am Eastern Standard Time on Thursday 08/12/2016 (8:00pm Central European Time Wednesday 07/12/2016)

Between 6:15am and 7:20am on Thursday 08/12/2016 Detective CHEBL and MUSY conversed over telephone about the disappearance of Gilles MATTAINI. During this time MUSY spoke freely about MATTAINI and was able to answer questions quite openly about a range of topics relating to his former partner.

Detective CHEBL asked MUSY about his relationship with MATTAINI, MUSY reiterated details about their relationship. MUSY stated he and MATTAINI met in 1978 in France and began an intimate relationship. MUSY stated prior to the pair moving to Australia they considered alternative countries where they could live and consideration was given to moving to Quebec, Canada but the pair ended up settling for Australia, due to the warmer weather.

In 1983 MATTAINI and MUSY moved to Australia and lived together in North Bondi. MUSY stated in his opinion prior to the pair commencing their relationship MATTAINI was unhappy in his life and believed that MATTAINI only became happy once there relationship commenced.

MUSY described MATTAINI as being shy, scared and a private person. MUSY also stated MATTAINI would enjoy being at home as opposed to going out. The only time MUSY would remember MATTAINI going out was for a walk, he would frequently walk around the promenade in Bondi and a golf course, listening to French music on his headphone.

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MUSY also stated MATTAINI would enjoy spending money; he enjoyed purchasing new things as it made him happy. MUSY described himself as the 'saver' and MATTAINI as the 'spender'. MUSY stated prior to MATTAINI's disappearance he was in good spirits as the pair had another friend, (Anthony WYSZYNSKI) due to visit him from France. MUSY commented that MATTAINI had purchased numerous items from David Jones to decorate their residence.

When asked about MATTAINI's social habits MUSY stated because MATTANI was shy, he did not socialise outside his circle of friends (who were his work colleagues). MUSY highlighted the fact MATTAINI would not go out at night or ever attend a 'Gay beat' as he was too afraid and shy to do such a thing. MUSY further stated despite MATTAINI being gay he did not openly display such behavior.

Detective CHEBL asked if MATTAINI engaged in any water activities like snorkelling or scuba diving, MUSY stated MATTAINI was not into any sports and was too scared to go into the ocean. MUSY stated he would frequent Bondi beach and boogie board but Gilles was not one to partake in water activities or any other sport.

MUSY stated following MATTAINI's failure to show up for work, OTTAVIANI and his roommate, Glen LEHMAN reported him missing to Police. Detective CHEBL asked MATTAINI if he was certain it was LEHMAN who accompanied OTTAVIANI and not HUBERT, MUSY was adamant it was HUBERT. *(Paragraph 24 of E@glei ref: ST-215 states Marc HUBERT accompanied OTTAVIANI to conduct a search for MATTAINI and later reported him missing to Police).*

MUSY recounted "When I returned to Australia Vincent (OTTAVIANI) told me that he and Glen (LEHMAN) searched hospitals, parks, Police and even the French consulate....everywhere for Gilles. Vincent told me he spoke to a neighbour who to him he had seen Gilles walking at Bondi and he looked "Aloof." I always remember this word "Aloof" I have never forgotten this".

Detective CHEBL asked MUSY about the conversation had with this particular neighbour and whether it was him or OTTAVIANI who had this conversation, MUSY was of the firm opinion it was OTTAVIANI who spoke with the neighbour. *(Paragraph 23 of E@glei ref: ST-215 reads MUSY speaking with the unknown neighbour)*

Detective CHEBL informed MUSY that in his statement it states he was the person who had this conversation, MUSY stated due to the passage of time he could not recall this. MUSY did state he conducted his own search for MATTAINI but this was only in his apartment block. MUSY

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explained due to the shock of MATTAINI's disappearance he was sedated with valium and this limited his ability to search for MATTAINI.

Detective CHEBL inquired further about this particular neighbour, MUSY stated he remembered this man living 50 meters or so from the couples unit block in North Bondi, he was described as an 'Australian', tall, lanky and had dark hair and was possibly gay.

MUSY stated in 2002 after reading articles in the Star Express about Gay bashings at Bondi and being encouraged by friends to follow up on MATTAINI's disappearance he decided to speak with Police. MUSY stated he attended Paddington Police Station and spoke with Steve PAGE (former OIC of OP Taradale). MUSY is of the belief that MATTAINI's disappearance was reported to the Police in 1985. MUSY also stated from his conversations with Steve PAGE he formed the opinion that MATTAINI's disappearance was not taken seriously or investigated because of his homosexuality.

Detective CHEBL asked MUSY about MATTAINI's history with attempting suicide. MUSY spoke of two suicide attempts by MATTIANI.

The first incident occurred prior to their relationship commencing. MUSY states during this suicide attempt MATTAINI 'slashed his wrists' and he was treated for his injuries. It is MUSY's opinion that MATTAINI attempted suicide on this occasion due to the pressures from MATTAINI's father, as he would continually tell Gilles 'you're not the son he wanted'. This caused MATTAINI to be sad and distant from his father. MUSY reiterated that MATTAINI was happiest when they commenced their relationship.

The second suicide attempt occurred while MATTAINI was serving in the French Army. MUSY stated on this occasion MATTAINI took a number of pills and 'went to sleep'. MUSY explained that MATTAINI was treated 'mentally' and discharged from the army. MUSY believes this suicide attempt was due to Gilles not being able to cope with the pressures of being a homosexual and serving in the military.

MUSY stated throughout his relationship with MATTAINI he found him to be comfortable with death and would speak openly about dying on his own accord rather than naturally. MUSY elaborated on this by saying, following MATTAINI's discharge from the army and prior to the pair moving to Australia MATTAINI would make comments about taking his own life. MUSY explained this by stating "He (MATTAINI) spoke of death as being a release for him from this life. He believed death was more attractive than life, he believed he would be happier dead."

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Detective CHEBL asked MUSY about the information he provided EYRAUD in relation to MATTAINI stating "he wanted to die and nobody would found his body". MUSY agreed this comment was said by MATTAINI, he elaborated on this by explaining that MATTAINI believed if nobody found his body it would cause less pain and grief for his family. MUSY quoted MATTAINI "If I die I will do it so no one finds my corpse, it would cause less pain and grief for my mother." When MUSY was explaining this comment he reinforced the point MATTAINI was making that he did not want his body to be found to ease the grief on his mother and friends.

Detective CHEBL asked MUSY if the information about MATTAINI's comments about 'dying' was provided to Police in 2002, MUSY stated "Of course I told Steven Page of this, of course, in 2002 I said this. I said Gilles was comfortable with dying and he would do it so his body is not found, but this did not happen". MUSY went on to state despite MATTAINI's history with suicide attempts after speaking with PAGE he was of the opinion MATTAINI did not commit suicide was most likely murdered.

Detective CHEBL asked MUSY if MATTAINI ever stated where he would go to carry out this act, MUSY stated there was no specific location. Detective CHEBL explained how NSW Police intended on obtaining the DNA of MATTAINI's mother, MUSY replied that since his disappearance he actively follows the news in relation to male remains being found in the hope it is Gilles. MUSY was forthright with his opinion that NSW Police would waste their time as MATTAINI's body has never been found. MUSY was unable to support his reasons for this.

Detective CHEBL asked MUSY what he based this on, MUSY stated "because of everything that has happened in Bondi." MUSY encouraged Detective CHEBL to read the book which covers the murders around Marks Park. Detective CHEBL explained to MUSY the reinvestigation currently undertaken will be based on evidence gathering and not speculating.

Detective CHEBL inquired again whether PAGE or any other Police were made aware of the comments made by MATTAINI regarding 'dying', MUSY reiterated he had told him in 2002, but was of the belief it wasn't a major issue because from his meeting with PAGE he was of the firm belief Gilles was murdered and did not commit suicide. MUSY further stated "Gilles was too scared, he would be too afraid to stand on the edge of a cliff and jump, I don't believe he did this."

MUSY stated he does not believe MATTAINI is alive; he bases this theory on the fact MATTAINI was too close to his mother and grandmother and would not be away for such a long time without making contact with them.

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MUSY stated he was required to attend Glebe Coroners Court and give evidence at the inquest into MATTAINI's disappearance. MUSY further stated he still had a copy of the transcript of evidence he gave during the inquest. Detective CHEBL asked MUSY to email a copy of the transcript he has to [REDACTED].

Detective CHEBL explained to MUSY the importance of reinvestigating MATTAINI's disappearance with an open mind and to consider the evidence being obtained impartially. Detective CHEBL further stated to MUSY that consideration needs to be given to the possibility of MATTAINI committing suicide just like the possibility of him being murdered.

Detective CHEBL asked MUSY of the MATTAINI family make up. MUSY stated Gilles was an only child and was resented by his father. MATTAINI was extremely close with his mother and grandmother and due to Gilles sexuality it was for this reason his father resented him and would say "Gilles was not the son I wanted."

MUSY was thanked for his time and was reminded that if he was to remember anything further to contact Detective CHEBL.

Following this phone call MUSY emailed Detective CHEBL and provided the name of Glen LEHMAN of LEHMAN and associates as being an associate of MATTAINI. Detective CHEBL replied to MUSY providing him with a copy of his statement from 2002.

On Saturday 10/12/2016 Detective CHEBL received the following email from MUSY as a follow up, MUSY addresses a number of points of interest he sought to clarify and expand on from his witness statement provided to Police in 2002. The details provided from this email are as follows, the respective extracts from the statement MUSY refers too are inserted -

*Hi Michael,*

*Yes I confirm that **Marc Hubert** would have indeed been involved with **Vincent Ottaviani** and **Glen Lehman** with the search with hospitals, psychiatric wards and so on.*

*Marc was a very close French friend and our supervisor in the Banqueting department where Gilles was Barman & I was the Bar Manager.*

***Vincent Ottaviani** our closest (French as well) friend, was Head Banqueting Manager.*

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The document that I was going to send you; was unfortunately not my statement in the Glebe Court.*

*Sorry about that but, it actually is my copy of the statement I made to Detective Page. (that you kindly forwarded to me)*

*The 2 first pages I, at the time had stapled on top of that statement, mislead me to believe so; those 2 pages (that I forward to you now) actually are the "Summons to the Witness" I received in March 2003.*

*I have to notify you of a serious typo error in that statement (that I had hand written corrected on my copy at the time)*

*It is Page 3 - article 11 the last line should read: "but I was not aware of **"a"** HIV status at the time of his disappearance".*

*Please amend your copy accordingly.*

*I see Page 4 - Article 14 that I state that Gilles while I was away in France told me he was receiving dental treatment from a Dentist on Oxford street. I wonder if that Dentist was looked for & found as he would have taken X-rays of his teeth, & that could be of help if you have some remains of still unidentified corps at hand.*

11. Gilles could speak English fluently, and tended to keep to himself. I would describe his as solitary and timid. He was law abiding, and did not use drugs. Gilles was of course gay, but I was not aware of his HIV status at the time of his disappearance.

14. Gilles was in good health in the time leading up to his disappearance. I know of no occasion of Gilles going to a medical practitioner whilst he was in Australia. I recall Gilles stating that he was receiving dental treatment from a dentist who worked in an upstairs practice on Oxford Street near Taylor Square. I recall the dentist was of a German background, but I do not recall his name. I know the dentist no longer works at that location.

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*I see page 6 - Article 23, what I then stated to Detective Page about talking to the nearby beach "acquaintance" who was living a block away from us.*

*I second my 2002 statement & I want to confirm that I would have spoken from (fresher) memory at the time (against from what I can remember now) indeed it is me who spoke to him, I, at the time had handwritten "Terry" next to that article on my statement copy. (but no family name I am afraid !) He might have worked as well at the Menzies hotel on a casual basis some times (1983/1984/1985). (which would explain why we would be acquainted in the first place).*

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*I forward you as well the September 1985 page of the Ken Done Calendar we had on our kitchen's wall which I have kept to this day.*

*This calendar shows that Gilles (itemized on it as "BSB" from a French nickname) had scribbled his roster till the 16th when he was due to work at 3Pm but never showed up.*

*The 14th mentions my birthday*

*The 15th shows that he was "off" the day he disappeared.*

*The 24th announces my arrival (kikou is a sweet nickname he used to call me with).*

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*Finally I can state that:*

*Gilles prior to meeting me tried to kill himself once as a teenager. He had slashed his wrist; fortunately his mother found him lying in a pool of blood and rushed him to hospital.*

*His explaining of that was that he was a unhappy youth not at ease in this harsh world not accepting the gays.*

*He as a shy, meek, unassertive boy had suffered bullsh treatments from his peers at school.*

*Furthermore his father had rejected him as he was not the "man" he was expecting to father.*

*No communications whatsoever between them, so Gilles was then brought up by his mother, his live in grandmother and close living aunts.*

23. On my return I spoke with a man who lived in a unit block nearby that I knew from the beach. I recall speaking with him about Gilles going missing and he informed me that on the morning of the 15th of September, 1985, he saw Gilles walking at Bondi and he looked "aloof". I have always remembered that word, and that date was my birthday. From enquiries I made at the time, Gilles was not seen since.



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*Years later we met.*

*Shortly after meeting and starting dating Gilles, he was conscripted in the compulsory French National Service in the French army. He was posted in the Alps in a particularly harsh section where he went through hell.*

*Endless trekking by night in the snow with 50Kg back bags, never healing blisters-bleeding feet, tough spartan living conditions in freezing cold, and never ending harassment from the worst bullies from the platoon, lead him to again try to end his life.*

*He was rushed to hospital after overdosing on some tablets and consequently dismissed from the National Service.*

*We happily re-united and went on our 7 years wonderful loving relationship. We really were soul and heart mates.*

*Years later discussing these 2 attempts he explained to me that life was sometimes so unbearably difficult to confront, that to him, death eventually seemed then a relief.*

*So if such daunting times were to fall on him he couldn't rule out that he could resort to such solution to try to escape.*

*When I objected that he was selfish to overlook the extreme trauma, anguish, despair and pain his suicide would cause to his mother, family, friends, and me to that matter.*

*His view to that (he thought) was that we would easily carry on with our lives as we would not find his body!*

*Astonishingly for him, not to annoy us with his corpse, would be the least he could do to what he thought would facilitate the turning of the page.*

*Of course I staunchly objected to that and explained him wrong.*

*However I can honestly state that meeting me had changed his life around.*

*Me, Australia and our wonderful work mates (mostly Aussies) turned him into a happy lad.*

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*We used to seeing our work mates out of work many times a week for many occasions it was now "our" family & "his" family.*

*The only dark point in that happy life was the expiry of his Visitors Visa looming by the end of that 1985 year.*

*As I was away for a few weeks prior to his disappearance, we had many phone calls, he used to tease me (the money conscious of the 2) how he was embarked on a shopping spree to decorate and equip our unit.*

*As well as he couldn't wait for my return; he was over-excited at the planned arrival in Sydney of our French previous flatmate Anthony Wyszynski from Paris.*

*So, besides the Visa cloud, there were absolutely no reasons for him to want to end it all.*

*After his disappearance totally destroyed by the 24/7 pain of my then shattered life at missing him and not knowing how he could have done "that"; I lived weeks on end in a Valium induced daze; incapacitated, not even wondering why I never was interviewed by the Police.*

*I was resting on the belief that my friends Vincent, Marc & Glen would do everything that could be done... had he committed suicide!*

*As of course it never crossed my mind then; that anything else could in fact have happened.*

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*There you are Michael,*

*Should you wish to clarify anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

*Regards*

*Jacques Musy*

At 7:06am on Saturday 10/12/2016 MUSY sent the following documents via email to Detective CHEBL -

**SUMMONS TO A WITNESS**  
*(Coroners Act, 1980)*

To Jacques Musy  
of (Known to Police)

in the State of New South Wales

WHEREAS it has been made to appear to me that you are likely to be able to give material evidence at the inquest concerning the deaths of

JOHN RUSSELL and ROSS WARREN and GILLES MATTAINI


THESE are therefore to require you to be and appear on Monday 31 March 2003 to Friday 11 April, 2003 commencing at 10:00am.

and such other time as required

at the STATE CORONER'S COURT, 44-46 Parramatta Glebe, NSW to testify what you know concerning the subject matter of the Inquest.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at GLEBE this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003.

*P. Matthews*  
(P. Matthews)  
Coroner NSW



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Mr J Musy  
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Our ref: 1363/02  
Your ref:

10 MARCH 2003

Dear Sir/Madam,

Death of GILLES JACQUES MATTAINI

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Kindly note that the inquest touching the death of the late GILLES JACQUES MATTAINI has been listed for HEARING on MONDAY 31 MARCH 2003 to the FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2003 at 10:00am at STATE CORONER'S COURT, GLEBE

If you require further information, or if I can be of assistance in any way, please contact this office.

Yours faithfully,

*P. Matthews*  
P. Matthews  
Clerk of the Court.

A copy of his summons to appear at Glebe Coroners Court between Monday 31/03/2003 to Friday 11/04/2003/

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**SEPTEMBER 1985**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 OFF	2 OFF	3	4 LOYERS	5 OFF	6 TELEPHONE	7
Father's Day						
8 OFF	9	10	11	12 BAF 10:00	13 OFF	14
15 OFF	16 BAF 3:00	17	18	19	20	21
	Rosh Hashonah			Tel		
22	23	24	25 TV-VIDEO	26	27	28
HCF 3 ASSURANCES		Arrives K'arov 8:05	Yom Kippur	Melbourne Show Day	Reschedule ANDREW	
29	30					

MATTAINI and MUSY's calendar from 1985.

The above images were explained in the email MUSY sent Detective CHEBL on the 10/12/2016.

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<b>Date:</b>	13/12/2016