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Overview of reported crime and its possible connection, involving victims of the homosexual community primarily in the Alexandria and South Bondi areas.

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On 3 February 1990 eight youths were arrested for the Murder of Richard Norman JOHNSON at Alexandria Park on 24 January 1990. They savagely punched, kicked and jumped on JOHNSON causing massive internal injuries. He died at that location and robbery was a lesser motive in respect to three of the killers. JOHNSON, a homosexual, had been lured there for the purpose of a homosexual act. His telephone number was found on the toilet wall at that park and was consequently contacted by one of his killers. The youths waited in ambush, and on arrival, without provocation, launched their attack on him.

Five youths were found guilty of Manslaughter and the other three of Murder. They all received varying sentences ranging from eighteen years to five years. [NP21] is the exception to this, he being remanded to 24 July 1991 for sentence.

I was the Officer in Charge of the case, and can give more detail and information if required. Likewise, I was in charge the investigation into the Murder of Krichakorn RATTANAJURATHAPORN whose body was found on the rock platform at the base of MacKenzies Point, South Bondi on 27 July 1990. His body had been jammed in rocks below the waterline. Enquiries revealed that this 34 year old Thai National visited that area, which is a well known homosexual "Beat" about 3am on 21 July 1990. At the time of the attack on him by three youths, Geoffrey SULLIVAN, a homosexual Bondi resident was present. He too received a severe beating. Subsequent enquiries led to the arrest of three youths namely, [NP24], and [NP22] and [NP23] [NP23]. Like the other arrested youths, they too were residents from the Redfern area.

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NP24 indicated that [REDACTED] were involved in weekend attacks on homosexuals in the Bondi area and also Centennial Park and Kings Cross. The three boys were eventually charged with RATTANAJURATHAPORN's Murder in that evidence was obtained suggesting that the deceased had been thrown from the cliff top. That matter will be before the Coroners' Court on 29 April, 1991.

During the course of the enquiry NP23's coat was searched and a pawn slip in the name of NP18 was found. NP18 is one of the eight youths found guilty of the Murder of JOHNSON. Further, it was noted that Ross Bradley WARREN was reported missing on 21 July 1989 from the immediate area near MacKenzies Point having earlier that night left his friend's home in Redfern. He is a known homosexual and at the time displayed little to no depression. His car was found secured in Kenneth Street, South Bondi which is adjacent to the park frequented by homosexuals at MacKenzies Point. WARREN's keys were later located on the rock platform below that point. WARREN is still missing, having made no contact with relative or friends since that night.

John RUSSELL, a homosexual resident of Bondi, was found deceased at the base of the South Bondi cliffs on 24 November, 1989. Police enquiries showed that he was in good spirits the preceding night having recently inherited one hundred thousand dollars. It is also noted that a clump of hair was on his hand when found.

190 attended the pathway area at South Bondi about 10pm on 18 December, 1989 where he was assaulted and robbed by NP23, NP43 and another unknown male. NP23 was identified by photographs as was NP43. NP43 is reputedly the leader of a loosely connected gang of street thugs who have been terrorising people in the Bondi beach and South Bondi cliff area for some considerable time. NP43 has yet to be interviewed for this crime and also his part in the gang attack on David McMAHON in the same location on 21 December, 1989. In that instance NP43 with nine other offenders assaulted and robbed McMAHON who then NP43 stated he intended to throw McMAHON off the cliff. At that time they dragged McMAHON towards the cliff with this intention but he broke free and escaped. In both these instances Police firmly believe that 190 and McMAHON are homosexuals who were attending the "Beat" that night for a homosexual encounter.

During the course of the JOHNSON enquiry it became evident that the William ALLEN Murder was perpetrated in exactly the same location as that of JOHNSON on 28 December, 1988. No person has been arrested for that offence. During the course of the JOHNSON trial I spoke to some of the offender's parents about my intention to re-open the ALLEN investigation. Shortly after I was informed by a parole officer that NP15 had told NP21, NP21 and NP41 not to say anything about it. About the same time I received information that NP16, another of the eight involved in the JOHNSON Killing who was serving his sentence at Keelong Detention Centre had commented that he had thrown a homosexual off the Bondi cliffs and that he had thrown his keys in the ocean. A statement from the Youth Worker to that effect was obtained.

NP21 was approached and he agreed to collect evidence of admissions and involvement primarily in the ALLEN Murder from the other youths awaiting sentence with him for their part in the JOHNSON killing.


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[REDACTED] was also approached and he corroborated the Youth Worker's version of the conversation. Both he and NP21 have worn listening devices to collect this information but as yet noone has implicated themselves in a Murder. In NP16 case however he has indicated that he and others including NP15 are responsible for a large number of assaults committed on the homosexual community at Bondi.

NP15 on the other hand has not implicated himself to NP21 but has emphatically stressed on NP21 a need to keep his "mouth shut". In both instances the listening device warrants are still valid and urgent steps are being taken to further enhance the information.

It is also noted that Wayne "Rick" TONKS was murdered in his apartment at Artarmon on 19 May 1990. Although distinctly different to the gang attacks previously indicated it is noted that TONKS too had his telephone number in public toilets at Naremburn and Chatswood. Apart from that he was a school teacher at Cleveland Street Boys' High where the bulk of the offenders in the JOHNSON case attended. In this regard contact has been made with Detective Sergeant Mal SMITH of Chatswood Police and a detailed submission of the investigation has been recieved and noted.

A Task Force initiated by Mr PEATE from South Command is responsible for looking at assault and robberies committed on the gay community primarily in the Sydney District area. Arrangements are in place for Detective EMMETT to fully brief that Task Force in regards to the crime pattern developed through these enquiries.



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