

From: Derek Dalton
To: Craig N Middleton
Subject: RE: A very brief update and a question [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Date: Monday, 12 December 2016 3:32:00 PM

Dear Craig,

Yes, Paul was really helpful in sending the drafts.

Thanks for your comprehensive explanation re: RETURNED TO UHT. That makes sense – and to be honest – was explained to me when I was in Sydney (too much information led to me not retaining all the details in the comprehensive manner it was conveyed. You captured the process very eloquently).

The million dollar question is whether Willem and Danielle will come up with the same 13/15 odd cases as me (that is – will we predominantly overlap or will they identify *different cases for different reasons?*). Dear god I am wanting overlap! (but it will be what it will be).

At some stage we academics will have to settle on some sort of crude agreement.

Superintendent Crandell mooted that in the future we will no doubt engage in a sharing process – one where we all get to argue [*déliberate* might be a nicer term] about the final or ultimate classification and reach a consensus [if indeed that is possible in terms of the true meaning of that word].

I look forward to hearing your views when that day comes.

Thanks

And happy clearing of your “to do” list

Derek

From: Craig N Middleton [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 12 December 2016 3:12 PM
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Cc: Paul Grace [redacted]
Subject: Re: A very brief update and a question [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Derek

Thanks for the update much appreciated - I've just returned from cruising the South Pacific for the last two weeks so I'm still catching up with things. I believe that Paul Grace forwarded you the rest of the review forms, albeit still in draft.

To answer your last question first. The matters marked returned to UHT – are matters that are currently either under active 're-investigation' or before the Coroner. Whilst there is a component of approximately 30 unsolved cases listed in the 88 cases, the fact is that, whilst they will always remain 'open cases' not all of them are currently actively being re-investigated by the UHT. Additionally some of the matters returned to UHT are also currently before or are due to be before the Coroner for inquest (such as the Johnson matter) which I believe is about to be reviewed by the Coroner a 3rd time.

The original agreement we had with UHT was that we would not review any 'active' matters to avoid any conflict or jeopardising any judicial proceedings/outcomes or current investigations by UHT.

As to the 13 cases you mention you might classify differently – I did expect there to be some differences, as I had previously discussed with you some of the difficulties and robust discussions we had amongst ourselves as a review committee in classifying some of the cases into certain categories. There were some that were quite tricky and not as simple as it seems, particularly those where there was no clear offender motive (especially the unsolved ones) or in some instances possibly more than one motive. If I remember correctly most of the difficult ones were around the Suspected Bias Crime/Insufficient Information categories?

I really look forward to seeing the 13 you have selected and comparing it to see if they are the same as the ones that we had some difficulty/discussions with. At some point in the future it would be great to sit down with you again (if possible) and discuss those matters as I'm sure that it would make for some interesting discussions from differing perspectives. I really don't think we would be too far apart.

Regards



From: Derek Dalton <derek.dalton@flinders.edu.au>
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Cc: Paul Grace [redacted]
Date: 12/12/2016 13:57
Subject: A very brief update and a question

Dear Craig and Paul,

I hope you are both well and had a relaxing w/e (Christmas shopping perhaps? or are you guys "last minute shopper" types like the fellow featured in the David Jones advertisement?) [This joke will only make sense if you have seen the TV advertisement]

Anyway, to more serious matters.....

Just a quick update. I have read all 70 cases, Willem has read 50 and I am yet to touch base with Danielle to ascertain her progress. We are not conferring with each other [about our classifications] until we have finished (so as to preserve our objectivity).

For what it is worth, I have approximately 33 cases that I might classify differently. As Craig alluded to, this was always likely to be the case.

This morning, Willem and I had a fruitful discussion with Jackie, Superintendent Crandell, Shobha, and Geoff Steer this morning for one hour (as instigated by NSW Police).

I think the Superintendent is going to send us all an email clarifying a way forward (as this project is so complex and fluid).

I have a question about the category RETURNED TO UHT. Can you clarify precisely why these cases got sent back to UHT? I seem to recall that Strike Force Tarradale (excuse my spelling if incorrect) was a factor. I just want to be 100% clear why these cases – as a cohort – have been diverted [Given that we have other unsolved homicide cases in the grouping]

We may have touched upon it already but I could not find it in my hand written notes.

Thanks

Derek

From: Craig N Middleton [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 17 November 2016 7:31 AM
To: Derek Dalton <derek.dalton@flinders.edu.au>
Cc: Paul Grace [redacted]
Subject: Re: Parrabell documents [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Dr Dalton

I have sent you a further 10 completed review forms this morning (Thursday 17/11). Definitely 2 copies to yourself and 1 copy to Dr Tyson.

I will be away for the next two weeks (20/11 to 4/12). In my absence Detective Sergeant Paul Grace (whom you met with me) will be doing my job. He will continue to send you the completed review forms as he finishes proof reading them. He can be contacted through email above or on the same phone number listed in my signature block.

Just so I can double check. Is it possible that you could please send me the list of forms that you already have. By my calculations it should be 13 but I just want to double check thanks.

Just a thought – but is it easier if we email the forms to you or do you prefer a hardcopy being sent. We could also email both Dr Tyson and Prof de Lint the forms as well if you provide me their email. The choice is yours – happy to oblige either way.

Regards



From: Derek Dalton <derek.dalton@finders.edu.au>
 To: Craig N Middleton [REDACTED]
 Cc: Anthony Crandell [REDACTED]
 Date: 02/11/2016 14:18
 Subject: RE: Parrabell documents [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Craig,

Hope your Thursday is going well.

Thanks. No, I may have confused you. Please send ONE copy to Dr Tyson and TWO copies to me:

I will then hand deliver one of my copies to Prof de Lint.

Many thanks

Derek.

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 To: Derek Dalton
 Cc: Anthony Crandell
 Subject: RE: Parrabell documents [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Dr Dalton

Thanks ok - I have spoken to Cameron Bignell - we should be in a position to send you the first batch of 20 to 30 reviews by Monday 7/11. The rest should be completed by the end of the week. I will email you to confirm once I have sent them.

I gather all 3 copies are being sent to Dr Tyson's address listed below ?

Kind Regards



From: Derek Dalton <derek.dalton@finders.edu.au>
 To: Craig N Middleton [REDACTED]
 Date: 02/11/2016 16:40
 Subject: RE: Parrabell documents [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Craig,

I am back at work - not 100% - but well enough to get back to my long list of "to do" tasks.

I concur with your summary of the value of chatting to all of you and getting a nuanced insight into the process. And I imagine you are right to predict there will be a difference of opinion in relation to some of the assessments.

My illness aside, I was under the impression that we would have received the bulk of the cases much sooner. I am not trying to be "pushy" but the sooner we get some to read, the better. Maybe Cameron could send 20 or so by next Wednesday. To be able to make a start would be great.

I just worry that if the 10th of 31st turns into the 15th, I will be burning up lots of precious time.

I wish to amend Danielle Tyson's courier address from the one I sent the other day:

Sorry that it is so convoluted - but these details will ensure a courier can locate the right place.

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 Cc: Paul Grace [REDACTED]; Cameron Bignell [REDACTED]
 Subject: Re: Parrabell documents [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Dr Dalton

That is no good at all - hope you are feeling better. Although I must say despite you not feeling well on the day of our meeting you certainly soldiered on throughout the day. It was a pleasure to meet with you and discuss our work and your academic review. I am glad we managed to sit down with you and take you through our processes as I have found from previous experience that sometimes our 'detectives' world and the systems and processes we use, methodology etc can be somewhat confusing. Explaining the background and the actual processes we used to review and interpret information is an important step in having an understanding of how we went about our 'core business' reviewing these matters and how we came to the conclusions that we did. As you can appreciate - reviewing and categorising these deaths was at times not quite that simple when you take into account the whole ambient of rationales being applied, apart from the 'motivational factor of the offender. So it was good to discuss your academic review and what that entails directly with you. I am very keen to see/read your review and your conclusions. As I said to you in our meeting I would expect a few questions and differences of opinion, as even amongst ourselves some of the matters were subject of some robust discussion and opinion.

I have spoken to Cameron concerning the progress of the completed indicator forms. He assures me that he will have them all finished (all very close to it) by next week, so we should be in a position to send them down (or the bulk at least) to you towards the end of next week (around 10 or 11 November). I will make sure we send 3 copies of each form. Currently we have 5 that we are having difficulty locating, however I believe that may come down to perhaps 2 at the most. I am hopeful we will track the rest down in the coming month and we will forward them to you as soon as we have reviewed them. Other than that you will pretty much have the bulk of all our matters inside the next 2 weeks.

Happy reading

Regards



From: Derek Dalton <derek.dalton@flinders.edu.au>
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Date: 24/02/16 12:25
Subject: Parrabel documents

Dear Craig,

I hope you are having a good start to the week. If I have seemed conspicuous by my email silence there has been a reason. That illness that affected me while in Sydney turned really serious and I have spent a good week in bed. Even with lots of rest and medication I am still far from well. It's a real shame, but there is not much I can do about it.

I am going back to doctor today.

I hope (realistically) to be back at work wed or Thursday.

Anyway, just wanted to let you know what has been happening. I let Jackie know I have been sick and she will keep Superintendent Crandell in the loop.

When you are ready to send the documents, please use the address below in bold. Please send **TWO copies** to me (I can then hand deliver one of them to Prof d Lint).

I am still awaiting the best courier address for Dr Danielle Tyson (a **third copy**). Will have that in a day or 2. It will be based on the address below:

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You can provide notes to courier that car park 4 is best place to park and that ladies in office can be reached on 08 8201 3539.

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