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ISSUE

Request for creation of Terms of Reference and allocation of WBS number in relation to Strike Force Neiwand.

BACKGROUND

In October 2015 Detective Superintendent Willing requested the Unsolved Homicide Team to re-investigate the suspicious disappearance and death of Giles Mattaini from Bondi on 01/09/1985; the suspicious disappearance and death of Ross Warren from Bondi on 22/07/1989; and the suspected murder of John Russell at Bondi on 23/11/1989.

The deaths of Ross Warren and suspicious death of John Russell formed part of investigations by Strike Force Taradale, which were investigated in 2001 by then Detective Sergeant Stephen Page of Rose Bay Local Area Command. The disappearance of Maittaini was later added to the investigation. Specialist advice to Rose Bay LAC was provided by then Detective Inspector Paul Mayger of Homicide Squad.

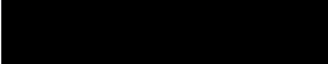
In 2005 an inquest was held in relation to the three matters before Senior Deputy State Coroner M. Milledge who handed down findings on the 9/03/2005. Coroner Milledge found that Ross Warren died on about the 22/07/1989 and was satisfied Warren was a victim of homicide perpetrated by person/s unknown. Coroner Milledge found John Russell died between the 22/11/1989 and 23/11/1989. Her honour found the cause of death was multiple injuries sustained when he was thrown from the cliff onto rocks, by a person/ persons unknown. In relation to Giles Mattaini her honour found he died on or about 15/09/1985. The cause and manner of his death remain undetermined. A copy of the inquest findings is attached.

COMMENT

In October 2015 Detective Chief Inspector Lehmann of Unsolved Homicide Team created Strike Force Neiwand to re-investigate the three deaths. It is requested Terms of Reference should be created in relation to Strike Force Neiwand and a WBS number created to facilitate the management of the investigation.

RECOMMENDATION

Request is forwarded to SCC Serious Crime Directorate for attention.



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Detective Chief Inspector
Unsolved Homicide Team
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4 May 2016

- 1. Detective Superintendent Willing

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Michael Willing
Detective Superintendent

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- 2. Director, Serious Crime Directorate



**New South Wales Police
Force
State Crime Command**



Internal Request for Strike Force

Command:	Unsolved Homicide Team, SCC	Date: 02/05/2016
Case Officer:	Det. S/C Michael Chebl	Ph: [REDACTED] Fax: [REDACTED]

NATURE OF REQUEST

1. Type of Offence/Incident: Suspected murder of John Russell at Bondi (and two other suspicious disappearances (Giles Mattaini 1/9/1985 & Ross Warren 22/07/1989)

Time/Date of Incident: 23/11/1989

2. Reason for Request:

- Investigative expertise available only within SCC.
- Involvement of organised crime.
- Other (provide reason):

A detailed report MUST be attached to enable a risk assessment to be completed

3. Has this matter previously been the subject of a SCC Strike Force?

Yes / No If yes, S/F Name + SCC CORDS Ref No:

4. Proposed Investigation Team:

Inv Sup:	D/Sgt Steve MORGAN	Reg No. [REDACTED]
OIC:	DSC Michael CHEBL	Reg No. [REDACTED]
Name	Role	Reg No.
Jon OLDFIELD	Investigator	[REDACTED]
Paul RULLO	Investigator	[REDACTED]
Tamer KILANI	Investigator	[REDACTED]
Penelope BROWN	Advisor	[REDACTED]

5. External Agency Involved:

Ref. Name/No:

6. Principal Targets:

Surname:	Other names:	DOB:

7. Proposed Terms of Reference:

To re-investigate the suspicious disappearance and death of Giles Mattaini from Bondi on 01/09/1985; the suspicious disappearance and death of Ross Warren from Bondi on 22/07/1989 and; the suspected murder of John Russell at Bondi on 23/11/1989.

RECOMMENDED BY SQUAD COMMANDER

Signature: [REDACTED]	Name: Michael WILLING
	Phone: [REDACTED]
	Date: 5/5/16

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Deaths of Gilles Mattaini, Ross Warren and John Russell



Police have welcomed three rewards of \$100,000 each for information relating to the disappearance and suspected deaths of two gay men and the death of another in Sydney's eastern suburbs in the 1980s.

Gilles Mattaini, a 27-year-old French national living in Bondi, was last seen walking along the coastal walking track at Tamarama on 15 September 1985 by a neighbour. He was not reported missing until 2002, with the Coroner later finding he was deceased.

Ross Warren, 24, a news presenter from Wollongong, was last seen driving along Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, on 22 July 1989 after socialising with friends. His keys were found two days later on rocks below the cliff top at Marks Park, Tamarama, and his car was located nearby. His body has never been found but the Coroner found he was deceased.

John Russell, 31, a barman who worked in the eastern suburbs, was last seen alive drinking with friends at a hotel in Bondi on 23 November 1989. His body was found the next morning at the bottom of the cliff top at Marks Park, Tamarama, suffering injuries consistent with a fall from a cliff.



The circumstances surrounding the three incidents have been the subject of a review by the Homicide Squad's Unsolved Homicide Team in recent years. Homicide Squad Commander, Detective Superintendent Michael Willing, said the matters had been reviewed based on the Coroner's findings that they were suspicious in nature and possibly the result of gay hate-related crimes.

"We believe there are still people in the community who know what happened to these men and we hope these rewards will be an incentive for those people to come forward," Det Supt Willing said.

"We will follow up each and every piece of information that is provided to us. We are committed to resolving these three cases and being able to provide answers for the families of these three men."

Speaking on behalf of the families of Mr Warren and Mr Russell, Peter Rolfe from the Support After Murder support group said, "For the past 26 years we have been haunted by the deaths of Ross, John and Giles, and suspect there are witnesses or others who have information about these matters that are similarly haunted by the knowledge that they hold.

"We would implore you to take advantage of the rewards being offered, so that not only may our haunting be resolved but in some small way, your haunting may also be relieved."

The rewards of up to \$100,000 each are for information which leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for the deaths of Mr Mattaini, Mr Warren and Mr Russell.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting

