

# Fwd: Facebook - Scott Johnson [DLM=Sensitive:Law Enforcement (SLE)]

**From:** "paul\_grace [REDACTED]/staff/nswpolice", "paul\_grace [REDACTED]/staff/nswpolice"  
**To:** "craig\_n\_middleton [REDACTED]/staff/nswpolice%nswpolice", "craig\_n\_middleton [REDACTED]/staff/nswpolice%nswpolice"  
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jun 2016 09:04:59 +1000

As Monty Pyton said, "There's just no pleasing some people."

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Paul GRACE  
 Detective Sergeant  
 Investigations Manager  
 Surry Hills LAC  
 NSW Police Force  
 [REDACTED]

-----Craig N Middleton [REDACTED]/Staff/NSWPolice wrote: -----  
**To:** Paul Grace [REDACTED]/Staff/NSWPolice@nswpolice  
**From:** Craig N Middleton [REDACTED]/Staff/NSWPolice  
**Date:** 02/06/2016 09:44PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Facebook - Scott Johnson [DLM=Sensitive:Law Enforcement (SLE)]

Gracey  
 Please see below. Parrabell is already causing some waves ! As we thought this could open a virtual Pandora's box of commentary.  
 I think that it's important that we capture all this probably via the e@glei. As well as the SMH media article if it hasn't been uploaded already.  
 Cheers mate  
 Middo

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Anthony Crandell" <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** 2 June 2016 at 7:11:33 PM AEST  
**To:** "Craig N Middleton" <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fw: Facebook - Scott Johnson [DLM=Sensitive:Law Enforcement (SLE)]

Middo,

I forgot to send this one to you, for the information of Parrabell investigators - reinforces the importance of their work being thorough.

Thanks



NSW Police Force

**Superintendent Tony Crandell**

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----- Forwarded by Anthony Crandell [REDACTED]/Staff/NSWPolice on 02/06/2016 19:10 -----

**From:** Michael Willing [REDACTED]/Staff/NSWPolice  
**To:** Anthony Crandell [REDACTED]/Staff/NSWPolice@nswpolice

Date: 29/05/2016 09:16  
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TC,

FYI mate. See comment from Sue Thompson.

MJW

Michael Willing  
Detective Superintendent  
Commander  
Homicide Squad  
NSW Police Force

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Penelope Brown" <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** May 29, 2016 at 8:56:11 AM GMT+10  
**To:** "Michael Willing" <[REDACTED]>, "Jason P Dickinson" <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** "Rowena Clancy" <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fw: Facebook - Scott Johnson [DLM=Sensitive:Law Enforcement (SLE)]

Gentlemen and Lady.

FYI.

I will upload to eaglei.

### Penelope (Penny) BROWN

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----- Forwarded by Penelope Brown [REDACTED]/Staff/NSWPolice on 29/05/2016 08:54 -----

From: Jenny Cameron/[REDACTED]/Staff/NSWPolice  
To: Penelope Brown/[REDACTED]/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice  
Date: 26/05/2016 13:11  
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Hi

There has been some recent activity on the Facebook page including a post from Sue Thompson.

**Justice for Scott Johnson**

15 hrs · 🌐



We are encouraged the NSWPF are reviewing these deaths that occurred during the 1980s and 90s. We hope that Parrabell pays less attention to assessing deaths by 'gay hate' criteria and more to whether justice was done in investigating the victim's death. We would be elated to see the 30 or more unsolved cases vigorously investigated together as a series of related potential crimes. Any answers will benefit families, and some of these cases may still be solved. We will be eagerly following Parrabell as it conducts its review.

<http://www.smh.com.au/.../police-to-review-88-possible-gayhat...>



## Police to review 88 possible gay-hate deaths

New methods are being used to reveal what looks like a shocking spate of murders across Sydney.





**Sue Thompson** Justice and solving these crimes is indeed the most important thing. History proved to us repeatedly in the 90s that unless police could recognise what a possible gay hate crime looked like they would continue to ignore them, call them something else, not understand them, miss the M.O., miss the motive, have no idea who the offender might be and not solve them. It appears there are 2 sets of gay hate criteria somewhat at odds. I suggest they are for different purposes - (1) the historical and broader criteria used in NSW for flagging cases to aid local operational police in being open to asking the right questions and solving murders instead of continuing to ignore them (ie to encourage open minds); (2) the much narrower FBI bias criteria used in USA for national monitoring of organised and developing hate groups who threaten national security and to impose harsher court penalties (ie should be used "prudently" as the FBI says in their training and have a strict onus of proof). Using the FBI narrow criteria in operational police work has the potential to close police minds. In my opinion this is not the right approach for operational police investigations where an 'eyes wide open' analysis is required. If police can recognise something as a POSSIBLE gay hate murder because of certain criteria this is an aid to their investigation. It suggests and flags to police to look wider for motive & offender, not to miss what might have been really happening, eg from an actual case - not to think a murder was only robbery related just because the victim's wallet was stolen and ignoring the repeated stab wounds in the victim's mouth (hate message = I hate gay men, gay men have oral sex so kill them by stabbing in mouth). Miss the true motive and you too easily miss the offender. Simple truth. The original criteria for identifying possible gay hate crime was used in the 90s by NSW Police and the Australian Institute of Criminology (our top criminology research org in Australia). Using that criteria Police and the AIC identified 37 possible gay hate homicides 1989-99 and studied them thoroughly. That criteria was and is used in much of the world to identify possible gay hate murders and thus to assist police in solving crimes so they did and do not continue to miss these cases, instead only seeing other more familiar motives and thus sadly and tragically not solving many prejudice related murders. Eyes wide open. Perhaps if the police are currently so committed to using the FBI criteria they should at the very least assess the cases using both sets of criteria (and with community consultation on the decision making) and produce the 2 results with a one page summary on each case. I know having a proper investigation, having justice done and potentially solving Scott's case is of paramount importance, however, it was Police not understanding gay hate prejudice as a motive in the first place that caused this terrible situation. When investigating, if the possible motive for the criminal act is understood it is much harder to let your own prejudice keep you blinded.

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**Susan Dunbar** Well said. Have your excellent points been brought up to those that are active in these investigations?

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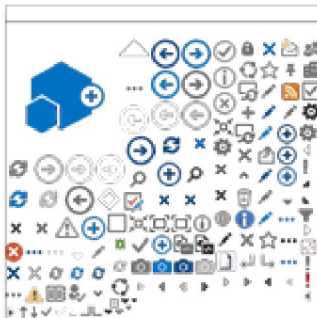
May 24 at 6:29pm · 🌐

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Inquest into the death of Scott JOHNSON

The inquest into the death of Scott JOHNSON is scheduled later in 2016. The NSW State Coroner asks that any person who may have information relating to the death of Scott Johnson at North Head, Sydney in December 1988 that may be of assistance to the Coroner to please call 02 8584 7705 and a member of the team assisting the Coroner will be in contact with them.

[http://www.coroners.justice.nsw.gov.au/.../upcoming\\_inquests...](http://www.coroners.justice.nsw.gov.au/.../upcoming_inquests...)



**Upcoming inquests**

Details of inquests to be heard in the following week before the State Coroner and Deputy State Coroners.

[CORONERS.JUSTICE.NSW.GOV.AU](http://CORONERS.JUSTICE.NSW.GOV.AU)

Kind Regards

Snr Cst Jenny Cameron  
Intelligence  
State Crime Command - Homicide Squad

