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Team 11

Strike Force NEIWAND: (murders/suspicious disappearance of Ross WARREN, John RUSSELL & Giles MATTAINI: Marks Park, Bondi 1985-89) D/S/C M CHEBL, D/S/C K TIERNEY, D/S/C RULLO & D/SGT MORGAN.

Three homosexual males whose disappearances were possibly linked to a gay beat Marks Park near Bondi. The bodies of WARREN and MATTAINI have never been located. **The investigation undertaken by Det Sgt Page of Paddington Police focussed on** gay hate crimes and youth gangs operating in the area at the time. Extensive covert strategies were adopted in regard a number of individuals, however an offender was not identified. Det Sgt Pages investigation, whilst

thorough was flawed in that the victim's associates and last movements were not explored. The focus of his investigation ignored alternate theories including suicide and death by misadventure. The subsequent Coronial Inquest 2002 – 2005 relied on Det Sgt Page's flawed investigative focus. Senior Deputy State **Coroner Milledge determined that the Warren and Russell deaths were "homicide" whilst she returned an open finding [possibly homicide] for Mattaini.**

Over the last 18 months Team 11 have reviewed all the investigative papers linked to the Inquest, original and subsequent Page investigation and associates for WARREN and MATTAINI were interviewed. Particularly with the WARREN matter a significant number of his closest friends and partners had never been interviewed. From that investigation alternate theories have been developed. MATTAINI's suicidal ideation was well known to his partner and on one prior occasion he had attempted suicide. MATTAINI advised his partner that when he committed suicide his body would never be found. Toxicology for RUSSELL indicated a high level of intoxication. During the inquest emphasis was placed on the evidence of a consultant pathologist Doctor CALA [reviewed photographs] who stated that the injuries to Russell's head were possibly consistent with assault prior to his fall from the cliff face. Professor DuFlou was retained by the UHT and was of the view the injuries to the back of RUSSELL's head could quite easily have been sustained during the fall. The WARREN reinvestigation was inconclusive and no clear lines of enquiry were identified.

Detailed summaries have been prepared and are currently being reviewed. On 18/10/2017 – during a meeting with Team 11 meeting with D/Insp. LEGGAT held planned contact with the State Coroners Office to allow for informed consideration as to whether a further Inquest should be held in relation to the MATTAINI, WARREN and RUSSELL deaths. This contact has now been postponed pending retirement of the current State Coroner Mr. BARNES and appointment of his successor.

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