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Pam,

I sense your frustration and anger with this and don't disagree regarding your observations in respect to the weight of real evidence upon which investigators can move forward.

However I disagree that I have made any 'easy decision' and capitulated to the 'hype'.

What are you going to say to the Minister and the family next week after John Lehmann in his soon to be broadcast National and (International USA) interview in which he has indicated 'the case is open and a team is working on it'.

To be fair to John (after reading the notes of the interview taken by Siobhan) I think he did very well in his responses to questions directed at him along the lines of "Are you doing more than simply reviewing the case".

Mere semantics to the family will not get us through as the family are well resourced, financed, articulate, have a Coronial recommendation in their favour and the platform of the National broadcaster for people to hear their story.

Their stated aim in correspondence is to bring publicity to the case so anyone that has information might come forward and secondly 'to movitate' the police to do something.

That we must.

I suggest that perhaps contact be made with a family representative to advise 'who' has carriage of this matter and who is the point of contact. This ideally should happen before the Australian Story goes to air.

Chris O

▼ Pamela S Young--07/02/2013 09:49:17--Morning All As I am the one who will actually be dealing with the investigation and family from here

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Morning All

As I am the one who will actually be dealing with the investigation and family from herein I want to put on the record that the decision not to proceed with further active investigation was based on two reviews conducted by the likes of Mick Ashwood, Gary Jubelin and Glen Richardson in addition to John Lehmann. Such a decision is based on the evidence, facts and potential lines of inquiry. Former detective John McNamara was never one considered to be at the top of his game while at the Homicide Squad and now, as a paid assistant to Mr Glick, I doubt if John's skill or motivation should carry any greater weight.

Scott's NOK have put great emphasis possibly having identified the area as a 'gay beat' (it is the

strongest element in the information provided via Mr Glick) but this in itself is not evidence as to the cause of death being suspicious - to state the obvious.

When there is hype, I know it is easiest to make a determination that investigators be assigned and as such the matter is 'moved on'. I believe that decisions made in those circumstances are not sufficiently based on the merits of the case itself. Whilst I do not support any NOK being told the UHT rating assigned to the death of their loved one, the UHT rating is to ensure all NOK, resourced or otherwise, are looked after equitably.

FYI - Mat Russell is not expected to be transferred to the UHT until March.

Also, I request permission to attend the meeting with Chris, the Minister & Mr Glick next week.

Regards,
Pam.



Pamela YOUNG

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▼ Christopher Olen---07/02/2013 07:56:04---Peter, Re Death of Scott JOHNSON died between 8 - 10 December 1988 at North Head Manly from effects

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Peter,

Re Death of Scott JOHNSON died between 8 - 10 December 1988 at North Head Manly from effects of falling from a cliff. Open finding by Deputy State Coroner Forbes on 27 June 2012. (overturning an earlier finding of suicide).

Recommendation by Coroner 'death of Scott Russell Johnson be referred to "Cold Cases" for further investigation in accordance with police procedures and protocols.

Family wrote to Detective Chief Inspector Lehmann on 9 January 2013 in a 16 page letter expressing their dismay that Johns unit have rated the solvability as zero and have essentially declined to investigate.

I have read the letter and theories and hypothesis the letter projects. Their stated aim is to give publicity to the case through Australian Story for further information from the public and to motivate police to do something.

The letter also outlines the names of a number of individuals the family say through their investigations (Private US Investigator Daniel Glick) who may have information that could potentially shed more light on this death.

They also outline the details of a number of family and friends of the deceased who have never been spoken to.

John Lehmann has participated in an ABC Australian Story to air this Monday night 11 February 2013 in respect of the case.

I believe the story will be highly critical of the original investigation, will demonstrate the area of his death was a known gay beat contrary to the original police view and also potentially be critical of the John Lehmann and UHT for not considering any of the material investigated by them over the past 11 years and now in the hands of police.

There is a lot of theory...lot of theory and very little if any factual material or evidence produced to police on which to go on in attempting to shine some light on what happened to Scott JOHNSON however I feel the family may have the UHT in a corner with this leaving us with very little option but to at least re look at what they have submitted to UHT and appoint a case officer to interview some of the persons / family members identified in their submission.

In addition the Ministers office require a response from Homicide Squad (due this morning) as to the a family's appeal directly to the Ministers office on 14 January 2013 essentially expressing concern re UHT rating the solvability of this matter as zero and the perceived rejection of their views outright. They are supported in their submissions by several ex members of the NSW Police including (a former Homicide Squad Investigator John McNamara).

In addition Mick Willing rang me last evening in response to a request from the Ministers Office to meet next week (mid week) with Mr Daniel Glick and a Senior Representative of Homicide Squad to discuss this issue. Mick has asked that I attend that meeting. I will be ringing Mr Brad Scutella at the Ministers office shortly to arrange an appointment.

My view (in consultation with Mick Willing). Allocate a pair at UHT to investigate the issues raised by the family. Detective Sergeant Mathieu Russell commences their soon and would be an ideal candidate.

Chris Olen
Detective Acting Superintendent
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