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On 8 Apr 2015, at 10:57 am, Emma Alberici <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi

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I've been on the phone to Colorado this morning locking in Steve Johnson for Monday. We now have a confirmed exclusive with both the family of Scott Johnson (Steve - rich brother internet pioneer is here just Sunday and Monday for the coroner's hearing). We also have an exclusive interview with the head of Homicide at NSW Police Pamela Young who has had carriage of the case for the past 3 years. This will be the first time police have commented on the case. On Monday, the state coroner will order a third coronial inquest. This will be the first time in the state's history that a third inquest has been held in to a single person's death. This is all because of who Steve Johnson is. Pamela Young is prepared to say that this family, given it's wealth, has had too much influence over the criminal justice system. .. I have had a copy of the 500 page police report which I have almost finished reading. It is not a public document and I'm the only person outside police who's had a chance to read it. The document proves that the family has twisted facts and made stuff up to garner public support for a finding of "murder". Police are still convinced it was suicide and the report (with its forensic approach to all the evidence collected over 17 years) finds no evidence otherwise. Police have asked me if it's ok for The Australian to be given an interview Monday with Pamela Young also. I have spent the past hour in conversation with them all and have had them agree that the Australian can't publish until Tuesday. So .. I propose that for Monday's program we do a short intro, I'll prepare a package on the story with an interview with Steve Johnson and his "private investigator" Dan Glick plus some grabs from John Aegis SC who's been retained by the family. We will then have a studio interview with Pamela Young which will be explosive. She will also say that \$\$millions have been wasted by the state of NSW pursuing a

case that can never be solved on the available evidence. The last coronial "open" finding should stand and, if anything, changed back to suicide. The family has had an audience with everyone from the police commissioner and the premier Mike Baird to federal MPs and Clover Moore. Detective Chief Inspector Pamela Young will also say the case has been politicised in a way she's never seen before. We can widen the piece to talk about the 700 unsolved deaths in NSW that don't get the same attention as this one.

I'm writing an online piece that can go live as soon as the hearing ends on Monday. I'll write a separate piece with the timeline that I've been preparing. We can update our online story later on Monday pointing to our exclusive with another one with Pam Young's interview for that night. Until I've got Steve Johnson in the can we cannot let anyone know we have an interview with Pamela Young. If the Johnson family finds out, they're unlikely to cooperate with us.

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