

Re: FW: Thank you for meeting re:Scott Russell Johnson

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To: Steve Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Bcc: "michael_willing/[REDACTED]/staff/nswpolice%nswpolice", "michael_willing/[REDACTED]/staff/nswpolice%nswpolice"
Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2013 08:08:29 +1100

Thanks Steve,

regards

Chris Olen

From: Steve Johnson <[REDACTED]>
To: Christopher Olen <[REDACTED]>
Date: 15/02/2013 05:11
Subject: FW: Thank you for meeting re:Scott Russell Johnson

Dear Dep. Commander Olen,
 Below please find my follow up to Det. Young, FYI.

All the best,
 Steve

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From: Steve Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 8:35 PM
To: "[REDACTED]"
Cc: Daniel Glick <[REDACTED]>, Becca Johnson <[REDACTED]>, John Lehmann <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Thank you for meeting re:Scott Russell Johnson

Dear Detective Chief Inspector Young,

It was a pleasure meeting you this week. Thank you for taking the time to discuss our brother's case with us and Minister Gallacher. We are incredibly encouraged and heartened that the NSW Police has decided to post a \$100,000 reward and assign a Strike Force to investigating Scott's case. After 24 years seeking an investigation, we are truly grateful for the attention at long last!

My sister, Becca, and I plan to return in a couple of weeks for the Mardi Gras parade and several other events. I do appreciate your team will not have had time to thoroughly digest all the information we have submitted. However, we would be most grateful for a meeting with Penny and Alicia at that time if only to introduce ourselves and to answer any questions they may have. Please let me know if that will be possible. In the meantime, we will be working out our return schedule and will get back to you regarding specific dates.

Finally, I would like to repeat an offer we made to Chief John Lehmann when we first met last July 6 (see below) that Ret. Detective Steve Page would be more than happy to answer questions regarding the investigative work Scott's family has done to date or regarding Operation Taradale. Please find his contact information below.

Many thanks.

Best regards,
 Steve

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From: John Lehmann <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 8:13 PM
To: Steve Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Daniel Glick <[REDACTED]>, Becca Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Family Concerns and Report on Scott Russell Johnson

Dear Steve,

Thank you for your email with the attached letters including your 10 categories of information warranting further investigation into Scott's death. Firstly, let me inform you that the Unsolved Homicide Team is the correct law enforcement body to have carriage of Scott's case and it should not be referred elsewhere.

Secondly, the information you have provided will be assessed and considered by our investigators for further investigation in line with our prioritisation policy for undertaking unsolved homicide investigations. Unfortunately, I am unable to advise you of when further investigative work on Scott's case will occur. I understand that is frustrating however our unit would not be able to function effectively without such policies in place.

Also for your information, I will be absent from this office from Feb 1, returning in May. Detective Chief Inspector Pamela Young will be in charge and can be contacted on: '[REDACTED]' if you require to contact further.

Regards,

John Lehmann

From: Steve Johnson <[REDACTED]>
To: John Lehmann <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Becca Johnson <[REDACTED]>, Daniel Glick <[REDACTED]>
Date: 09/01/2013 22:56
Subject: Family Concerns and Report on Scott Russell Johnson

Dear Detective Chief Inspector Lehmann,

Thank you for meeting with my sister Rebecca and Dan Glick in December, although we were quite disappointed by your remarks in that meeting. We were frankly startled that Police is still disregarding the cumulative and mounting evidence that violence towards gays was as virulent in the Northern Beaches in the late 1980s, when my brother died, and the 1990s as it was in the Eastern suburbs of Sydney. In the week prior to your meeting in December, each day Rebecca and Dan spent talking to people in Sydney and Manly revealed more stories of violent marauders who would roam the Northern beaches beating and robbing gay men with abandon. We are in disbelief at your determination that there was no pattern of violence in the Manly area in 1988 that would warrant a police investigation into Scott's death.

Please find attached a letter to you and detailed report containing the new evidence that Mr. Glick and Rebecca compiled while in Sydney in December 2012. The family has grave concerns that a Coronial recommendation for "further investigation" of Scott Russell Johnson's death has been dismissed and ignored. We hope this new information changes the solvability – and the value – equation for your team.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Steve Johnson

Brother of the deceased

From: John Lehmann <[REDACTED]>
Date: Monday, October 8, 2012 6:42 PM
To: Steve Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Australia Story - moving forward on Scott Johnson story

Hello Steve,

Sorry for the lateness in the reply. I've just returned from leave and catching up on emails etc. Happy to meet with you on your return to Sydney. Give me a call when you arrive so we can coordinate a time / day. The case is still being examined by our Review Team and we can discuss further when we meet. As for appearing on Australian Story - I'm not opposed to the idea but I'll have to seek approval through my chain of command.

Kind Regards,

John Lehmann

From: Steve Johnson <[REDACTED]>
To: John Lehmann <[REDACTED]>
Date: 04/10/2012 06:55
Subject: Australia Story - moving forward on Scott Johnson story

Dear Detective Chief Inspector Lehmann,

As I mentioned in my last email, it looks like we're going to be moving ahead with the *Australia Story* filming, and I'll be returning to Sydney with Dan Glick on October 21st through the 27th. I was speaking with the producer, Ben Cheshire, who was anxious to see if you'd be willing to participate. If you might be willing to do that, please let me know and I can tell Ben. Or you can contact him directly to get a feel for him. He strikes both Dan and me as a man of great integrity, and we are confident he'll treat Scott (and all of us) well.

His contact information is [REDACTED] and his phone numbers are [REDACTED]

In any case, I would welcome an opportunity to meet with you or any member of your team while I'm in Sydney to discuss any aspect of Scott's case. As you know, I am anxious to be as helpful as possible as you investigate my brother's possible murder. If there is any way to steer this program in a way that would be helpful to your investigators, I would do anything I could to make that happen.

Thanks,

Steve

Steve Johnson
 CEO, ChoiceStream, Inc.
 Boston, MA
 [REDACTED]

From: John Lehmann <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thursday, September 6, 2012 12:51 AM
To: Steve Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Inquest into Scott Johnson

Dear Steve,

Thank you for email containing this information. It is has been handed on to Detective Taylor as she continues her review into Scott's case.

I'll keep you informed of further updates.

Regards,

John Lehmann

From: Steve Johnson <[REDACTED]>
To: John Lehmann <[REDACTED]>
Date: 04/09/2012 07:27
Subject: Re: Inquest into Scott Johnson

Dear Detective Chief Inspector Lehmann,

I wanted to give you a couple updates on my brother Scott Johnson's case, and to thank you again for your willingness to include Scott's case with your current review of other gay hate murders in Bondi and vicinity.

First, I wanted to alert you to an article that was published in the gay magazine DNA about Scott's case and the recent Coroner's ruling. I attach a pdf of the article here. I was nervous about talking with the reporter after I saw the magazine online, but Andrew Potts was conscientious and accurate in his report. The magazine is certainly aimed at an audience that might have information about the culture of gay violence in the Northern Beaches at the time of Scott's death.

Second, I had mentioned to you during our visit to Sydney in June that producers from the ABC show "Australian Story" had indicated interest in filming an episode on Scott. You indicated that a certain amount of media attention could be fruitful to your investigation, and we have agreed to participate. At this point, it looks like my investigator Daniel Glick and I will be flying back to Sydney in mid- to late October to do some filming. I am told the piece will not air until the spring. If there is an opportunity to meet with you or any member of your investigative team while we are in Sydney, I would be grateful for the opportunity. I will let you know when my travel dates are certain.

Third, while I was reviewing the dossier from the Inquest that my attorney Neville Parsons copied for me, I noted something that neither Mr. Glick nor I had known: a Crimestoppers report about a man named Paul Raymond Judd who had been reported as an admitted gay basher after Mr. Glick's article was published in *The Weekend Australian*. More recently, an Australian newspaper reporter contacted Mr. Glick and independently asked if we knew about Mr. Judd. We do not have any further information, but wanted to highlight this detail in case it is helpful.

Lastly, in reviewing the dossier, I was struck once again by what seems to us to be a significant lead that has not, to our understanding, been followed: Trying to discover the identity, whereabouts, and mates of the three men who were arrested for gay bashing at Reef Beach around the time of Scott's death. One of these three, Vojko Spadina, was apparently interviewed briefly by Det. Tim Wilson. One of them, Nick Jans, is apparently deceased. The third, who was an unidentified juvenile in the newspaper article detailing the arrest, is still unidentified as far as we know. In discussions with retired Det. Sgt. Stephen Page, he has suggested that it was helpful in Operation Taradale to create profiles of known gay bashers, and interview their circle of friends, wives, ex-wives, girlfriends, and other associates. Page has offered to lend his expertise to your investigators should that prove helpful.

Again, my sincerest gratitude for taking an interest in my brother's death. I can't express to you what a relief it is, after all these years, to know that your team is on the case.

Sincerely,

Steve Johnson

Steve Johnson
CEO, ChoiceStream, Inc.
Boston, MA

From: John Lehmann <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sunday, July 8, 2012 10:11 PM
To: Steve Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: FW: Inquest into Scott Johnson

Dear Steve,

Thank you for your email and the accompanying information from Steve Page. I will forward this to the officer, who I mentioned had recently reviewed the deaths of those persons who may have been the victims of "gay hate" crimes in the 1980's around the Bondi area. As I discussed with you, we will also look at the review conducted by Tim Wilson to assist us in our endeavours.

Steve Page is right, the process is a lengthy one as we determine the viability of pursuing a new investigation into Scott's death, against the many hundreds of other unsolved homicides that we have "on our books". Without making any promises, I can assure you that we will do everything we can to help solve your brother's death. We will keep you apprised of any developments.

Regards,

John Lehmann

From: Steve Johnson <[REDACTED]>
To: John Lehmann email >

Date: 07/07/2012 04:23
 Subject: FW: Inquest into Scott Johnson

Dear Detective Inspector Lehmann,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me, my wife Rosemarie, and my friend Daniel Glick during our recent trip to Sydney. We certainly appreciate your efforts, and look forward to working with you on my brother Scott's case.

I share a note below from Steve Page (with his permission), with some observations from his own experience with Operation Taradale that may be helpful in the present investigation into the Bondi deaths and my brother's. As I mentioned at our June meeting, Detective Inspector Luke Arthurs assured me that the Manly LAC did not pursue an "investigation" into Scott's death, but instead conducted a "review" of evidence we had presented. That review, by Detective Senior Constable Tim Wilson, was sufficient for Deputy State Coroner Carmel Forbes to overturn the suicide ruling in favor of "open finding," but it did not exhaust existing investigative leads by any means. It's my impression that Det. Wilson would be among the first to agree that there are many active leads that should be pursued.

The outpouring of sympathy and support after the media coverage of Scott's Inquest has been gratifying. (Aside from the press, we've been approached by two groups in Australia, and two in America, who would like to make a documentary of Scott's case and the surrounding story). It tells me that Scott's case has struck a chord, not just in the gay community but also among the many families, like mine, where a gay brother, or son, or uncle, or friend, was the victim of a horrific period where "poofster bashing" became a sordid sport for many Sydney youth. I thank you for looking into these deaths, and hope that we can find resolution for my family as well as the many others who have been torn by this violence.

Thank you,

Steve Johnson for the Scott Johnson family

EMAIL FROM (RETIRED) DETECTIVE STEVE PAGE

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-----Original Message-----

From: Page Stephen (BIGW)
Sent: Friday, 6 July 2012 1:19 PM
To: 'Steve Johnson'
Subject: Inquest into Scott Johnson

Steve,

Congratulations on finally going in the right direction in relation to Scott's death. We first spoke in 2005, and it was a long 7 years to get the original flawed inquest finding overturned.

I am happy that we got Carmel Forbes as the coroner in this case, she showed compassion and her finding clearly shows there is still work to do with the case.

The Cold Cases unit of the NSW Police is a newer initiative, but has been getting some great results. John Lehmann runs the unit, I haven't worked with John before but he has a good reputation.

You have got to remember the cold case unit will be coming in fresh, and might need some assistance. This is a lengthy investigation, and might take a while for them to understand the total event.

The Manly LAC investigation, as you are aware from the inquest was described as a "review" and not a complete investigation. There are still some investigative avenues.

What we did in Taradale was go back through reported assaults in the era (around Bondi), and establish whether there was a gay hate motive. I found that not all victims - back then - admitted the bashings occurred at a beat but were more forward with the passage of time. You might find it is the same thing at Manly. At least with this case there are some persons of interest already - we have the assailant in the Robert Thompson case, together with the Spadina crew. Spadina was spoken to by Detective Wilson, but there was no covert approach. The juvenile involved with Spadina was not identified in the original investigation, and he would have to be a likely suspect too. The other member of the Spadina crew Nick Jans (or Janus) has apparently committed suicide - I wonder what was playing on his mind? Another option would be going through police archives and getting filed copies of Occurrence Pad entries for the station in the late 80's - it will show you who was active.

In Taradale an avenue we employed to generate conversations was media releases and re-enactments. We did intel profiles on our targets, look at their old associates and started to speak with the. We hoped to generate some ripples in the pond, and this helped us identify who to focus on and who to eliminate as suspects.

You will probably need to let the guys from the Cold Case team know that with Taradale we were able to influence the management committee of the NSW Crime Commission to give it a "reference" of gay-hate crime. From memory it was the "Wellington reference". Having the ability to tap into the Crime Commission might be a worthwhile tool further down the track.

Good luck Steve, nice to meet you and happy you got the result (so far).

Regards

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