

NSW Police

INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE

Investigation: Macnamir
Title of Note: Meeting with [REDACTED] on 20 February 2014

Narrative:

About 9.40am on Thursday the 20 February 2014, Detective Russell contacted [REDACTED] on his mobile, number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was aware that investigators wished to speak with him though stated that he would seek legal advice from his solicitor. He was at work at the time of the call though he was going home due to the flu. [REDACTED] asked that he be called again in half an hour.

About 10.10am the same morning, Detective Russell again called [REDACTED] on his mobile. He had received advice and was not going to answer any questions though would allow investigators to attend his home at [REDACTED].

Detectives Rullo and Russell attended [REDACTED]'s home about 11.10am. Also present was his parents- in- law, sister -in-law and a small child. [REDACTED] advised detectives that if they wrote anything down he was not going to say anything as his solicitor had given him this advice and that police may attempt to 'trap' him.

The article regarding the family of Johnson was shown to [REDACTED] and he was advised that the family of Johnson were pursuing the death as a Homicide. The reason the family believed this is because at the time of the death there had been a group of males assaulting homosexual males on the Northern Beaches. [REDACTED] strongly denied any involvement or knowledge of the matter and repeated that he was charged in 1986 and parted ways with the group he associated with almost immediately. The death occurred in 1988 when he had not seen them for some time. He stated he has only seen [REDACTED] since this time on the odd occasion when he has gone to Dee Why RSL. [REDACTED] is apparently a heavy gambler. With regard to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that he does not see him and believes he was a heroin addict. With regard to [REDACTED], he stated if he has seen him he would just wave hello.

[REDACTED] also repeated that he found his Italian girlfriend now wife and has since associated himself with Italians. His teenage years were a struggle as a 'wog' trying to mix it with others and he later became a black belt in martial arts. He was happy to share that he was good with his fists and had been in plenty of fights. He did not say that there was any particular name for any of the groups but he was a 'wog' in Warriewood and there were Italian 'wogs' in Manly. They

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used to get together as car enthusiasts and to try and impress the girls. He had not heard of any group call 'The Narrabeen Wogs'.

██████████ was advised of the group he was involved in to include ██████████, ██████████, ██████████, ██████████ and ██████████. He acknowledged all of these persons though was not aware of any Islander or person with the surname ██████████ 1431 ██████████ highlighted to Police that it was not just these persons in the group but others also. ██████████ declined to give police their names. He was also told that a member of this group were speaking with the Johnson family and supposedly nominated them as the ones involved in the gay bashings and hence may have been involved in the death of Johnson.

Throughout the conversation with ██████████, his sister in law continually spoke and repeated what ██████████ was saying and essentially that he had nothing to do with the matter. She was well aware of the story and believed that whoever was speaking with the family was financially motivated to do so and she cited the reward of \$100,000. The complexities of the reward and how to obtain it were explained and the sister in law then said that the Johnson family had a lot of money.

██████████ said that he and members of the group went to the OP's Nightclub in Manly prior to him leaving the group. Also at that nightclub were members of the police including Peattie, Patterson and Jasper. ██████████ stated that Patterson and Peattie were the officers who later charged him with the assault of a homosexual male.

██████████ explained how he started to assault gay men in that he was not specifically targeting gay men but it was as a result of an incident where a paedophile had touched someone in the toilets at a location. Police believe that he may have associated gay men as being paedophiles. Throughout the conversation with Police, he did not deny that he had targeted and assaulted homosexual men. ██████████ reiterated that he had nothing to do with Johnson's death and wished it would go away. He stated that he had remorse and regretted his actions when he was a teenager and had 'done his time'. He explained that he had to do weekend detention and never missed a weekend.

Investigators explained that the matter remained unresolved for the family of Johnson and that there may be yet a further inquest or form on inquiry. In response to this ██████████ stated that he hoped Police did not have to speak with him again. When speaking with ██████████, he was observed to have sweat on the side of his temple.

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