

**MacNAMIR enquiry re: 'Nik' [DLM=Sensitive]**

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**Date:** Wed, 14 Jun 2017 15:12:52 +1000

Good afternoon Penny & Rowena,

I hope that your inquest is proceeding okay and that I won't be required.

Following up on your attached information from Mr. REED; this morning Paul RULLO and I went out and found that Wattle Paint, Brookvale have indeed moved a number of times in recent years.

They are currently based at Sherwin & Williams P/L T/A Wattle Paints, 87 Reserve Rd, Artarmon PH (02 94392525). We attended that address and spoke with the Manager Stewart McCUTCHEON [REDACTED]. He confirmed that a Nik BOTICA, aged about 46-50 old worked for Wattle Paints many years ago, had left the company and then rejoined as a Sales rep. He was originally employed as a casual, but is now a permanent employee. BOTICA is not Greek but of Croatian descent apparently.

BOTICA is normally based out of the Brookvale location (currently closed), so is at the moment working from the Granville area. As a Rep, he mostly works in the field from his car, but drops into the Artarmon outlet on occasion. He had in fact been at Artarmon earlier today. He has worked for the company for about 25 years in total. **Nik BOTICA'S mobile No. is [REDACTED]**

BOTICA is married with kids and lives somewhere out near Blacktown; but previously lived in the Brookvale general area.

Mr. McCUTCHEON was asked to keep our enquiry discreet.

After returning to our office, made computer enquiries re: BOTICA and found him as Nik BOTICA [REDACTED]. Also recorded as 'Mick' BOTICA, same dob, [REDACTED]. He has a current NSW Drivers Licence No. [REDACTED] and is presently residing at [REDACTED] although previously resided at [REDACTED]. BOTICA has no criminal history under either CNI No. and is subject of no adverse COPS entries or intell history.

I hope that this helps.

CHEBL and I will be travelling to Newcastle tomorrow but let me know if you need anything else and I will try to attend to same on Friday.

Regards,

Steve Morgan  
 Detective Sergeant  
 Unsolved Homicide Team  
 Homicide Squad  
 [REDACTED]

-----Stewart Leggat/[REDACTED]Staff/NSWPolice wrote: -----  
 To: Steven Morgan/[REDACTED]Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice  
 From: Stewart Leggat/[REDACTED]Staff/NSWPolice  
 Date: 14/06/2017 09:57AM  
 Subject: Fw: Hi Rowena, this information could be of interest. Bob Reed [DLM=Sensitive:Law Enforcement (SLE)]

Stewart LEGGAT | Detective Inspector | Homicide Squad | State Crime Command New South Wales Police Force [REDACTED]

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Rowena Clancy



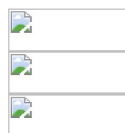
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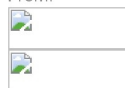
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Cc: Penelope Brown [redacted] Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice,  
Jason P Dickinson [redacted] Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice

Sir,

As promised please find below further correspondence from Mr Bob Reed.

FYI Bob Reed's contact details are [redacted]

Kind regards,  
Rowena

**Rowena CLANCY** | Detective Senior Constable | Unsolved Homicide Team, Homicide Squad | State Crime Command | NSW | [redacted]

----- Forwarded by Rowena Clancy/37393/Staff/NSWPolice on 14/06/2017 09:49 -----

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Cc: Penelope Brown [redacted] Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice, Jason P Dickinson [redacted] Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice  
Date: 12/06/2017 09:33  
Subject: Fw: Hi Rowena, this information could be of interest. Bob Reed [DLM=Sensitive:Law Enforcement (SLE)]

Good morning Sirs,

Please find a further email from Mr Reed about information into gay hate crimes.

Thank you.

Kind regards,  
Rowena

**Rowena CLANCY** | Detective Senior Constable | Unsolved Homicide Team, Homicide Squad | State Crime Command | NSW | [redacted]

----- Forwarded by Rowena Clancy/37393/Staff/NSWPolice on 12/06/2017 09:32 -----

From: Bob Reed <[redacted]>  
To: Rowena Clancy [redacted]  
Date: 11/06/2017 13:37  
Subject: Re: Hi Rowena, this information could be of interest. Bob Reed [DLM=Sensitive:Law Enforcement (SLE)]

Hi Rowena, I went out to a woman friends home for dinner last night and I mentioned that I was going to the Coroner's Court on Tuesday. Marie said that her lifelong friend Graham used to be a painter and bought his paint from Wattle at Brookvale many years ago. Marie phoned Graham and he said to her that there was a Greek guy who worked for Wattle around the late 1980s who lost his job ??? then he was re-employed later as their sales rep. I can only presume that this could be Nic or Nick.

See you on Tuesday morning.  
Now off to see an elderly lady in a nursing home.

Regards

Bob Reed

**From:** Rowena Clancy <[redacted]>  
**Date:** Sunday, 11 June 2017 at 10:00 am  
**To:** Bob Reed <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** Penelope Brown <[redacted]>, Jason P Dickinson <[redacted]>, Christopher Olen <[redacted]>, Stewart Leggat <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** Re: Hi Rowena, this information could be of interest. Bob Reed [DLM=Sensitive:Law Enforcement (SLE)]

Good morning Mr Reed,

Thank you for your email. As D/Sgt Penelope BROWN and I will be at court on Tuesday, I will pass this information to another supervisor.

Kind regards,  
Rowena

**Rowena CLANCY** | Detective Senior Constable | Unsolved Homicide Team, Homicide Squad | State Crime Command | NSW | [redacted]

From: Bob Reed <[redacted]>  
To: Rowena Clancy <[redacted]>  
Date: 10/06/2017 16:58  
Subject: Hi Rowena, this information could be of interest. Bob Reed

This afternoon Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June, my painter called in to do some work and I casually said that I am going to the Coroner's Court on Tuesday. He asked why? and I mentioned Scott Johnson body was found at the base of North Head in 1988. And that there were some guys were going around in the 1980s and were bashing gays.

Phil who came to live in Australia from England in 1990, then said to my amazement.

"There was a sales representative who worked for Wattle Paints, at that time the firm was in Chard Road Brookvale. Nic or Nick then said his mates used to go to different places to bash gays and push them off the cliff or cliffs."

The salesman name was Nic or Nick. Possibly the surname started with 'B'

My painter's name is Phil Brundrit Mobile number [redacted] I told him that I would pass his name on to you.

Phil does not know if what he was told at that was correct. It was just a throw away conversation around the early 1992 or 1993. Phil remembers it because his brother is gay and was horrified that people could do such a thing.

Wattle paints have since mowed a couple of times.

I hope this information may be of help.

See you at the Coroner's Court on Tuesday morning.

Bob Reed

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