

NSW POLICE FORCE

STRIKE FORCE PARRABELL

Bias Crimes Indicators Review Form

Investigation No:	31
Victim/Deceased:	Russell PAYNE
Date of death:	30 January, 1989
Investigation Status:	Solved
Offender/s:	N/A
Investigative Unit:	Inverell Detectives
Description:	Russell PAYNE, aged 33 years old, was located deceased in his flat at [REDACTED] Henderson Street, Inverell. PAYNE was recorded as an Invalid Pensioner with his marital status listed as 'unknown.' His sexuality is not known. Detective Sergeant MOSS described during post mortem, "...a metal piece, which upon closer examination appears to be the tip of the antenna from a television set at the flat...was found inserted inside the urethra of the deceased, about 1cm from the tip." On the death certificate for PAYNE, the cause of death is listed as "Septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of a foreign body into the penile urethritis." From the evidence it appears that the injuries resulting in the death of PAYNE were self inflicted.

1. Differences

Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Immutable characteristic differences between victim and POI's sexual orientation</i> 	<p>Russell Phillip PAYNE was thirty three (33) years old when located deceased in his flat at █████ Henderson Street, Inverell. In the P79A completed by Constable E. BIRCHELL, PAYNE is recorded as an Invalid Pensioner with his marital status listed as "unknown" (OD-648). Neighbour and landlord, John WILLS located PAYNE deceased after he had failed to pay rent describing PAYNE as, "...a well mannered, quiet person who paid rent punctually every Thursday fortnight." WILLS believed "...that Mr. Payne was at one time married and has a child living in Brisbane. This is what he had told me but he only told me very sketchy details that he had had a wife and that he was divorced" (ST-799). During the review, no information relating to the sexual orientation of PAYNE was located. Crime Scene Officer, Detective Sergeant MOSS described PAYNE as being "...on his back and dressed in a blue coloured singlet and was naked from the waist down. The deceased's body exhibited bruising on the right hip and his penis was swollen and bruised." "I [D/SGT MOSS] made an examination of the rooms of the flat and whilst it was cluttered with numerous pieces of furniture and other effects it did not appear that there had been a struggle or ransacking inside any of the rooms." During post mortem examination, "...a metal piece, which upon closer examination appears to be the tip of the antenna from a television set at the flat...was found inserted inside the urethra of the deceased, about 1cm from the tip." D/SGT MOSS commented that "the presence of this item; the large number of erotic photographs in the bedroom at the flat; and the nature of the stained piece of broom handle at the flat all indicate that the deceased may have engaged in bizarre sexual practices" (ST-800). There is no mention of the sex of the persons depicted in the erotic photographs mentioned by D/ST MOSS. On the 18 May 1989, Coroner P CAMDEN advised that the inquest into the death of Russell Phillip PAYNE was dispensed with. The cause of death is listed as, "Septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of foreign body into the penile urethra. There is no evidence that any other persons had any involvement in respect to the insertion of the piece of metal into the urethra of PAYNE. As</p>

	such there is no indication that any person/s other than PAYNE was responsible for his death.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Victim is a member of a group which is outnumbered by members of another group in the area where the incident occurred</i> 	There is no information to suggest that PAYNE was a member of any particular group that was outnumbered by members of another group. It is not known what PAYNE did for work however was listed as an Invalid Pensioner on the P79A (OD-648).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Victim was engaged in activities promoting his/her group</i> 	There is no information to suggest that PAYNE was engaged in activities that were promoting anything in relation to a particular group. It is not known what PAYNE did for work or any people that he knew or spent time with.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Incident coincided with a holiday or date of particular significance to the victim or POI's group</i> 	There is no information to suggest that PAYNE was a member of a particular group or that his death coincided with a holiday or date of particular significance.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Victim, although not a member of the targeted group is a member a member of an advocacy group that supports the victim, or the victim was in company of a member of the targeted group</i> 	There is no information to suggest that PAYNE was a member of an advocacy group. It is believed PAYNE had been deceased for three days prior to being discovered with the cause of death listed as septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of a foreign body into the penile urethritis. It is believed that PAYNE was alone at the time of his death.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Historical animosity exists between the victim's group and the POI's group</i> 	No persons have been identified in relation to being responsible for PAYNE'S death. On the 18 May 1989, Coroner CAMDEN advised that the inquest into the death of PAYNE was dispensed with. Cause of death was listed on the 'Notice of Dispensing with Inquest' as; "Septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of foreign body into the penile urethra" (OD-643). There is however no known historical animosity between PAYNE and any other persons or groups.
Indicators	(y/n)
Evidence of Bias Crime – sufficient evidence/information exists to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the incident was either wholly or partially motivated by bias towards one of the protected categories and constitutes a criminal offence.	No
Suspected Bias Crime – evidence/information exists that the incident may have been motivated by bias but the incident cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that it was either wholly or partially motivated by bias and constitutes a criminal offence.	No
No Evidence of Bias Crime – the incident has been determined as either not being motivated by bias towards a protected group or although bias motivation is in evidence it does not relate to a protected group.	Yes

Insufficient Information – insufficient information has been recorded to make a determination in regards to bias motivation. This may be due to a lack of detail recorded by police or a lack of information supplied by victim’s and/or witnesses.	No
GENERAL COMMENT	
<p>Russell Phillip PAYNE was thirty three (33) years old when located deceased in his flat at █████ Henderson Street, Inverell. PAYNE is recorded as an Invalid Pensioner with his marital status listed as “unknown”. Neighbour and landlord, John WILLS located PAYNE deceased after he had failed to pay rent describing PAYNE as, “...a well mannered, quiet person who paid rent punctually every Thursday fortnight.” WILLS believed “...that Mr. Payne was at one time married and has a child living in Brisbane. This is what he had told me but he only told me very sketchy details that he had had a wife and that he was divorced.” During the review, no information relating to the sexual orientation of PAYNE was located. There is no evidence that any other persons had any involvement in respect to the insertion of the piece of metal into the urethra of PAYNE. As such there is no indication that any person/s other than PAYNE was responsible for his death.</p>	
2. Comments, Written Statements, Gestures	
Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Bias related comments, written statements or gestures were made by the POI</i> 	<p>There were no suspects or offenders identified during the course of this investigation. The cause of death was listed as “Septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of foreign body into the penile urethra” (OD-643).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Comments and gestures can occur before, during and after the incident</i> 	<p>There were no suspects or offenders identified during the course of this investigation, as such there are no comments or gestures attributed to any persons of interest. The death of PAYNE is not seen as suspicious and the inquest was dispended with on the 18 May 1989 by the Coroner, who ruled the cause of death as, “Septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of foreign body into the penile urethra” (OD-643).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Victims may not be aware of the significance of gestures made</i> 	<p>There is no record of any comments or gestures by any persons.</p>
Indicators	(y/n)
<p>Evidence of Bias Crime – sufficient evidence/information exists to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the incident was either wholly or partially motivated by bias towards one of the protected categories and constitutes a criminal offence.</p>	No
<p>Suspected Bias Crime – evidence/information exists that the incident may have been motivated by bias but the incident cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that it was either wholly or partially motivated by bias and constitutes a criminal offence.</p>	No

No Evidence of Bias Crime – the incident has been determined as either not being motivated by bias towards a protected group or although bias motivation is in evidence it does not relate to a protected group.	Yes
Insufficient Information – insufficient information has been recorded to make a determination in regards to bias motivation. This may be due to a lack of detail recorded by police or a lack of information supplied by victim's and/or witnesses.	No
GENERAL COMMENT	
<p>There were no suspects or offenders identified during the course of this investigation, as such there are no comments or gestures attributed to any persons of interest. The death of PAYNE is not seen as suspicious and the inquest was dispended with on the 18 May 1989 by the Coroner, who ruled the cause of death as, "Septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of foreign body into the penile urethra."</p>	
3. Drawings, Markings, Symbols, Tattoos, Graffiti	
Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Bias related drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti were left at the scene or were seen on the POI</i> 	<p>There is no evidence to suggest that any bias related drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti were observed at the scene or on the body of PAYNE. PAYNE was discovered deceased in the kitchen of his flat, █████ Henderson Street, Inverell by his landlord John WILLS (ST-799). Crime Scene Officer, Detective Sergeant MOSS described the scene, stating, "I made an examination of the rooms of the flat and whilst it was cluttered with numerous pieces of furniture and other effects it did not appear that there had been a struggle or ransacking inside any of the rooms." Forty one photographs were reviewed of both PAYNE and the scene with no bias related drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti observed (PH-172).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Before discounting symbols, ensure that you understand the meaning of the symbol</i> 	<p>There were no reports to suggest that any bias related drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti were left at the scene.</p>
Indicators	(y/n)
Evidence of Bias Crime – sufficient evidence/information exists to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the incident was either wholly or partially motivated by bias towards one of the protected categories and constitutes a criminal offence.	No

Suspected Bias Crime – evidence/information exists that the incident may have been motivated by bias but the incident cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that it was either wholly or partially motivated by bias and constitutes a criminal offence.	No
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Insufficient Information – insufficient information has been recorded to make a determination in regards to bias motivation. This may be due to a lack of detail recorded by police or a lack of information supplied by victim's and/or witnesses.	No
GENERAL COMMENT	
<p>There is no evidence to suggest that any bias related drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti were observed at the scene or on the body of PAYNE. PAYNE was discovered deceased in the kitchen of his flat, █████ Henderson Street, Inverell by his landlord John WILLS. Crime Scene Officer, Detective Sergeant MOSS described the scene, stating, "I made an examination of the rooms of the flat and whilst it was cluttered with numerous pieces of furniture and other effects it did not appear that there had been a struggle or ransacking inside any of the rooms." Forty one photographs were reviewed of both PAYNE and the scene with no bias related drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti observed.</p>	
4. Organised Hate Groups (OHG)	
Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Objects or items that represent the work of an OHG were left at the scene, e.g. business cards, flyers, burning cross</i> 	No objects or items that represent the work of an OHG were left at the scene.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>An OHG claimed responsibility</i> 	No OHG claimed responsibility in the death of PAYNE.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>There are indications that an OHG was involved or active in the area</i> 	There are no indications that an OHG was involved or active in the Inverell area at the time of PAYNE'S death.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>MO is similar to known MO of an OHG</i> 	M.O. is not similar to any known OHG.
Indicators	(y/n)
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GENERAL COMMENT

The death of PAYNE is not seen as suspicious and the inquest was dispended with on the 18 May 1989 by the Coroner, who ruled the cause of death as, "Septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of foreign body into the penile urethra." No objects or items that represent the work of an OHG were left at the scene and the M.O. is not similar to any known OHG.

5. Previous existence of Bias Crime Incidents

Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Victim was visiting a location where previous bias crimes had been committed against members of the victim's group</i> 	PAYNE was located deceased inside the kitchen of his flat, █████ Henderson Street, Inverell. The location has no record of any previous bias crimes on COPS. Prior to 1992 however the data collected by the NSW Police has not had the details converted onto the COPS computer system.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Several incidents occurred in the same area and the victims were members of the same group</i> 	The death of PAYNE was not a homicide. Coroner CAMDEN listed the cause of death as; "Septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of foreign body into the penile urethra" (OD-643).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Victim has received previous harassing mail, email, social media posts or phone calls or has been the victim of verbal abuse (anti-gay) based on his/her affiliation with a targeted group</i> 	There is no evidence to suggest that PAYNE was receiving harassing mail or phone calls prior to his death. There is no evidence to suggest that PAYNE had an affiliation with a specific group.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Recent bias incidents or crimes may have sparked retaliatory bias crime</i> 	There were no reports of bias incidents or crimes against PAYNE that may have sparked a retaliatory bias crime.

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Insufficient Information – insufficient information has been recorded to make a determination in regards to bias motivation. This may be due to a lack of detail recorded by police or a lack of information supplied by victim's and/or witnesses.	Yes
GENERAL COMMENT	
PAYNE was located deceased inside the kitchen of his flat, ■■■ Henderson Street, Inverell. The location has no record of any previous bias crimes on COPS. Prior to 1992 however the data collected by the NSW Police has not had the details converted onto the COPS computer system.	
6. Victim/Witness Perception	
Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Witnesses (actual) perceive that the incident was motivated by bias</i> 	There were no witnesses to the death of PAYNE. At 6.15pm on Thursday 2 February 1989 PAYNE'S landlord, John WILLS, located PAYNE deceased in the kitchen of his flat. WILLS did not provide any evidence in relation to perceiving the incident as bias.
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GENERAL COMMENT	
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7. Motive of Offender/s	
Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>POI was previously involved in similar incident or is a member/associates with members of an OHG</i> 	As a result of the investigation there has been no persons identified as having involvement in the death of PAYNE.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The victim was in company of a member of the targeted group</i> 	There were no witnesses identified during the investigation into PAYNE'S death. There is no evidence that any persons were with PAYNE at the time of his death.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The victim was perceived to be breaking from traditional conventions or working non-traditional employment</i> 	On the P79A completed by Constable E. BIRCHELL, PAYNE is recorded as an Invalid Pensioner. There is no evidence to suggest that PAYNE was perceived to be breaking from the traditional conventions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The POI has a history of previous crimes with similar MO and involving other victims of the same group</i> 	As a result of the investigation there has been no persons identified as having involvement in the death of PAYNE.
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GENERAL COMMENT	
As a result of the investigation there has been no persons identified as having involvement in the death of PAYNE.	
8. Location of Incident	
Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The victim was in or near an area or place commonly associated with or frequented by members of a particular group e.g. beat</i> 	PAYNE was located deceased in the kitchen of his flat at █████ Henderson Street, Inverell. There is no evidence to suggest that the location was one where bias crimes had previously been committed and there is no evidence to suggest that PAYNE was a member of a group that bias crimes were committed against.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The location of an incident has specific significance to the victim or POI group e.g. cemetery, religious building, historical landmark, etc</i> 	PAYNE died in his flat. Other than his place of residence, there is no evidence to suggest that this location had any specific significance to him. In the statement of Crime Scene Officer, Detective Sergeant MOSS, described the presence of bed stained clothing and bed linen throughout the bedroom, in the bathroom and in the laundry. A piece of metal was found inserted inside the urethra of the deceased during post mortem. D/SGT MOSS commented, "the presence of this item; the large number of erotic photographs in the bedroom of the flat; and the nature of the stained piece of broom handle at the flat all indicate that the deceased may have engaged in bizarre sexual practices" (ST-800).
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GENERAL COMMENT	
PAYNE was located deceased in the kitchen of his flat at █████ Henderson Street, Inverell. There is no evidence to suggest that the location was one where bias crimes had previously been committed and there is no evidence to suggest that PAYNE was a member of a group that bias crimes were committed against.	
9. Lack of Motive	
Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>No clear economic or other motive for the incident exists</i> 	From the available evidence there is no suggestion any persons were identified as being responsible of having any involvement in PAYNE'S death. No clear economic or other motive has been identified. On the P79A it is listed as 'unknown' if the deceased had a will. The death of PAYNE is not seen as suspicious and the inquest was dispended with on the 18 May 1989 by the Coroner, who ruled the cause of death as, "Septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of foreign body into the penile urethra" (OD-643).
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<p>Insufficient Information – insufficient information has been recorded to make a determination in regards to bias motivation. This may be due to a lack of detail recorded by police or a lack of information supplied by victim’s and/or witnesses.</p>	<p>Yes</p>

GENERAL COMMENT

From the available evidence there is no suggestion any persons were identified as being responsible of having any involvement in PAYNE’S death. No clear economic or other motive has been identified. The death of PAYNE is not seen as suspicious and the inquest was dispended with on the 18 May 1989 by the Coroner, who ruled the cause of death as, “Septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of foreign body into the penile urethra.”

10. Level of Violence

Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The level of violence and injuries sustained by the victim/s is greater than would be expected for a crime of that type</i> 	<p>From the evidence it appears that the injuries resulting in the death of PAYNE were self inflicted. On the death certificate for PAYNE, the cause of death is listed as “Septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of a foreign body into the penile urethritis” (OD-638).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Weapons of opportunity are used in the incident</i> 	<p>Detective Sergeant MOSS described during post mortem, “...a metal piece, which upon closer examination appears to be the tip of the antenna from a television set at the flat...was found inserted inside the urethra of the deceased, about 1cm from the tip” (ST-800). Evidence suggests PAYNE inserted the piece of metal into his own penis.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The number of POI’s is greater than the number of victims and all POI’s take an active role in the assault</i> 	<p>There were no suspects or offenders involved in the death of PAYNE. PAYNE died from “Septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of a foreign body into the penile urethritis” (OD-638).</p>
Indicators	(y/n)
<p>Evidence of Bias Crime – sufficient evidence/information exists to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the incident was either wholly or partially motivated by bias towards one of the protected categories and constitutes a criminal offence.</p>	<p>No</p>

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GENERAL COMMENT

Detective Sergeant MOSS described during post mortem, "...a metal piece, which upon closer examination appears to be the tip of the antenna from a television set at the flat...was found inserted inside the urethra of the deceased, about 1cm from the tip." On the death certificate for PAYNE, the cause of death is listed as "Septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of a foreign body into the penile urethritis." From the evidence it appears that the injuries resulting in the death of PAYNE were self inflicted.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Indicator: No Evidence of Bias Crime (NEBC)

Comment: Russell Phillip PAYNE was thirty three (33) years old when located deceased in his flat at ██████████ Henderson Street, Inverell. There is no evidence to suggest that the location was one where bias crimes had previously been committed and there is no evidence to suggest that PAYNE was a member of a group that bias crimes were committed against.

PAYNE is recorded as an Invalid Pensioner with his marital status listed as "unknown". Neighbour and landlord, John WILLS located PAYNE deceased after he had failed to pay rent describing PAYNE as, "...a well mannered, quiet person who paid rent punctually every Thursday fortnight." WILLS believed "...that Mr. Payne was at one time married and has a child living in Brisbane. This is what he had told me but he only told me very sketchy details that he had had a wife and that he was divorced." During the review, no information relating to the sexual orientation of PAYNE was located.

Detective Sergeant MOSS described during post mortem, "...a metal piece, which upon closer examination appears to be the tip of the antenna from a television set at the flat...was found inserted inside the urethra of the deceased, about 1cm from the tip." From the evidence it appears that the injuries resulting in the death of PAYNE were self inflicted. On the death certificate for PAYNE, the cause of death is listed as "Septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of a foreign body into the penile urethritis."

From the available evidence there is no suggestion any persons were identified as being responsible of having any involvement in PAYNE'S death.