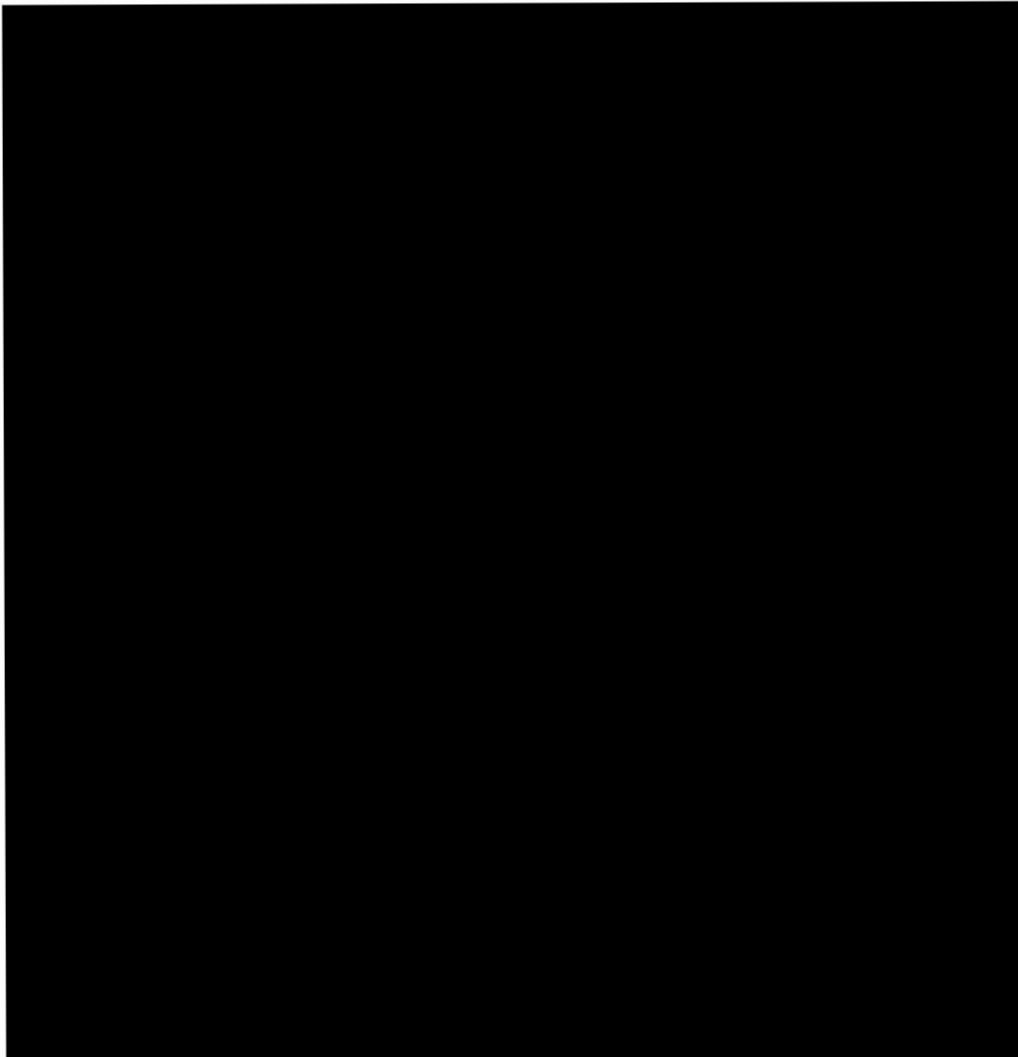


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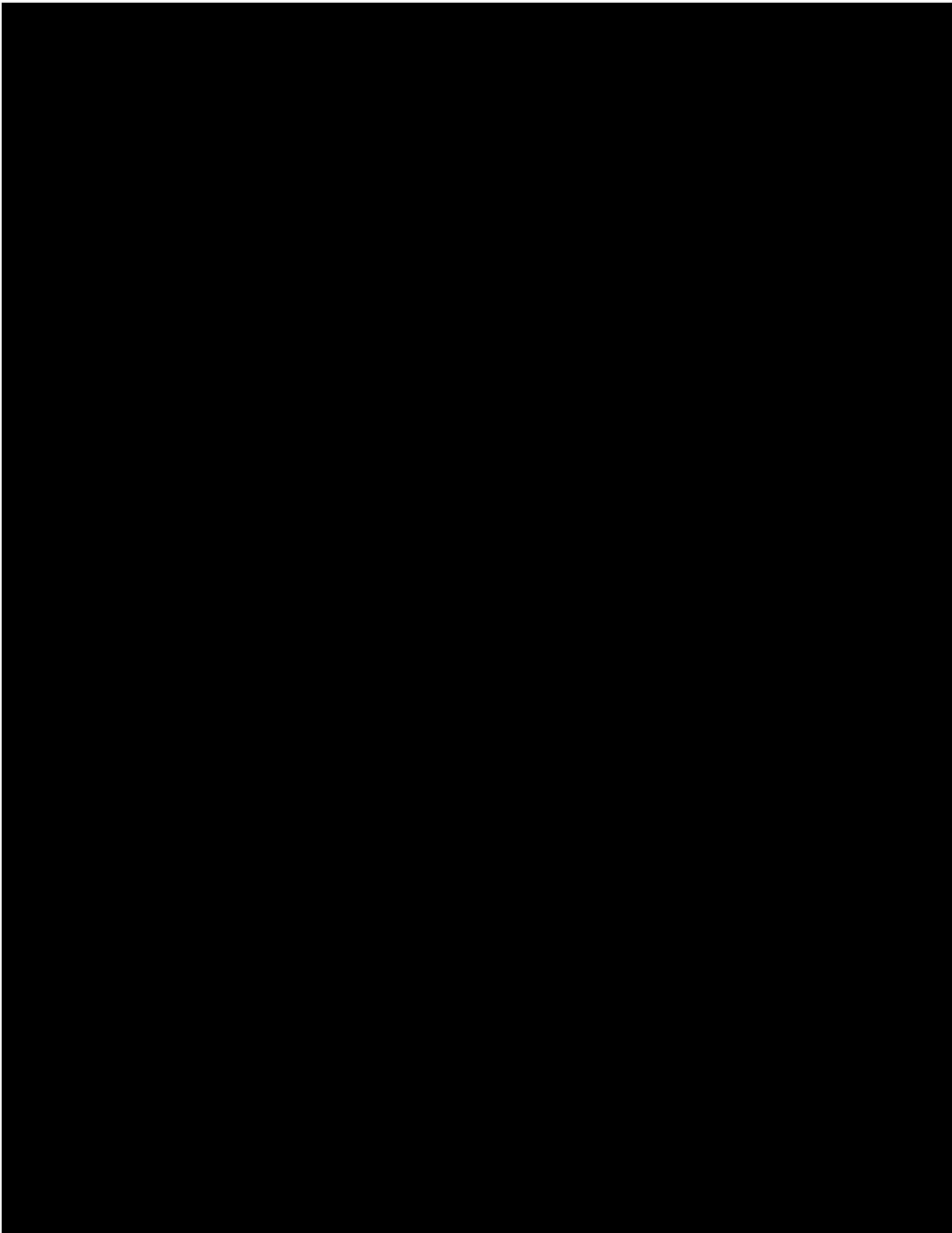
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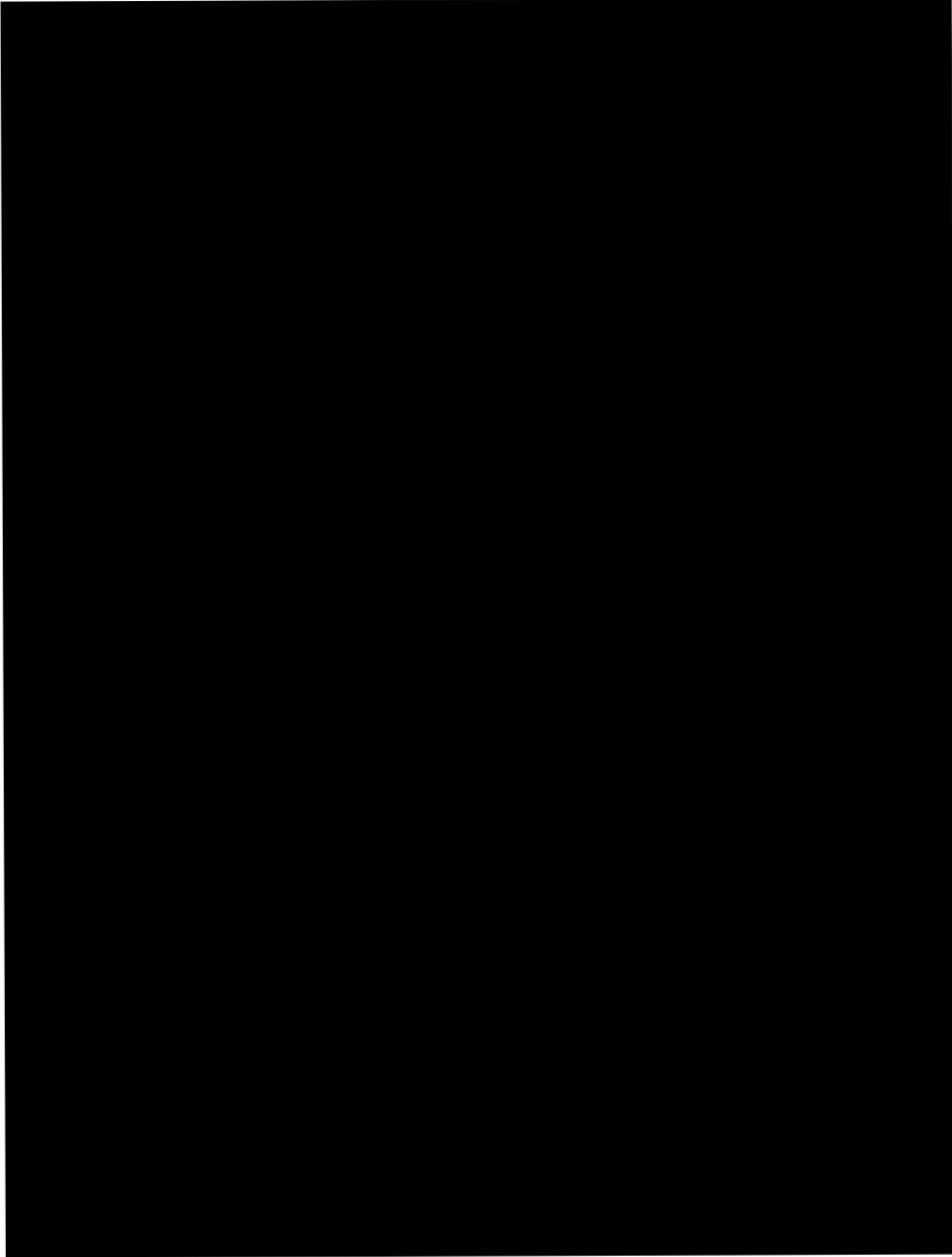




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**Case 31 – Russell PAYNE**

Russell PAYNE was located in his home in Inverell, New South Wales on the 3 February 1989. Upon discovering PAYNE it was alleged he had 'bizarre groin injuries'. In the report of Detective Inspector Chief LEHMAN he states "records were unable to be located regarding the case".

The Gay Hate Decades: 30 unsolved deaths (<http://www.sbs.com.au/gayhatedecades>), by Rick FENELY on behalf of SBS is an interactive website which reports the following information on the death of PAYNE:

The police review of the 30 cases says of Russell Payne: "There are no coronial records of a person of this name." It also says that Sue Thompson's spreadsheet indicates the source is criminologist Stephen Tomsen, but adds: "Unable to verify." Tomsen says police have never asked him. Payne died at his home at Inverell in northern NSW on February 3, 1989. He reportedly had "bizarre groin injuries". This made the death suspicious, says Tomsen, although the death was not at a gay beat.

Sue Thompson says any case in which there are injuries that might indicate a strong dislike of homosexuality should be investigated as a possible anti-gay killing. She says unusual and severe injuries to the groin, genitals or mouth could be indicators of "some pathology". Nevertheless, this is among eight of the original 30 unsolved cases that Thompson and Tomsen have set aside as less compelling. With the help of gay community leaders, they conducted a "conservative" review of their 30 cases last year and cut the list to the 22 deaths they believe deserve the most police attention.

Further investigations into locating documents relating to the death of PAYNE have been completed through Police Holdings, Ryerson Index and Media Articles. Searches were completed on any possible date of birth, possible misspelling of name and date of death of PAYNE. Located in the COPS system is Russell Phillip PAYNE, CNI number [REDACTED], DOB: 05/01/1956 (See attached cops profile).

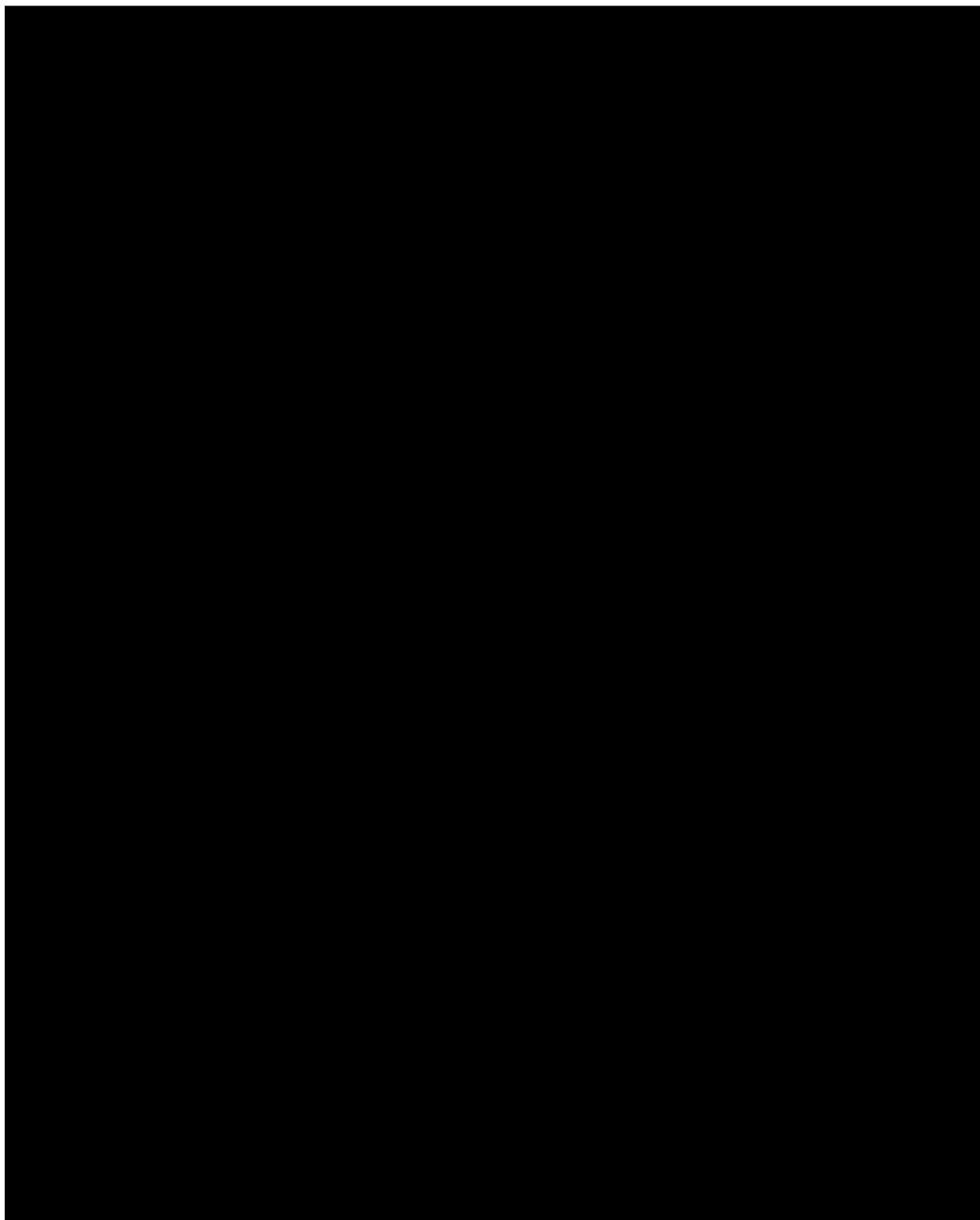
Tasks have been completed for the death certificate of PAYNE (lask\_7392194) and for the Criminal Record of PAYNE (lask\_7392265)

Detectives from Inverell LAC are helping with locating Police officers who may have been working at Inverell Police Station at the time of PAYNE's death. Currently awaiting response.

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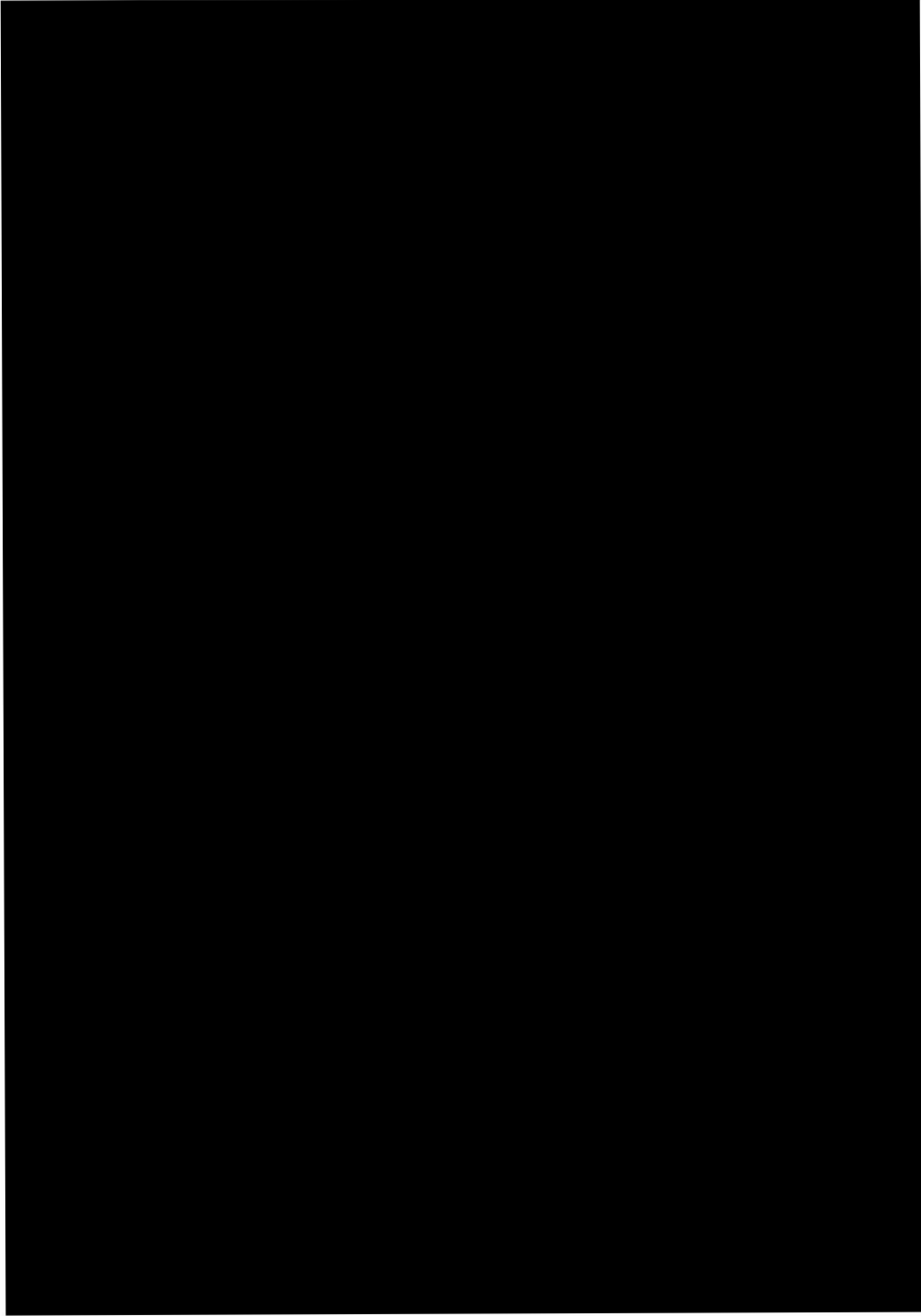
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