

## NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE

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SUBJECT: DUTFIELD, William James, 21/05/1950 Murdered 20/11/1991. Summary

CASE

INVEST. PARKIN, O'HEARN &amp; ARKELL - UNSOLVED SIMILAR MURDERS

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Inquiries made by staff of Strike Force `LINCOLN' indicate that circumstances in relation to the murder of William DUTFIELD may be similar to the murders being investigated by S.F. `LINCOLN'.  
Summary as follows :-

1. At 11.03am on Wednesday 20/11/1991, the body of William James DUTFIELD, born 21/05/1950 was found lying face down on a lounge chair in his home unit at [REDACTED] Spit Road, Mosman. DUTFIELD was dead apparently from massive wounds to the back of his head. His head was face down on a lounge chair with his legs dangling on the floor. He was dressed in a blue short sleeve shirt , blue shorts, white socks and shoes.
2. Body was discovered by long time friend and the unit owner, Mr Arthur William ASHWORTH, 76 old of Mosman. He immediately contacted Police who arrived a short time later.
3. The deceased was single and an invalid pensioner, who lived alone in the one bedroom unit, on the second floor of the eight storey unit block . DUTFIELD was a homosexual.
4. The deceased was last seen alive between 8 and 9pm on Tuesday night 19/11/1991 after having dinner at the Mosquito Bar Restaurant, Mosman with ASHWORTH. After dinner both walked back to the deceased's unit and had further drinks. According to ASHWORTH, DUTFIELD drank two glasses of wine and he drunk one scotch and water. ASHWORTH stated that DUTFIELD was quite intoxicated, feeling depressed and lonely and told ASHWORTH that he might later go out somewhere. It is not known whether the deceased did go out or whether the killer came to the unit.
5. The time of death estimated by the Government Medical Officer Dr Joseph DE FLOU is around 10 to 11pm, however he stipulated this time could be out by a few hours. Post Mortem was conducted on night of 20/11/1991 at Glebe Morgue. Dr DE FLOU indicated the deceased died from massive wounds to the back of the head caused by a heavy blunt instrument. Twelve blows to the head were counted and it appears death was instantaneous. Examination also indicated the deceased had not been sexually interfered with.
6. Examination of crime scene was carried out by Chatswood Crime Scene Unit. Detectives from Chatswood, Mosman and Major Crime Squad North also present at scene. The murder weapon was a heavy metal sticky tape dispenser which was normally kept on top of the refrigerator in the kitchen, but was found in the kitchen sink in a bloodied state. A cloth rag was located next to the tape dispenser and it was obvious that the killer washed and wiped down the weapon in an effort to remove any fingerprints. Blood from the deceased was splattered around the living room walls, lounge room floor and kitchen floor. A thorough examination of the crime scene by fingerprints failed to locate any fingerprints other than those of the deceased.

7. Two full drinking glasses containing either wine or scotch were located on a coffee table next to the deceased. ASHWORTH informed Police that before he left, he washed up the glass he had used. He further stated that there was a third of the bottle of scotch left. When located on the kitchen bench by Police, this bottle was almost empty. Indications are that the deceased and the his killer probably drank together before the fatal attack.
8. To support Dr DU FLOU's time of death (10-11pm), as a result of the canvass of the block of units, information received by Mrs [REDACTED] 159 of Unit [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] directly beneath the deceased's unit) is that whilst she was watching L.A. Law (9.30pm to 10.30pm), she heard an argument take place between two males with raised voices and then heard a loud thud as though something heavy had fallen to the floor above her. She was standing in her kitchen which is directly below DUTFIELD's kitchen (identical layout). She estimated this took place between 9.30pm and 10pm. This information is corroborated by a visitor to unit No. [REDACTED], Mr [REDACTED] 158 who informed Police he also was watching L.A. Law and that during the early part of the show he heard a sound from above which reminded him of the sound of a sledge hammer hitting concrete and then he heard about four or five sounds similar to a thud in diminishing volume.
9. Mrs [REDACTED] 157 next door neighbour to deceased told Police that DUTFIELD had been receiving visits from a male person called `Paul'. She had not seen paul, only heard him calling out to DUTFIELD at the front door and thought it was a young voice. The last time she heard the voice was about three weeks prior to DUTFIELD's murder.
10. DUTFIELD was confirmed as being homosexual by tow of his close friends ASHWORTH and [REDACTED] 154. Neither knew much about DUTFIELD's after dark homosexual activities and encounters as it wasn't something he talked to them about, however both believed he participated in homosexual activity.
11. It appears the deceased was robbed after his death as his wallet was found on the floor next to his body, without any money in it. Inquiries made by Police revealed there should have been between \$150 and \$180 in his wallet.
12. Inquiries made with an informant indicate that DUTFIELD was known to frequent the `Bottoms Up Bar' Rex Hotel, Kings Cross, where he would meet young homosexuals and later leave with them. Supporting this information was a serious assault that DUTFIELD reported to Police where he was robbed in his own home. Details are as follows in paragraph 13 below.
13. On the night of 16/10/91, DUTFIELD attended the a known homosexual pick up haunt, the `Bottoms Up Bar' Rex Hotel, Kings Cross, where he met a young male person and began drinking with him. Later that night DUTFIELD invited this person back to his unit for something to eat and drink. DUTFIELD states in a statement to Police, that after partaking in some alcoholic drinks, the offender (young male)suddenly stood up and started abusing him and then attacked him, beating him about the face until DUTFIELD fell to the floor where the offender continued his attack by kicking him about the head and body. The offender then robbed DUTFIELD of the sum of \$900-00 which was in his shirt pocket and then removed his wallet from his pocket, searched it before throwing it to the floor. The offender also took DUTFIELD's keys and locked DUTFIELD inside his unit when leaving. DUTFIELD was later taken to Royal North Shore Hospital suffering a broken nose, rib and facial injuries. This attack was reported to Mosman Police. Fingerprints were located at the scene, but to date, they have not been identified.

The offender for this assault was described by DUTFIELD as being of Australian descent, about 23 old, 175-178cm tall, medium build, olive complexion, clean shaven with shoulder length brown hair which was brushed back from his face, good looking and wearing a tight fitting T-shirt with blue jeans and possibly soft shoes.

14. The three main lines of inquiry being considered by investigating Police at the time were :-
- (a) The deceased contacted by telephone a male person to attend the unit (possibly male prostitute).
  - (b) The male person, known to the deceased, attended the unit after ASHWORTH left.
  - (c) The deceased left the unit after ASHWORTH had gone home and returned home a short time later with a male person. (Considered by the investigating Police that this theory was unlikely due to the time limit involved between ASHWORTH leaving and the noises being heard by neighbours and approximate time of death given by Dr DU FLOU).
15. A perusal of the brief indicated the following persons were considered as potential suspects in the DUTFIELD, Leo PRESS and Wayne TONKS murder investigations in conjunction with the investigation into the serious assault upon homosexual Clifford NEVILLE. The reason why these people are suspects is not provided in the document. The suspect persons listed in the document are as follows :-

**NP65**

D.O.B. [REDACTED]  
C.N.I. [REDACTED]

**NP66**

D.O.B. [REDACTED]

**NP64**

D.O.B. [REDACTED]  
C.N.I. [REDACTED]

**NP67**

D.O.B. [REDACTED]  
C.N.I. [REDACTED]

**NP68**

D.O.B. [REDACTED]  
C.N.I. [REDACTED]

**NP62**

D.O.B. [REDACTED]  
C.N.I. [REDACTED]

**NP69**

D.O.B. [REDACTED]  
C.N.I. [REDACTED]

**NP70**

D.O.B. [REDACTED]  
C.N.I. [REDACTED]

**NP71**

C.N.I. [REDACTED]

**NP72**

D.O.B. [REDACTED]  
C.N.I. [REDACTED]

**NP73**

D.O.B. [REDACTED]

C.N.I. [REDACTED]

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D.O.B. [REDACTED]

C.N.I. [REDACTED]

16. From the information contained in the part of the brief now in possession of Strike Force 'LINCOLN' staff at present, it is unknown as to whether Call Charge Records have been provided to Police. Running sheets indicate these records have been requested.
17. One of the suspects listed above, [REDACTED] NP65 was interviewed by investigating Police and stated that he was with his girlfriend [REDACTED] NP66 at their home address in Bondi. [REDACTED] NP66 verified this version, although both were vague upon the initial interview. [REDACTED] NP65 was a male prostitute who was known to frequent clients in the Mosman area. [REDACTED] NP66 worked as a female Stripper/ Prostitute.
18. Inquiries made by investigating Police at the time in relation to the person named 'Paul' indicated that this person was possibly [REDACTED] NP62 listed as one of the suspects above. [REDACTED] NP62 was a homosexual and male prostitute who worked up 'The Wall' Darlinghurst and also frequented the 'Bottoms Up Bar' Rex Hotel, Kings Cross. [REDACTED] NP62 was apparently of similar description as the person who assaulted and then robbed DUTFIELD on 16/10/1991. [REDACTED] NP62 was believed to be living in the Nowra area and travelling up to Sydney on Fridays for the weekend.
19. Also of interest is that DUTFIELD's name, address and phone number is contained in one of the diaries belonging to David O'HEARN. Also of interest is that the name and address of Michael DORN, a formed boyfriend of O'HEARN's is written in an address book which belonged to DUTFIELD.

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