

STATE CRIME COMMAND
INVESTIGATION PLAN
S/F HAMISH

SITUATION:

The deceased William James DUTFIELD born 21/05/1950 resided at [REDACTED] Spit Road Mosman. The deceased was a homosexual male who had a heavy drinking habit. He kept his Homosexual life secret.

On Tuesday the 19 November 1991 the deceased and Arthur William ASHWORTH a friend and the owner of the deceased unit went to dinner at the Mosquito Bar Restaurant in Mosman. The deceased and ASHWORTH returned to the deceased unit about 8pm. Between 8pm to 9pm the deceased and ASHWORTH had a few drinks. ASHWORTH left the deceased about 9pm and there was a third of a bottle of Scotch left. Prior to leaving ASHWORTH had washed the drinking glasses out and put them in the kitchen.

About 10pm a neighbour heard a verbal argument from the deceased unit and a loud thud. The neighbour did not act on this noise.

At 11.03am on Wednesday 20/11/1991 the deceased body was located in his unit by ASHWORTH. The deceased was located lying face down on lounge chair at home address. The deceased had a large head injury to the back of his head. Two full drinking glasses were located on a coffee table next to the deceased. The Scotch bottle was almost empty.

An Examination of the crime scene revealed what police believe to be the Murder Weapon. This was a sticky tape dispenser which was normally kept on top of the refrigerator but was located in the kitchen sink and appears to have been wiped down by a nearby cloth. There was a blood stained tissue located in the waster paper basket. It appears the crime scene was wiped down as there were no prints located in the unit not even those of the deceased.

The time of death estimated by the Government Medical Officer Dr Joseph DE FLOU is around 10 to 11pm. Post Mortem was contacted on the night of the 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 indicated the deceased had not been sexually interfered with.

It appears that the deceased was also robbed of between \$150 and \$180 is cash from the deceased wallet.

On the 16 October 1991 the deceased reported he had been at the 'Bottoms Up Bar' at the Rex Hotel Kings Cross and picked up a young male person. This young person went home with the deceased. There they had a few drinks and then the young person stood up and assaulted the deceased and stole \$900 from the deceased. The unknown young person took the keys to the unit and locked the deceased in his unit. As a result of this robbery a fingerprint of [REDACTED] NP63 was located on a cigarette packet wrapper. It appears that [REDACTED] NP63 has not been spoken to by police at this stage.

At the time of this investigation, **NP63** was in custody [REDACTED], POI was on remand for manslaughter matter at the time. He was released prior [REDACTED]. It appears that **NP63** has never been interviewed or spoken to about the matter.

The OIC of this matter was Det Sergeant O'TOOLE. ASHWORTH has been discounted by the original investigation because of his age and health at the time. A number of other POI's were investigated and discounted.

REOPENED 1998 thought to have link with ARKELL murder (POI dismembered victims) ARKELL found to be unrelated. (S/F Lincoln)

E907729100062 similar matter in Five Dock area victim not killed due to police intervention

In 2005 this matter was reviewed by UHT. The tissue and cigarette butts were resubmitted to DAL for further DNA testing. It was determined the blood on the tissue was not from the deceased or **NP63**. DAL reference FS05/2452. The cigarette butts were either determined to have DNA from the deceased or unidentified DNA.

There are over 40 exhibits seized by police from the unit in this matter. .

MISSION:

To further investigate the circumstances surrounding the murder of William James DUTFIELD at Mosman on the 19 November 1991.

STRATEGIES/EXECUTION:

Tactical

- This strike force is temporally on hold due other Team Strike Forces. Commitments Operational Phase of the Strike Force anticipated to commence in August 2009.
- Review and consider the implementations of recommendation of the formal review of the original investigation by Unsolved Homicide Team.
- Locate current location of exhibits and conduct a Forensic Review in this matter with a view to submitting further items for analysis.
- Review the POI's identified in the original investigation with a view to obtaining DNA from these POI's.
- On completion of Forensic review identify possible Persons of interest.
- DNA to be taken from Arthur ASHWORTH for elimination purposes.

Strategic

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Time Frames

It is anticipated that the following investigations will take approximately 12 months from the commencement of the operational phase of this investigation.

Information Management:

- The investigation will operate from Unsolved Homicide, Level 8B, Police Headquarters, State Crime Command, PH88358884, E/Net: 28884.
- Information is being managed and recorded on eagle I – Strike Force **HAMISH**.

Investigations Roles and Responsibilities:

Detective Sergeant	M HYDE	Investigation Coordinator
Det. Senior Constable	S. HUNGERORD	Office in Charge
Det. Senior Constable	K. FIDDEN	Assist Officer in Charge
Det. Senior Constable	G. DAVIDISON	Investigator
Det. Senior Constable	L. CAMPBELL	Investigator
Det. Senior Constable	M. NEMETH	Investigator.

Crime Scene Management:

- Review all Crime Scene evidence

Canvassing:

- * Assess the need to re-canvass all witnesses in the matter.

Exhibit Management:

All exhibits and their management will be recorded on E@glei. In addition an exhibit spreadsheet will be utilised to record all exhibits, referencing, processing and their respective movements.

Forensic Evidence Management:

A forensic review of all evidence in this matter will be conducted.

Victim Management:

Detective HUNGERFORD will maintain a liaison with the family William DUTFIELD

Witness Management:

Use E@glei to maintain witness management.
Ensure all witness evidence has been recorded in evidentiary form.

Persons of Interest:

On completion of Forensic review identify possible Persons of interest.

Technical & Physical Surveillance:

Determine a level of assistance of physical and technical surveillance.

Operations:

A decision on Controlled Operations and Search Warrants will be made on a needs basis and will be conducted in accordance with NSW Police and Tasmanian Police Policy.

Informant Management:

All source management will be made on the Source Management Program in accordance with the Policy and Guidelines of the NSW Police.

Intelligence:

Assess the need for an Intelligence Analyst on completion of the Forensic Review.

Media Management:

The Commander of the Homicide Squad is the authorising officer for any media release or comment. All inquiries are to be referred to the media Liaison officer SCC or the Commander Homicide Squad.

Internal/External Stake Holders.

Not applicable at this stage.

Legal:

The initial Legal interview had been contacted with Sonya TABOR.

Review:

This investigation will be subject of review every two months in the form of a submitted Progress Report.

At the conclusion of the investigation a Post Operational Assessment will be submitted to the Manager, Operations SCC.



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Office in Charge, Strike Force HAMISH
Unsolved Homicide Team/ Homicide Squad. SCC
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