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The friend, a 75-year-old man who rented an apartment to the victim six months ago, did not enter the murder.

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Mr Dutfield and a 75-year-old male friend, who lived down the street, shared a meal at a Mosman restaurant before returning to the victim's one-bedroom flat.

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Mr Dutfield, an invalid pensioner, was a bush jockey who rode track-work for trainer Jack Green at Rosehill and Warwick farm.

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A friend of Mr Dutfield, a man in his 70s, discovered the body about 11 am after visiting the unit to check why his friend was not answering his phone.

He told police he had last seen Mr Dutfield alive on Tuesday night. When he returned to the unit yesterday, he found his friend slumped on his knees in a pool of blood.

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Police have not released his name. The man, believed to have been bashed about the head with a heavy metal object, was apparently last seen alive by an elderly friend at 8pm on Monday.

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The dead man was found wearing a T-shirt and shorts.

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'Lifer' to be freed next year

By SALLY JACKSON
 A DOUBLE murderer who was sentenced to life imprisonment should be eligible for release next October, Justice Sully ruled yesterday.

Thirteen years ago Joseph Salman Salem shot his husband and wife Saad and Samina Labeeb over right of access to a property he had sold them.

Saad was shot five times in the head and chest and his wife eight times in the head at point-blank range. The murdered couple had five children, who at the time were aged from 7 to 18.

Justice Sully accepted a psychiatric report that Salem still contained "repressed aggression".

Other reports tendered to the court "give an impression of a man who is cunning and manipulative, who feels no remorse for what he did and who still believes . . . either that he was positively justified in doing what he

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