

email reply from Sue Thompson requesting info on 3 matters

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Brief Description: reply received from Sue Thompson dated 23/01/2017 - following request from D/C/I Middleton relating to information on 3 outstanding matters listed in original report by Sue Thompson. email response attached.

Hi Craig,

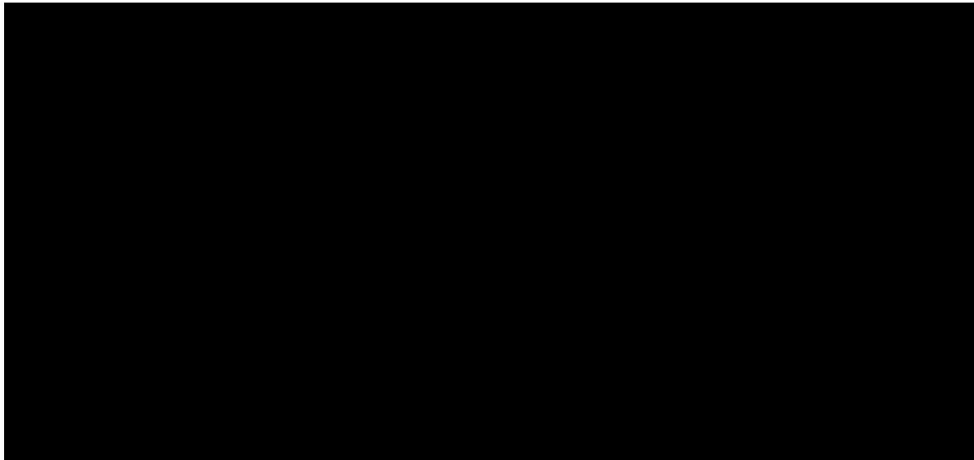
[REDACTED] I don't have the ability to edit, be brief and concise so I have gathered information opting for thoroughness and accuracy instead of brevity. I know that unfortunately that will make for more reading for you.

I am unsure what is meant by 'the list of 88 cases'. Going back through emails, I think you could be referring to an initial rough draft list I sent quickly and privately to assist Police Homicide in 2013 in good faith. It contained 87 cases at that time. A group was in the process of recompiling it many years after original researching of cases.

That group knew some cases needed further examination, hence, although that first draft reassembled list had 87 cases in it, **for accuracy it was only publicly stated as 'up to 80'**. Journalist Rick Feneley says he had not heard the number of 88 until he heard it from NSW Police. It did not come from me. It is not my number or a number I have stated publicly (as far I genuinely recall).

Within 2 months, upon gathering of further old materials that people could locate, find in notes, media etc various cases were eliminated reducing that number to 85. Over the next 2 years, review by various people continued with conservative review in 2015 agreeing **71 possible gay hate homicides that we are aware of from 1970 – June 1999 with an additional 10 needing further research.**

In terms of the specifics you wanted:



David Williams (1979 allegedly) – it was a friend of [REDACTED] 149 who told [REDACTED] 153 that their friend David Williams had died in Manly area at a cliff beat in 1979. I asked [REDACTED] 153 in Dec if he had any update on that. He said he would ask the person who told him. I have sent him a reminder some days ago but heard nothing. If I do, I will certainly let you know.

[I have also included a document with my more general comments and relevant historical background to the List:](#)

You may have seen some of these sections before but from my perspective it is important to put this information together for Operation Parrabell in this context. I know we all care about accuracy on this issue. For example, I have not been actually asked about the origins and methodology of the gay hate homicides list, but instead unfortunately some inaccurate speculations and suggestions have been made about it. I hope this will help to put the list, its origins and evolution, in historical context.

See attached document.

I hope this helps. Please feel free to ask me if anything is unclear etc.

Kind regards

Sue Thompson

From: Craig N Middleton [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 16 January 2017 12:37 PM
To: Susie Thompson [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Strike Force Parrabell request [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Sue

I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year and Im hoping that this email finds you well. I am just following up on our brief exchange prior to Christmas. I am really sorry to bother you - however have you given any thought to the 3 matters mentioned in my email ? Is it possible that you may have some information on those matters which may be able to assist us. Once again I dont want you to feel pressured in anyway if you havent been able to look at my request as yet. I am just following up on the email as a courtesy. These are the last 3 matters that we are attempting to review so we can finalise Parrabell. If you could just let me know either way that would be great or even a timeframe if possible.

Again I understand that this may not be high on your priority list and you have much more pressing matters to attend to, so I am grateful for your assistance in anyway.

Kind Regards

	<p>Craig Middleton Detective Chief Inspector Crime Manager Surry Hills Local Area Command</p>
	

[REDACTED]

From: "Susie Thompson" [REDACTED]
 To: "Craig N Middleton" [REDACTED]
 Date: 21/12/2016 16:08
 Subject: RE: Strike Force Parrabell request [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Dear Craig,

I have received your email [REDACTED] I will certainly get back to you asap though in next couple days. [REDACTED] Hopefully you don't need it yesterday. I'll do my best.

Kind regards

Merry Christmas



Sue Thompson

From: Craig N Middleton [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 December 2016 2:35 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Anthony Crandell [REDACTED]; Paul Grace [REDACTED]
Subject: Strike Force Parrabell request [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Ms Thompson

No doubt you are aware of Strike Force Parrabell (NSWPF) which is currently conducting a review of 88 deceased persons which occurred between 1971 and 1999. The primary function of the Strike Force is to review all NSWPF holdings on these matters to establish if there was a bias motivational (namely 'gay hate') factor involved in these deaths.

I believe that the list of 88 names that the SF is operating from, is a list that was compiled by yourself in the late 90's whilst you were employed by the NSW Police. I understand that you have had some recent correspondence with the *Corporate Sponsor - Sexuality, Gender Diversity & Intersex*, currently Acting Assistant Commissioner Tony Crandell. It is with his endorsement I now send you this email.

The Strike Force which has been conducting its review since August 2015 is nearing completion. As you can appreciate the Strike Force has done some great work in not only reviewing all the

documentation relating to these matters for indicators relevant to bias motivation, but has spent a great deal of its time (given the historical nature of these matters) in firstly identifying or discovering where many of these matters/documents have finally been shelved. As you can appreciate our archiving/inventory methods back in the 70's, 80, and even 90's were definitely not so high tech as nowadays. The team has done some great work in not only sourcing and retrieving documents from all over the State and other agencies, but where possible compiling and tracking these records for future reference.

Hence why now my email to you. Of the list of 88 names that you compiled as possible 'gay hate' related deaths during these decades, the Strike Force has only been able to substantiate/locate limited information/holdings on 3 (for various reasons). I truly appreciate that a significant amount of time has now passed (over 17 years) since your initial research and compilation of this list. I am hopeful that you may remember these matters and or have retained some of the original material you referenced to your project.

If possible can I please ask you to have a look at these 3 names

* **David WILLIAMS** - birth/death unconfirmed. Information of death initially received from a friend of Ms Thompson (Dave Davies)

* [Redacted]
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Ms Thompson, I would be grateful for any information/assistance you could provide us with these 3 outstanding matters. Anything which could lead us to locating further documents/ reports etc on any of these matters would be truly appreciated and assist us to bringing this project to finality.

Kind Regards

	<p>Craig Middleton Detective Chief Inspector Crime Manager Surry Hills Local Area Command</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> 
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