

Case 3 - Bias Crimes Indicators Review Form

File Number: 346
Product Type: TEXT DOCUMENTS:Investigators Note
Date of Note: 9 Mar 2017
Brief Description: Murder of David WILLIAMS (3) in 1979 - Exact date of death not known

David WILLIAMS' naked body was found in the Manly cliff area in 1979, according to friends, although there is no coronial record of his death.

His clothes were left neatly folded, according to the former police gay liaison co-ordinator Sue THOMPSON. 1970's clothes were also found neatly folded on the cliff top above where his body was found nearby in December 1988.

The spreadsheet of potential gay-hate victims kept by THOMPSON indicates the information is from a friend of WILLIAMS. There is no find on COPS/Ryerson/Media. Specific date unknown.

The Source who provided the information was a friend called 'Dave DAVIES'.

Attempts to obtain a death certificate have been unsuccessful as a date of birth is not provided for the deceased.

Further enquiries to identify 'Dave DAVIES' is the only other option.

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Investigation No:	3
Victim/Deceased:	David WILLIAMS
Date of death:	1979 (Exact date not known)
Investigation Status:	Unsolved
Offender/s:	N/A
Investigative Unit:	Unknown
Description:	<p>David WILLIAMS' naked body was found in the Manly cliff area in 1979, according to friends, although there is no coronial record of his death. His clothes were left neatly folded, according to the former police gay liaison co-ordinator Sue THOMPSON. [redacted] 149's [redacted] clothes were also found neatly folded on the cliff top above where his body was found nearby in December 1988.</p> <p>The spreadsheet of potential gay-hate victims kept by THOMPSON indicates the information is from a friend of WILLIAMS. There is no find on COPS/Ryerson/Media. Specific date unknown. The Source who provided the information was a friend called 'Dave Davies.' Attempts to obtain a death certificate have been unsuccessful as a date of birth is not provided for the deceased. Further enquiries to identify 'Dave DAVIES' is the only other option.</p>

Indicator 1 – 9 taken from the 'Responding to hate Crime – A multidisciplinary Curriculum for Law Enforcement & Victim Assistance Professionals. National Centre for Hate Crime Prevention, United States Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime, 2000. Indicator 10 developed by NSWPF Bias Crimes based on research and cases.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Indicator: Insufficient Information (II)

Comment: David WILLIAMS was located in Manly sometime in 1979. Date of death cannot be confirmed. His body was located naked and clothes folded. In a report completed by Detective Chief Inspector LEHMAN he stated "there were no records able to be located."

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

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Sue THOMPSON replied: "That's because they have never asked me." Yes, she confirms, it was a friend of a friend of WILLIAMS. Criminologist Stephen TOMSEN says WILLIAMS died in the same beat area as Mark SPANSWICK and Paul RATH, and near [redacted] 149 [redacted] so his death "merits proper investigation."

There is no find on COPS/Ryerson/Media. THOMPSON'S spreadsheet states David Lloyd WILLIAMS was found naked at the bottom of a cliff at Manly in 1979. Specific date unknown. The Source who provided the information was a friend called 'Dave Davies.' Attempts to obtain a death certificate have been unsuccessful as a date of birth is not provided for the deceased. Further enquiries to identify 'Dave DAVIES' is the only other option.

No "K" number for GRR. State Archives have no records available. Overall there are no records available from the Coroner's, Police Holdings or State Archives.

Further investigations into locating documents relating to the death of WILLIAMS 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 WILLIAMS. Currently no information has been located.