

Case 7 - Basic overview of CUTHBERT

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Brief Description: Murder of Gerald CUTHBERT (27/07/1954) at ██████████ Stephen Street, Paddington on the 17.10.1981

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 This matter is an unsolved homicide on file at the UHT. It is not the subject to a current investigation at this time. CUTHBERT was a homosexual (TR-113) (TR-111)

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 The deceased CUTHBERT was last seen leaving the Sydney YMCA at 8.30pm on Saturday the 17th October 1981. His body was found sometime later in [1212] (TR-113) apartment with 62 stab wounds and it appears he may have had sex with his killer prior to the murder. It appears that a small amount of cash was stolen and there were no strong suspects in respect to this offence. (IN-66)

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 The investigation looked at possible links to the murders of Peter PARKS (Case 8) and Constantine GIANNARIS (Case 6) which were dubbed the "gay blade" murders at the time that were solved resulting in 2 persons charged however the only common thread were the time frames in which all 3 murders occurred. CUTHBERT led a promiscuous lifestyle and the investigation looked at the possibility of the offender being a visiting American sailor that the deceased been actively seeking to find for sex shortly before his death. (IN-66)

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 There is no evidence of this being a "gay hate" motivated crime. The offender may well have been an opportunistic "thrill" or psychopathic serial killer who fled overseas. (lehmann document). Officers HAGAN and HUNTER make note
 "It would appear that the \$48.00 was stolen by the murderer"(IN-161),

CUTHBERT was found lying face down on a double bed with 62 stab wounds to the back of the body and the throat was cut. Blood appeared to have splurged to the left of the deceased head.

Several suspects were identified EEDY "EEDY then showed us the broken glass and we were satisfied as to his explanation (IN-162) CORBETT "It appears at this stage that there is no further action required in relation to John CORBETT (IN-163) MCGARVEY and CALGERET (IN-164) and ELLIOTT (IN-165), TAYLOR (IN-169), FRANKS (IN-171) all were ruled out after subsequent enquiries and interviews.