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Forensic Evidence & Technical Services Command

Summary of Fingerprint Evidence

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Should this matter proceed to hearing, a formal request for the preparation of an expert certificate under section 177 of the Evidence Act 1995 (NSW) must be promptly forwarded to Fingerprint Operations - Major Crime in order to ensure that service can occur 21 days prior to hearing.

6 March 2023

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

Event E968858490
Fingerprint Major Crime : 113
Fingerprint exhibit Number 1981/8344
Forensic case number: 0818344

Death of homosexual male Gerald Leslie CUTHBERT (27 old) on 18 October 1981 at Paddington NSW

As a result of a fingerprint examination of the above crime scene, a number of fingerprints were recovered and subsequently examined with the following results:

1981 - initial manual comparison - nil result

1990 - initial automated comparison utilizing NAFIS (national fingerprint database) – nil result

2005 - review conducted, suspect and eliminations compared and searched on upgraded version of NAFIS – nil result

2007 – review conducted, unknown fingerprints sent for searching against FBI fingerprint database in United States via Interpol, reply received ref:3603714(s2) ‘...the latent fingerprints were too damaged for examination in the Latent Print Unit’

2022 – review conducted, utilizing improved digital photographs and new comparison software, searched on NAFIS , Inconclusive results x2, see table below

2023 – review conducted, a comparative examination of unknown latent fingerprints against the fingerprint database utilizing NAFIS, Identification result, see table below

Forensic Case Number 0818344			
Examination of 103/40 Stephen Street, Paddington by Senior Constable Ken BULLIVAN on 18 October 1981			
Graph Exhibit	Location	Conclusion	Person
B (81/8344)	Coffee table	Identified	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">I212</div> (former flat mate)
G (81/8344)	Bathroom Vanity Mirror	Inconclusive	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">I212</div>
B (81/8344)	Hand Cream tube	Inconclusive	Gerald CUTHBERT (Deceased)

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G (81/8344)	Coffee Jar	Not suitable for scanning/comparison due to lack of comparable detail	
B (81/8344)	Exit Door	Not identified	Searched on NAFIS
GN1 (81/502)	Not described	Not identified	Searched on NAFIS

Note: The above results have been updated on NSW Police Efims AJ01312642

Notice is given under the *Criminal Procedures Act 1986* (NSW), that the proposed exhibits (photographs) which have been indicated in this report may be inspected at Fingerprint Operations - Major Crime at a mutually agreeable time.

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