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# SAD LOVE POEMS ON CAVE BODY

## Bizarre death at South Head

A NOTEBOOK full of sad poems about rejected love was found on the body of a transsexual who died in bizarre circumstances in a cave at South Head.

Above the body, scrawled in crayon, were the words "Syant, love Ja Ja" and "Swanee forever".

Police still have not ruled out a connection between the unusual messages and the suspicious circumstances surrounding the woman's death.

The woman, who called herself Samantha Raye, had a sex change last year and lived on a pension.

Police are still attempting to track down her relatives in New Zealand, where she lived as man before coming to Australia at least three years ago.

"We are still treating the death as suspicious. We are waiting for a full post mortem before we release any further details about her death," said Con-

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stable John Wilcher.

"A bottle of insulin was found next to the body. The deceased was a diabetic and an asthmatic.

"She was also wearing a hearing aid at the time of her death."

A spiral note book full of poems were on the woman's body referring to her boyfriend.

A document found on

### FIREMEN BATTLE HOUSE BLAZE

DETECTIVES are investigating the cause of a fire in a house in the inner city early today. The unoccupied house in Bailey St, Newtown suffered extensive damage to two rooms and the roof before fire brigade officers from three stations were able to bring the blaze under control.



SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES: Police examine the corpse in the cave

her body listed a close friend as the next of kin.

"We still have no idea of her identity in New Zealand and are trying to get details from her social worker."

Police said Samantha had lived alone in a flat at Potts Point for the past three years.

A priest marking examination papers made the grisly discovery shortly after 11am yesterday.

The body was found lying face up in the cave below the HMAS Watson naval base and had been there for at least two days.

The cave is well above the tide mark and police do not believe she was able to get to the cave by boat.

It can be reached along a nature trail walkway beneath South Head.

### Operation

The body had a large scar on the back which appeared to be the result of a major operation.

Police said Samantha had dyed brown hair, earrings and four rings on the left hand.

She was dressed in a black glossy jacket,

open shirt, jeans and white shoes.

Police also found a number of cigarette packets near the body.

"We believe the deceased was with someone shortly before the time of death," a police spokesman said.

Bondi detectives are appealing for information over the death.

A transsexual who knew the dead woman said she was a loner who worked in clubs a few years ago.

"She kept to herself fairly much and was not that happy," she said.