

Re: Fw: Deep Water Documentary interview [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi Sir,

In respect to SHIEL, the following is the current status of our enquiries;

"CASE 11: Peter SHIEL

SHIEL died in 1983. There is no brief of evidence available for review and no information was able to be found on the COPS system or the Ryerson Index. In Detective Chief Inspector Lehmann's report he also states that records were unable to be located.

Despite this there are a number of media articles on SHIEL. One of these articles states that "in April 1983, SHIEL's body was found with "multiple injuries" - but without trousers - at the base of a small cliff at Gordons Bay, then commonly known as Thompsons Bay, north of Coogee. SHIEL, 29, was not gay. He was schizophrenic and was on medication, but on the night of his death he was in good spirits, says brother Hugh. Peter had called his mother from the Coogee Bay Hotel at about 8.30pm to say he was heading home to a halfway house in Clovelly. He chose the coastal walk. It passed known gay beats."

Information obtained from Glebe Coroners Court states that an inquest occurred on 3 May 1983, however the records from this were unable to be located at the Government Records Repository. An enquiry was also made with State Archives however there are no records available. Overall there is no further information available for SHIEL."

I am not aware of any report prepared or released by Ma'am Young - I'm assuming that this is in fact Mr Leehmann's report (attached).

We can most certainly attempt to reach out to the family of Peter SHIEL if you would like?

Cam.



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▼ Craig N Middleton---07/09/2016 09:42:32---Cam See below regarding Rooney and SHIELS. As far as I'm aware the YOUNG report mentioned below is

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Cam

See below regarding Rooney and SHIELS. As far as I'm aware the YOUNG report mentioned below is actually the original LEHMANN report that we already have ? is that correct ? or is there another report by DCI Pamela YOUNG that we don't know about.

As to the SHIELS matter - would it be the case that in the absence of any further documentation - should we now reach out to the family to see what they have or do we still have a few avenues to pursue before that point ?

Middo



Craig Middleton | Detective Chief Inspector
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Middo,

Please see the below information from SBS regarding the earlier cases I mentioned. Perhaps the investigators should have a look at this further information, it seems there are other sources of information available and we might consider speaking with the family to obtain documentation.

Thanks



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Hi Tony, follow-up email from Patrick. I don't think there isn't anything too unexpected here.

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H Blake,

Look forward to speaking with Tony tomorrow – thanks again for making this happen so quickly.

If you could forward this to Superintendent Crandell before we meet tomorrow that would be great.

As part of SBS Deep Water multi-platform project we will discuss:

- Operation Parrabell and an explanation of that re-examination of 88 deaths
- Any special attention police may be giving to 30 cases (among the 88) which had been nominated as potential unsolved gay-hate murders
- The recent police apology to the LGBTQI community
- Approaches the NSW Police are adopting to connect with the LGBTQI community

In addition to questions previously canvassed by Blackfella Films for Tony, we have some questions on a separate but related story that I have been working on.

Now that we are planning the interview on the broader questions, we wanted to give Superintendent Crandell the opportunity to address these other questions on behalf of the force.

They concern two men who appear among 30 purported unsolved gay-hate murders, which are summarised in the statement of Detective Chief Inspector Pamela Young to the State Coroner for the pending third inquest into Scott Johnson's death. (The report says eight of the 30 are likely or possible gay-hate murders.)

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In the case of Peter Sheil, who died at Gordons Bay in 1983, the police report to the State Coroner says the source of the case is a sibling of the dead man – but “this could not be verified”. However, the family says police have never contacted them to verify anything about the case.

We hope Superintendent Crandell can address these matters during the interview on the broader questions around the Deep Water project.

We'll see him at the academy at midday.

Many thanks
Pat

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