

To: Dr. DUFLOU  
C/- Institute of Forensic Medicine,  
GLEBE.

Re: Advice sought on possible exhumation of deceased William ROONEY.

Dear Sir,

As discussed with Grace, I have recently arrested and charged a Mark Anthony SCERRI for an Aggravated Sexual Assault offence committed in Wollongong in May, 2002. It came to light that SCERRI was released in November, 2001 from gaol after having served a 12 month term for Sex offences against males which included SCERRI's use of large rocks etc to injure his victims. He initially committed offences against homosexuals in 1986 as they were easier targets but apparently reverted to targeting heterosexual males in fear of catching AIDS.

After the arrest of SCERRI on 16-10-02, I had a conversation with former Detective Inspector AINSWORTH who was the officer responsible for charging SCERRI in 1989 for multiple charges in which he received the 12 year Sentence. Mr. AINSWORTH believed that the death of William Anthony ROONEY was not properly investigated by other Police and remains firm in his belief that Mark SCERRI was responsible for severely assaulting ROONEY and sexually assaulting him also. Ten (10) subsequent male victims of SCERRI were subjected to anal intercourse by him in addition to being assaulted. As ROONEY is considered by Mr. AINSWORTH as being the first 'victim' of SCERRI, a detailed sexual assault kit was not undertaken and the medical opinion of ROONEY's death caused by an accidental fall is not correct.

Based on this information, I respectfully request an opinion from a Pathologist whether the body of William ROONEY would be suitable after exhumation to be examined for possible collection of semen samples from the rectum and throat areas of ROONEY's remains. ROONEY died on the 20-2-1986.

Before Investigators canvas the concept of approaching family members and the Coroner in respect to the possibility of exhumation, I desire your considered opinion as to whether it would be feasible to obtain semen from ROONEY's remains after nearly 17 years have elapsed.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Regards,



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