

## SF Parrabell - WARK matter please contact [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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As discussed I had a phone call today from a Ms Rebecca WARK concerning the death of her brother in 1990. She has read in the paper that his death is part of the 88 on the list.

Ms Wark provided the following information concerning the death of her brother:

Simon Blair WARK  
 DOB: (15/9/61)  
 date of death: 10/01/1990  
 OIC: Det Michael Plotecki (now Det/Supt - Commander - Firearms, SCC).

Found deceased in water. Clothes and wallet found neatly folded on shoreline. Multiple injuries sustained. According to Ms Wark her family believes that this may have never been investigated properly and that there was no formal coroners inquest held. They were never provided answers as to the injuries sustained to her brother. She believes that the coroner ruled it as an open finding due to the injuries. Ms Wark believes that the police were quick to right it off as a suicide.

I spoke to her at length about the purpose of SF Parrabell and the review process versus reinvestigating. In the end she said that she wasn't particularly concerned about whether or not it was/is a gay hate crime she just is hopeful that she can satisfy herself (and her family) that the matter was properly investigated.

I suggested that maybe you would contact her sometime next week and arrange a meeting with her to talk to her about any holdings we have. After talking to you, it appears that this matter is one of the few that we do not have files for. In that case Ms Wark may hold valuable information to us that would assist in us locating those files. (ie who the OIC was as mentioned above). From talking to her she may even have documentation which could be of benefit.

At the time of talking to her she wasn't upset nor angry with the police, more the fact that I think she has had to deal with unanswered questions about her brother's death and this SF may help to fill in some of the gaps (it seems for us and for her).

Can you please contact her on the below number and arrange a meeting. Even the little information we have may be of benefit to her but importantly I think she may be able to provide a reference point for us to locate the missing files.

If you have any difficulty or you wish for me to assist - please let me know.

Contact:

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