

Case 5 - Basic Overview of SLATER part 1

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Brief Description: Murder of Richard SLATER (DOB: 19/04/1911) at Birdwood Public Toilets, Newcastle on 19 December 1980.

Jeffrey MILLER (DOB: ██████████) was charged with the murder of SLATER. MILLER was recognised at a Homosexual.

The location is known as a homosexual beat. "Birdwood Park Toilet Block.....is a renowned meeting place for the homosexual element of this area at all hours during the day and night" (11)

On Friday 19th December 1980, SLATER attended the Birdwood Park Toilet Block to relieve himself because of prostate medical problems after purchasing lottery tickets. SLATER was in possession of approximately \$30 at the time. Whilst in the toilet he was savagely assaulted and left laying in a semi conscious condition on the floor of the toilet block suffering severe head injuries.

A witness, CLEMENTS, discovers SLATER laying in the trough with his pants below his buttocks. SLATER was treated by paramedics at the scene and admitted to Royal Newcastle Hospital. Police attended the scene and located SLATER's money purse with the contents missing.

SLATER admitted with injuries to his skull, right ear and had bruising and considerable swelling to both eyes. SLATER was in a stable condition however his condition deteriorated and he subsequently passed away at 5:07pm 22/12/1980.

On the 22 December 1980, a post mortem was carried out. DR BANATHY stated the direct cause as traumatic brain damage and myocardial infarction.

The matter was unsolved until the 27th of August 1982, when a prisoner 1219 (associate of MILLER) supplied information and as a result of enquiries MILLER did admit to entering the toilets with the intention of "cracking it with a poofter". MILLER was charged with the murder of SLATER.

On the 10/12/1982, MILLER appeared at Newcastle Local Court and he was committed for trial. Following the committal proceedings, an application for a no bill was lodged by the defence council. This was considered by the Attorney General, who on 18 March 1983, filed

a no bill to the charge of murder against MILLER