



NSW POLICE FORCE

P190B

STATEMENT OF POLICE

In the matter of:	Special Commission of Inquiry (SCOI) – LGBTIQ (Hate Crimes) Deaths <i>Response to Summons NSWPF39</i>
Place:	Homicide Squad – State Crime Command
Date:	18 January 2023

Name:	Neil SHELDON	Tel. No:	██████████
Rank:	Detective Sergeant		
Station/Unit:	Homicide Squad		

STATES:

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything that I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
2. I am 37 years of age.
3. I am a Detective Sergeant in the Homicide Squad of the New South Wales Police Force (NSWPF). I am currently a Team Leader within the Unsolved Homicide Team (UHT).
4. As part of my role, I am assisting the NSWPF in responding to requests issued by the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ (Hate Crimes) Deaths (Inquiry). I make this statement on the basis of information known to me and information provided to me by colleagues in the NSWPF and believe that information to be true at the time of making this statement.

Witness:

Penny DRURY
Detective Senior Constable
Homicide Squad
18 January 2023

Signature:

Neil SHELDON
Detective Sergeant
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5. On 5 December 2022, the Inquiry issued Summons number NSWPF39 to the Commissioner of the NSWPF (Summons 39). Summons 39 requested the Commissioner of the NSWPF to provide the location of various exhibits associated with the investigation of the death of Richard SLATER who died 22 December 1981 (Documents). Summons 39 had a return date of 15 December 2022.
6. On 15 December 2022, The Office of General Counsel (OGC) acting on the behalf of the NSWPF wrote to the Inquiry outlining the searches and enquiries undertaken in order to locate documents responsive to Summons 39.
7. On 23 December 2022, the Inquiry wrote to NSWPF requesting a statement from the relevant NSWPF officer regarding the searches and enquiries which had been detailed in the letter referred to in paragraph 6 above. It is within that context which I make this statement.

SEARCHES & ENQUIRIES UNDERTAKEN – DEATH OF RICHARD SLATER

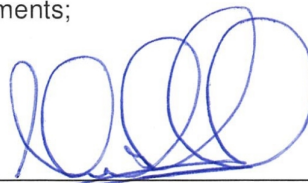
8. On or around 7 December 2022, officers of the NSWPF made enquiries with New South Wales Forensic & Analytical Science Service (FASS) in order to determine the location of the Documents.
9. On or around 14 December 2022, Dr David BRUCE; FASS Senior Forensic Biologist and Historical DNA Casework Coordinator provided officers of the NSWPF with a number of documents, being:
 - a. A copy of a Forensic Biology Laboratory Index;
Attached to this statement and marked "A"
 - b. Police Exhibits Register that references the Documents;

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- c. A copy of a P377 NSW Police Specimen/Exhibit Examination Form concerning the Documents;

Attached to this statement and marked "C"

- d. A copy of a Report prepared by Forensic Biologist Sandra Ann GORRINGE dated 16 February 1981 concerning the documents referred to in Summons 39.

Attached to this statement and marked "D"

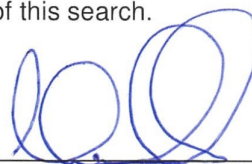
10. This documentation suggests the Documents were transferred to the Department of Forensic Medicine on 30 December 1980 and later returned to the custody of N J RAYMOND of Newcastle Police on 19 February 1981. Sergeant Neil Joseph RAYMOND is now disengaged from the NSWPF.
11. Dr BRUCE confirmed to officers of the NSWPF that FASS does not hold any of the Documents. A copy of this email is annexed to this statement and marked "E".
12. Between 7 December 2022 and 14 December 2022 officers of the NSWPF also made the following enquiries:
- a. A search of the NSWPF exhibit management system called Exhibits Forensic Information and Miscellaneous Property System (EFIMS). No Documents were located as a result of this search.
- b. All NSWPF investigative holdings – WebCOPS, Historical COPS Data, Pre-COPS data, E@glei and KODA ('Google' Style Search Engine across NSWPF systems) were reviewed. No Documents were located as a result of this search.

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- c. Members of the NSWPF attended the long-term exhibit repository, the Metropolitan Exhibit and Property Centre (MEPC), and conducted a search for the Documents. No Documents were located as a result of this search.
- d. The Newcastle Police District (being the Police District with carriage of the investigation of the death of Mr Slater at the time) advised the following:
- i. Newcastle Exhibit Officer Jodie Stewart advised that there are currently no exhibits held at Newcastle Police Station that have not been categorised and entered into EFIMS. Ms Stewart advised that the only physical exhibit books held at Newcastle Police Station dated from 2005 onwards.
 - ii. Newcastle Station Manager Sergeant Bradley Dawson confirmed that the Newcastle Police Station does not hold any exhibit books dated prior to 2005.
 - iii. General Administrative Support Officer Ashleigh Wilson advised that all case files held at Newcastle Police District have been archived. A review of the relevant case file spreadsheets was conducted by NSWPF and no documents relevant to Summons 39 were identified.
 - iv. Detective Sergeant Lucy Ede advised that they do not have any records at Newcastle in relation to the death of Mr Slater.
 - v. Joanne Beasley of Waratah Police Station exhibits advised that all old exhibits held by Waratah Police Station have been recorded in EFIMS and all long-term exhibits have sent to MEPC.
- e. Enquiries were made with the Newcastle Crime Scene Section.

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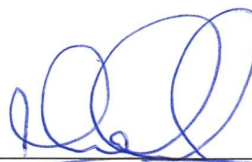
- i. An exhibit book entry was located from Newcastle Crime Scene which indicates the last movement of the Documents was from Newcastle Crime Scene to the Department of Forensic Medicine in Glebe (Exhibit Book). Exhibits dated prior to 1996 held by the Department of Forensic Medicine in Glebe have been destroyed.
 - ii. A Newcastle Crime Scene Officer advised that, having sought confirmation and advice from senior officers, their records date back only to 1995 and the Newcastle Crime Scene Section do not have the exhibits or any further information in relation to the Documents.
13. Other than the Exhibit Book which is referred to in paragraph 12.e.i above, no other Documents were located. The Exhibit Book was provided to the Inquiry on 8 December 2022. An electronic copy of the Exhibit Book was also provided to the Inquiry on 15 December 2022.
14. I consider the above searches and enquiries to be an exhaustive search of the Documents and no further avenues of enquiry are available to locate the Documents.

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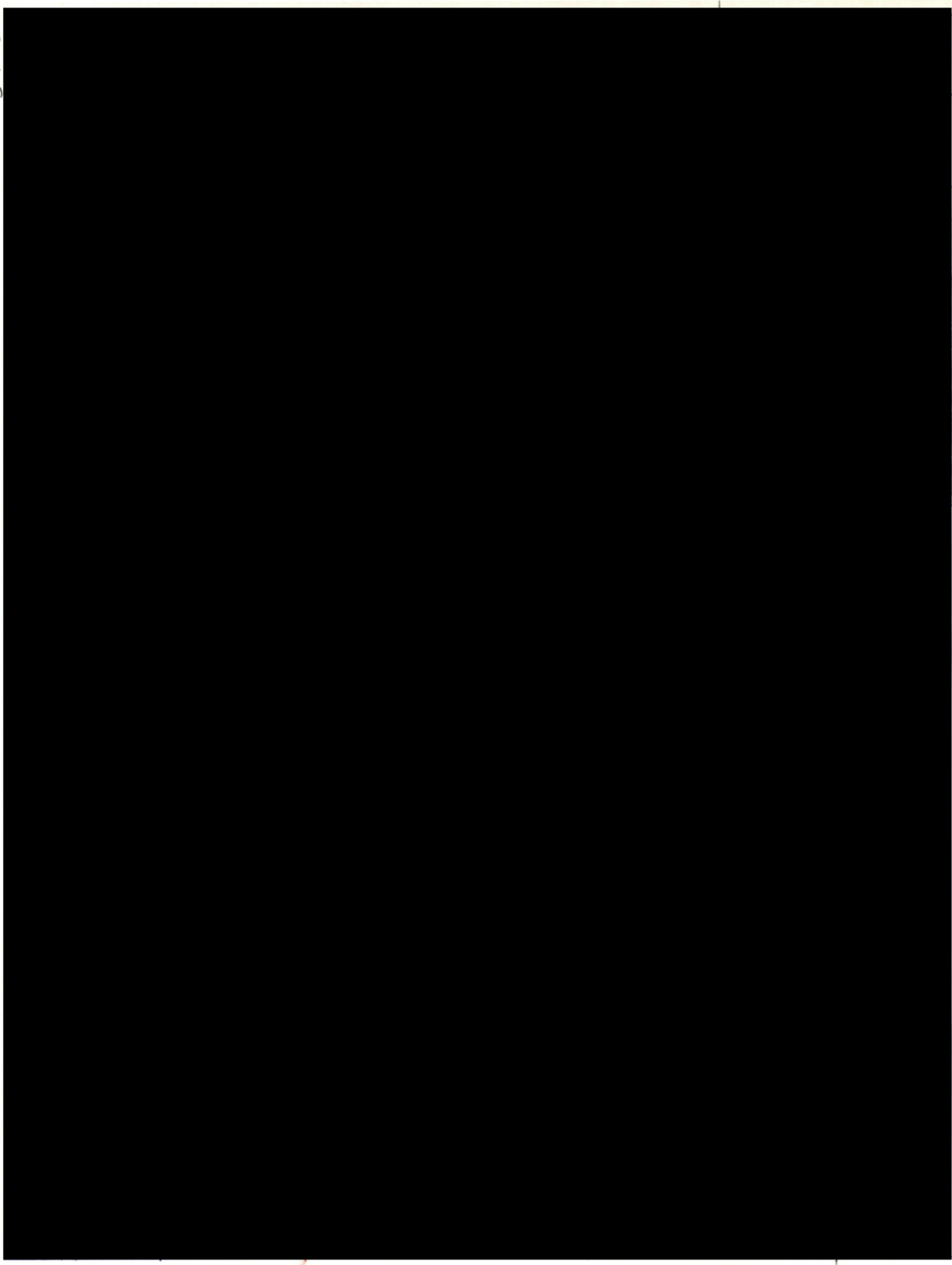
This is the document referred to as Annexure A in the statement of N Sheldon signed on 18 January 2023.

FORENSIC BIOLOGY LABORATORY

80/S39	Const. G J	Newcastle			Richard STAFFER
12.20 pm	Clawson				
30.12.80	Newcastle				

POLICE EXHIBITS REGISTER

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1	Blood 2,3 Swabs 4. Shirt 5 Underpants 6. Towels.	89.	6.
EXHIBITS REMOVED BY:			
SIGNATURE: <i>N. C. RAYMOND</i>			
NAME (PRINT): N. C. RAYMOND			
Station: New Castle			

This is the document referred to as Annexure B in the statement of N Sheldon signed on 18 January 2023.

B

FORENSIC BIOLOGY LABORATORY

F.S. No. DATE TIME BY	PERSONS DELIVERING EXHIBITS/STATION	LOCALITY	SUSPECT/S	VICTIM/S
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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80/S39 12.20 pm 30.12.80. Newcastle	Const. G J Clawson Newcastle	Newcastle		Richard STARR

POLICE EXHIBITS REGISTER

ITEM(S)	TAKEN BY	REPORTING OFFICE	TOTAL ITEMS
[REDACTED]	EXHIBITS REMOVED BY: SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] NAME (PRINT): [REDACTED] Station: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]	EXHIBITS REMOVED BY: SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] NAME (PRINT): [REDACTED] Station: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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SIGNATURE: [REDACTED]
NAME (PRINT): N. J. RAYMOND
Station: New Castle, Pa. 16101

C

This is the document referred to as Annexure C in the statement of N Sheldon signed on 18 January 2023.

N.S.W. POLICE - SPECIMEN/EXHIBIT EXAMINATION FORM*(Four copies of this form to be submitted - three will be sent, with the exhibits, to the Laboratory concerned and one copy to the Scientific Investigation Section.)*

LABORATORY **DIVISION OF FORENSIC MEDICINE.** Reference **FS 50/539.**
 POLICE STATION **NEWCASTLE.** Reference.....
 OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CASE **Det. S/C CLARK.** Telephone.....
 CORONER..... District.....
 COMPLAINANT..... Sex..... Age.....
 DECEASED **Richard SLATER** Sex **M** Age **69**
 DEFENDANT/S..... Sex..... Age.....
 ALLEGED OFFENCE **MURDER**
 DATE AND PLACE OF OFFENCE **19/12/80 Toilet block Birdwood Park, Newcastle.**

LIST OF SPECIMENS/EXHIBITS SUBMITTED.

(Ensure that all items are correctly packaged and labelled)

ITEM No.	DESCRIPTION	ITEM No.	DESCRIPTION
1.	One pair of brown and black check trousers taken from Richard SLATER on 19/12/80 CLAUSEN.		
2.	One pair of green striped underpants taken from Richard SLATER on 19/12/80. CLAUSEN.		
3.	One orange short sleeve shirt taken from Richard SLATER on 19/12/80. CLAUSEN.		
4.	One sample of blood taken from the deceased Richard SLATER by Dr BANATHY on 22/12/80.		
5.	One swab taken from blood stain on toilet floor near urinal on 19/12/80. CLAUSEN.		
6.	One swab taken from blood stain on tiled wall on right side of urinal on 19/12/80. CLAUSEN.		

Continue on separate sheet as necessary.

EXAMINATION REQUESTED FOR: Blood alcohol ; Carbon Monoxide ; Drowning ;
 *Drugs (toxicology cases) ; *Drugs (of addiction) ; Flammable liquid ;
 Physical or chemical comparison ; *Toxicology ; Other.....
 † Pathology ; Blood grouping ; Spermatozoa ; Virology

IMPORTANT: Consult relevant Police Instructions before submitting this form. *When poisons or drugs are suspected as cause of death and organs are submitted, this form MUST be accompanied by completed form Specimens for Toxicological Analysis and Form P79A. † Specimens for pathological examination MUST be accompanied by a copy of the doctor's Post Mortem Report and Form P79A - Report of Death to Coroner. If the Post Mortem Report is not immediately available, it should be despatched to the Division of Forensic Medicine as soon as it is prepared by the Medical Officer. **NO EXAMINATION WILL BE MADE** of specimens until the Post Mortem Report is received.

BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENCE OR CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH:

About 1.10pm on Friday 19/12/80 the person SLATER was found lying on the floor of the mens toilet in Birdwood Park, Newcastle West. It was apparent that he had been assaulted. There was a pool of blood near the urinal on the floor apparently from the head injuries of SLATER. There were also blood spots on the tiled wall of the area surrounding the urinal. The person Slater was admitted to Newcastle Hospital on that date and died on 22/12/80. A Post mortem was carried out and a blood sample taken from him.

Perhaps the items herewith could be examined for Spermatozoa and blood grouping.

Gary J Clausen
 Gary J Clausen
 Constable 1/c
 Newcastle Scientific Section.

The Superintendent in Charge, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES. Specimens/exhibits herewith in custody of Rank. / /19 Stn.	Forwarded for favour of examination of the specimens/exhibits listed overleaf. Superintendent in Charge, Scientific and Technical Services.
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CONVEYED TO LABORATORY BY
 Name GARY J. CLAUSEN Rank CONST. 1/c Station N'CLE
 RECEIVED BY on 30 / 12 / 1980
 RETURNED TO Rank Station
 Signature Date / /19
 HANDED TO ABOVE BY
 CERTIFICATE SENT TO on / /19

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 POLICE STATION **NEWCASTLE.** Reference.....
 OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CASE **DET. S/C CLARK.** Telephone **20441.**
 CORONER..... District.....
 COMPLAINANT..... Sex..... Age.....
 DECEASED **Richard SLATER** Sex **M** Age **69**
 DEFENDANT/S..... Sex..... Age.....
 ALLEGED OFFENCE **MURDER.** Sex..... Age.....
 DATE AND PLACE OF OFFENCE **19/12/80 Toilet block Birdwood Park, Newcastle.**

LIST OF SPECIMENS/EXHIBITS SUBMITTED.

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ITEM No.	DESCRIPTION	ITEM No.	DESCRIPTION
1.	Two (2) Anal swabs taken from Richard SLATER on 22/12/80 by DR BANATHY.		
2.	1 pair of bone coloured wrangler jeans.		
3.	1 white short sleeve singlet.		

Continue on separate sheet as necessary.

EXAMINATION REQUESTED FOR: Blood alcohol ; Carbon Monoxide ; Drowning ;
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BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENCE OR CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH:

About 1.10pm on Friday 19/12/80 the person Slater was found lying on the floor of the mens toilet in Birdwood Park, Newcastle West. It was apparent that he had been assaulted. There was a pool of blood near the urinal on the floor apparently from the head injuries of Slater. There were also blood spots on the tiled wall of the area surrounding the urinal. The person Slater was admitted to Newcastle Hospital on that date and died on 22/12/80. A Post Mortem was carried out and a Blood sample taken from him, together with the two (2) Anal smears.

On 15/1/81 the person Bruce Colin CARROLL was arrested by Detectives for Stealing. Items 2 and 3 on this form are clothing taken from him and blood stains were detected thereon. This person is considered a suspect for the offence. Perhaps the clothing could be examined with this in mind.

Gary J. Clausen
 Constable 1/c
 Newcastle Scientific Section.
 12 January 1981.

<p>The Superintendent in Charge, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES.</p> <p>Specimens/exhibits herewith in custody of <i>Gary J. Clausen</i> Gary J. Clausen Rank. Const. 1/c Stn. Newcastle sis 15/ 1 /1981</p>	<p>Forwarded for favour of examination of the specimens/exhibits listed overleaf.</p> <p>..... Superintendent in Charge, Scientific and Technical Services.</p>
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CONVEYED TO LABORATORY BY
 Name.. Gary J. Clausen Rank. Constable 1/c Station. Newcastle S.I.S.

RECEIVED BY *Sandra Spence* on 15 / 1 /19 81

RETURNED TO Rank Station

Signature..... Date / /19

HANDED TO ABOVE BY

CERTIFICATE SENT TO on / /19

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LABORATORY Division of Forensic Medicine Reference FS/80/539
 POLICE STATION Newcastle Reference.....
 OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CASE Det. Sen. Const. Clark Telephone 20441 ext.32
 CORONER..... District.....
 COMPLAINANT..... Sex..... Age.....
 DECEASED Richard SLATER Sex M Age 59
 DEFENDANT/S..... Sex..... Age.....
 ALLEGED OFFENCE MURDER
 DATE AND PLACE OF OFFENCE 19/12/80 Toilet block, Birdwood Park.

LIST OF SPECIMENS/EXHIBITS SUBMITTED.

(Ensure that all items are correctly packaged and labelled)

ITEM No.	DESCRIPTION	ITEM No.	DESCRIPTION
10	Blood sample taken from Bruce Colin CARROL on 15/1/81.		
Continue on separate sheet as necessary.			

EXAMINATION REQUESTED FOR: Blood alcohol ; Carbon Monoxide ; Drowning ;
 *Drugs (toxicology cases) ; *Drugs (of addiction) ; Flammable liquid ;
 Physical or chemical comparison ; *Toxicology ; Other.....
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BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENCE OR CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH:

This offender was arrested on 15 January 1981, and his clothing was conveyed to the Division of Forensic Medicine, on 51 January 1981 for blood grouping. This blood sample was taken later on 15 January 1981.

Gary J Clausen

**Gary J Clausen
Constable 1st Class no. 17070
Scientific Investigation Section
Newcastle Police Station
21 January 1981**

<p>The Superintendent in Charge, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES.</p> <p>Specimens/exhibits herewith in custody of Const. N J Raymond</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Rank. Stn. / /19</p>	<p>Forwarded for favour of examination of the specimens/exhibits listed overleaf.</p> <p>..... Superintendent in Charge, Scientific and Technical Services.</p>
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CONVEYED TO LABORATORY BY
Name **N J Raymond** Rank **Const. 1/C** Station **Newcastle**

RECEIVED BY *Sandra George* on **22 / 1 / 19 81**

RETURNED TO Rank. Station.

Signature. Date / /19

HANDED TO ABOVE BY

CERTIFICATE SENT TO

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 COMPLAINANT..... Sex..... Age.....
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 DEFENDANT/S..... Sex..... Age.....
 ALLEGED OFFENCE MURDER Sex..... Age.....
 DATE AND PLACE OF OFFENCE 19/12/80 Toilet block, Birdwood Park.

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Gary J Clausen
Constable 1st Class no. 17070
Scientific Investigation Section
Newcastle Police Station
21 January 1981

The Superintendent in Charge,
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES.

Specimens/exhibits herewith in custody
of **Const. N J Raymond**

[Signature]
Rank. / Stn. / 19

Forwarded for favour of examination of
the specimens/exhibits listed overleaf.

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Superintendent in Charge,
Scientific and Technical Services.

CONVEYED TO LABORATORY BY

Name..... **N J Raymond** Rank. **Const. 1/C** Station..... **Newcastle**.....

RECEIVED BY..... *Sandra George* on **22 / 1 / 19 81**

RETURNED TO..... Rank..... Station.....

Signature..... Date / / 19

HANDED TO ABOVE BY.....

CERTIFICATE SENT TO..... on / / 19

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This is the document referred to as Annexure D in the statement of
N Sheldon signed on 18 January 2023.

FS: 80/539

DIVISION OF FORENSIC MEDICINE
42-50 PARRAMATTA ROAD
GLEBE.

16 February 1981

Re: Alleged Murder of - Richard SLATER.

I, Sandra Anne GORRINGE,
hereby certify as follows:

(1) I am employed as an acting Forensic Biologist by
the Health Commission of New South Wales.
My scientific qualifications are Bachelor of
Science of the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

(2) I made a scientific examination of the following
articles received from Const. 1/c G.J. Clausen of
Newcastle S.I.S. on the thirteenth day of December,
1980:

1. Blood - labelled taken from Richard SLATER.
2. Swab (floor)
3. Swab (wall)
4. Shirt)
5. Underpants) 'taken from Richard SLATER'
6. Trousers)

On the fifteenth day of January, 1981 I received from
Const. 1/c G.J. Clausen of Newcastle S.I.S. the following:

7. Anal smears (2)
8. Jeans) 'taken from CARROLL'
9. Singlet)

On the twenty second day of January, 1981 I received
from Const. 1/c N.J. Raymond of Newcastle Police the
following:

10. Blood sample - labelled, from Bruce Colin CARROL.

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FS: 80/539 (cont'd)

(3)

As a result of such examination I find as follows:

Richard SLATER was a Hp 2-2, PGM 2 (subtype 2+) individual.

Bruce Colin CARROLL is a Hp 2-1, PGM 1 (subtype 1+) individual.

Human semen was found upon the shirt (item 4) and on the trousers (item 6) but there was insufficient for any conclusive grouping results to be obtained on either item.

Semen was not detected on the anal smears (items 7a & b), underpants (item 5), jeans (item 8) or singlet (item 9).

Grouping tests were carried out on the bloodstained areas and the following results were obtained. Human blood was found on all items in the table.

Number	Item	Blood Group System		
		Hp	PGM	PGM subtype
1.	Blood - SLATER	2-2	2	2+
10.	Blood - CARROLL	2-1	1	1+
2.	Swab (floor)	2-2	2	2+
3.	Swab (wall)	2-2	2	Insufficient
4.	Shirt	2-2	2	Unsuccessful
5.	Underpants	2-2	2	2+
6.	Trousers	2-2	2	2+
8.	Jeans	2-1	Insufficient	

Blood was not detected on the singlet (item 9).

GIVEN under my hand at SYDNEY

this sixteenth day of February, 1981:



S.A. Gorrings
Forensic Biologist.

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

SAG:ad

FSt 80/539

16 February 1981

URGENT MATTER.Re: Alleged Murder of - Richard SLATER.

A report is submitted herewith.

Police paper is also attached.

It would be advisable to phone 660-6977 ext. 205 before calling for any relevant exhibits which should be removed as soon as possible.

Division of Forensic Medicine.THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

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This is the document referred to as Annexure E in the statement of N Sheldon signed on 18 January 2023.

Neil Sheldon

From: David Bruce (NSW Health Pathology) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 14 December 2022 11:09
To: Penny Drury; Anne Coady
Cc: Clint Cochrane (NSW Health Pathology)
Subject: RE: Special Commission of Inquiry re LGBTIQ hate crimes (NSWPF39) - death of SLATER 1980 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 800539_Reports_14122022.pdf; 800539_P377s_14122022.pdf
Importance: High

Good Morning Penny

I apologise for the delay in replying.

I have located the microfiche of the case file for this case (our ref. FS80/0539) and attached copies of the reports and P377s. The receipt records indicate that the exhibits were dispatched to a N J RAYMOND from the Newcastle Police on the 19th February 1981.

I can also tell you that we have no exhibits or samples from this case stored at FASS.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Kind Regards

David

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To: Anne Coady [REDACTED]; David Bruce (NSW Health Pathology)
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Subject: Special Commission of Inquiry re LGBTIQ hate crimes (NSWPF39) - death of SLATER 1980 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon

We have received a further summons for the Special Commission of Inquiry re LGBTIQ hate crimes (NSWPF39). This summons relates to the death of Richard SLATER (DOB 19/04/1911 ; DOD 22/12/1980) following his assault on 19/12/1980. The return date for this summons is 10am on 15/12/2022.

The commission are seeking details of what exhibits are held and their current location. The exhibits in question were documented under ref FS 80/539 and were:

1. Blood taken from Mr Slater
2. Swab taken from the floor of the crime scene
3. Swab taken from the wall of the crime scene
4. Shirt worn by Mr Slater
5. Underpants worn by Mr Slater
6. Trousers worn by Mr Slater.

In addition there is reference in the statement of Cst Gary CLAUSEN (SIS, Newcastle) of 2 anal smears, so any further information on those would also be handy. According to CLAUSEN these were all examined by Forensic Medicine, Glebe and returned to CLAUSEN between January 1981 and June 1981.

Event number E 63870652 relates, however this was created by Peter Costello in 2017 and there are nil entries on EFIMS.

An inquest into the death of SLATER occurred on 18 June 1981. At this time the clothing items were documented as being held as exhibits at the inquest. To date, this is the last reference to the exhibits that I have been able to locate.

Any assistance in regards to identifying what exhibits are held and their current location would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks
Penny



Penny Drury

Detective Senior Constable, LGBTIQ+ Liaison Officer & Peer Support Officer

Special Commission of Enquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

Unsolved Homicide Squad, State Crime Command, Parramatta

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