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MURDER OF WALTER JOHN BEDSER, BORN 3/9/33 OF [REDACTED]  
 AT 4 DARCY STREET PARRAMATTA ON 2/12/80

About 1.15 m to 2.00pm on 2/12/80 Mr. Walter John BEDSER, born 3/9/33 of [REDACTED] was working in his Antique Shop which is situate at 4 Darcy Street Parramatta when it is thought a male offender entered his shop and an arguement ensued. Whilst the arguement was in progress, passersby heard noises coming from the shop and upon looking in through the window, saw Bedser and a male person engaged in a fight. A short time later the offender was seen to run from the shop into Darcy Street, calling out to get an ambulance, he then hurried down Darcy Street, crossed Church Street and was last seen waking through St. John's Park (the grounds surrounding the church).

A short time after he had left the shop, Bedser staggered from the shop bleeding heavily, he staggered across the footpath and collapsed in a fruit shop about twenty feet from the door of his own shop. The ambulance and Police were summoned to the scene. The ambulance officers (Paramedics) revived Bedser however when he arrived at the Parramatta District Hospital, he was in fact dead. They revived him again, however owing to the extreme loss of blood, he eventually died.

We attended the Parramatta District Hospital morgue and viewed the body of the deceased and it was seen that there were massive gashes to his left arm and body, one wound which was under his right pectoral was obviously caused by a sharp knife, the knife apparently punctured the liver and this was no doubt what caused death. The other massive gashes to his arm could have been caused by the flaying of the knife or glass from the cabinets within the shop which were broken at the time of the altercation between the deceased and the offender. There was also a stab wound to the upper part of the chest on the left side of the body

During the course of the inquiries, it was ascertained that at about 10.00 on 2/12/80, a man fitting the description of the person seen running from Bedser's shop about 2.00pm, went to Toy World which is in the arcade which is about fifty feet from the shop owned by Bedser, and purchased a sheath knife from a salesgirl, Debbie Faye SMITH. It would appear at this stage that this is the same person who stabbed Bedser. He paid \$15 odd dollars for the knife.

It was also learned that the deceased has homosexual tendencies having been spoken to in 1977 in a park at Parramatta in the company of a man named [REDACTED] 148 of [REDACTED] 148 was interviewed by Muswellbrook Police 10.30pm this date and it was learned that he was in his home town all day, he is getting over an operation he had at Concord General Hospital during the later part of October this year, he does not fit the description of the offender, however he is a dead set poofter.

The description of the suspect/offender has been circulated vide wireless message 35 on 2/12/80 and a message was also circulated directing Police to visit hospitals in their areas so that in the event of any person seeking treatment, the hospitals could contact their local Police. The reason for this message was that there was a considerable amount of plate glass smashed in the shop and the offender could easily have cut himself during the altercation.

Statements have been obtained from a number of witnesses, Det. McVicker of the C.I.U and Rod Amery of the M.O. Section have made a thorough check regarding the deceased and his associates, however at this stage the only information we have is in relation to [REDACTED] 148 aforementioned.

The Fingerprint Section attended and have developed a number of prints. Det. Sgt. Carter of the Parramatta Scientific Bureau conducted a thorough scientific examination of the premises and surrounding area and carried out his job correctly.

Local occurrence pad entry attached.

It might be noted that the deceased is a ~~single~~ SINGLE man, residing with his parents at the [REDACTED] address and as previously stated he is a cat.

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