

Homicide Squad.  
8.12.80.

SYNOPSIS 80/174

MURDER OF WALTER JOHN BEDSER - PARRAMATTA - 2.12.80.  
(PREVIOUS SYNOPSSES 80/171 and 172)

There now appears to be some doubt as to the correctness of the information originally given in this matter which resulted in a suspect being circulated in Wireless Message 35 on the 2 instant. That message was circulated as a result of information provided by the greengrocer into whose shop the deceased staggered after being injured.

Doubt about the correctness of this information is as a result of [41] of [redacted] a sixteen year old student from [redacted] Parramatta being interviewed. She claims that at 2pm on the 2 instant she entered the shop of the deceased seeking a donation for a charity. When she entered the shop the deceased was behind the counter as was a woman she describes as being about 40. Both the deceased and the woman declined the request for a donation, the female saying, "We have our own charity!" Miss [41] claims she left the shop and crossed the footpath and almost immediately heard the breaking of glass and shortly after saw the deceased going towards the fruit shop saying, "I'm done get an ambulance." Miss [41] awaited until the ambulance arrived and did not notice the female or any other person leave the shop of the deceased.

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A second witness, John Roland PECK, an electrical engineer, of [REDACTED] gives a similar account to Miss [REDACTED] 141. He claims he was about 8 feet from the door of the deceased's shop at the time of the incident. He heard noises and the breaking of glass after which he saw the deceased run out of the door calling for an ambulance. Shortly after the deceased came out Peck claims he saw a female leave the shop who he describes as being in her twenties.

The fruit shop proprietor who supplied the information referred to at the commencement of this entry has been further interviewed and now says that he could be mistaken as he was shocked by the amount of blood coming from Bedser and it could have been Bedser who requested the ambulance. It seems possible that the shop-keeper described one of the many people who were quickly on the scene following the stabbing of Bedser.

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