

Homicide Squad,
15.12.80.

SYNOPSIS 80/177

MURDER OF WALTER JOHN BEDSER - PARRAMATTA - 2.12.80.
(PREVIOUS SYNOPSSES 80/171 - 176)

The penry produced with the assistance of witnesses and said to be a good likeness to the suspect has been released to the media and was featured in Friday's edition of Channel 10 Police File and also given wide coverage in week-end newspapers. There was reasonable public response, however, at this stage it does not appear that any of the information volunteered regarding likely suspects will be of assistance.

A witness previously referred to in Synopsis 80/175 gave information of seeing the deceased and his attacker fighting prior to the stabbing. She agrees that the penry is a good likeness to the person she saw. She also claims that some weeks prior to this incident she saw a piece of furniture referred to as a 'winged back lounge chair' on display in the shop window. There is no record in the books produced to Police of this item being in stock or having been purchased or sold.

A possible explanation for this has been provided by Mrs. HORWOOD who until recently was the book-keeper at the deceased's shop. She claims that the deceased kept a second set of books with the knowledge of other members of his family and it was Mrs. Horwood's refusal to be a party to this method of book-keeping that brought about her dismissal.

This item of furniture is of interest as a Mr. HADLEY of the auctioneering Firm of I. STEER & COMPANY claims that a person of the same appearance to the one depicted in the penry approached him about selling a 'winged back lounge chair'. Hadley quoted him a fairly low amount and the suspect advised him that an antique dealer in Parramatta had quoted him a price of \$850. This prompted Hadley to advise the suspect to grab the amount offered.

The assistance of the Dealer's Squad will be sought in an attempt to straighten out the book-keeping methods which hopefully will throw some light on the piece of furniture in question and possibly the suspect.

Detective Sergeant Wakefield, Detectives Feszczuk and Trebley.