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Motive riddle in arcade murder

Police have issued an Identikit picture of a man wanted for questioning about the murder of a Parramatta antique dealer.

Detective Sergeant John Wakefield of the Homicide Squad said police still had no clue about the motives behind the stabbing of Walter John Bedser, 47, in his shop in Parramatta Arcade on December 2.

Detective Sergeant Wakefield said the picture had been drawn from descriptions by "a number of people" who saw a man flee from the antique shop about 2pm on the day Mr Bedser died.

"The description also fits the description of a man who bought a knife from another shop in the arcade earlier that day," he said.

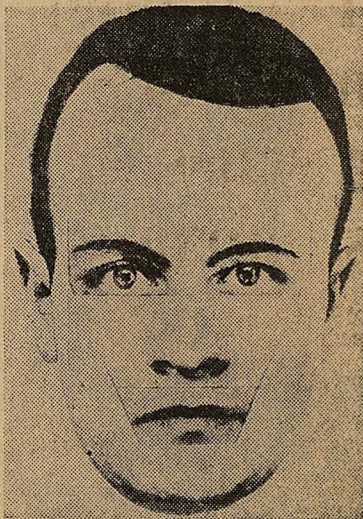
People passing the shop at the time heard a commotion and saw Mr Bedser fighting with a man in the shop.

The man ran from the shop, fled across nearby Church Street and disappeared into St John's Park.

Mr Bedser staggered into a neighbouring fruit shop before dying.

The police want to hear from anyone who might know the man they are seeking.

He is believed to be in his late thirties or early forties.



An Identikit picture of the man sought by police.

The man was said to be wearing a light brown jacket or cardigan with darker brown trousers. He has medium length brown hair.

He appeared to be an Australian, solidly built and about 183cms (6ft) tall.