

## REVIEW OF AN UNSOLVED HOMICIDE CASE SCREENING FORM

You have been selected to undertake a review of an unsolved homicide. The review should be conducted in accordance with this 'Case Screening Form'. Once completed, the Case Screening Form will be forwarded to the Coordinator, Unsolved Homicide Review Team, Homicide Squad, State Crime Command. Your assessment of the available evidence and recommendation is necessary to assist in determining opportunities for re-investigation

### 1. Location of Brief of Evidence.

The original investigation documents must be located. The current location of these documents may depend upon the date of the murder you are reviewing and who conducted the inquiry. If the investigation is relatively recent, it may still be stored at the Local Area Command, which had carriage of the matter. Inquiries which were conducted by the former Major Crime Squads and investigations that are considerably more historical, will most likely be located at the Corporate Archives Records Repository, Bridge St, Stanmore, Ph: 95198189.

A manual inspection of the investigation records must be conducted as experience has shown that in older cases, exhibits are sometimes stored in the boxes along with the documents.

Many investigations will be voluminous and the transport of the entire investigation to an LAC office may not be viable. Facilities exist at the Archives for the documents to be inspected and an inventory conducted. Depending on the type of investigation management used during the inquiry, the investigation may be reviewed electronically. All former TIMS inquiries located by the Investigative Systems Support Unit have been converted into E@gle.i investigations. Secondary investigations into the same murder may also be recorded on E@gle.i. To obtain 'read only' access to the investigation contact should be made with the SSU on E/N 53909.

Victim:

Name:	Walter John BEDSER		
Gender	Male	D.OB	03/09/1933
Relative contact (if known)	Mrs Bedser (mother) [REDACTED] Shirley Driscoll [REDACTED] COPS 02/02/2003 (also worked occasionally for deceased knew background to business of deceased)		

Homicide Details:

Time & Date	About 1.40pm 02/12/1980
Location:	Antique Dealer Shop of Deceased at 4 Darcy Street, Parramatta.

COPS Event/P40 No.	80/6998	Attached	Y
Previous Investigation Name: (Strike Force/Task Force/Operation)			
Command in charge:		Parramatta Detectives Assistance from Homicide Squad	

## 2. Cause of death

If the Post Mortem results are not contained within the investigation documents, contact may be made with the relevant Coroner's Court. A request in writing with NSW Police letterhead must be forwarded to the Registrar of the court, outlining the information required.

Post Mortem Results:	Y		
Exhibits Retained:	Y	Location:	Clothing
Further Examination:	Y/N		
Comment: Post Mortem conducted by Dr Malouf Glebe – Died as a result of blood loss and lacerated Liver due to stab wounds. Stab wounds to the centre right of his chest, another wound to the upper left section of the chest above the heard and severe lacerations to both sides of the left arm in the vicinity of the muscle and lower section of the arm. (arm injuries possibly caused by glass due to falling during incident through glass cabinet. Other wounds apparently caused by a knife.			

## 3. Investigation Records

Investigation Records relate not only to the statements taken from witnesses etc; but to all documents generated during the investigation. For investigations conducted prior to 1990 the investigation will be recorded by way of running sheets typed on occurrence pad forms. From about 1990 onwards, the TIMS system of investigation management was used. In 1999 the conversion to E@gle.i began.

Investigation Records Located:	Y	Viclas Ref.	
Comment: 2 x boxes of material REPO /b/2003/17508 & 17509 – Contains 3 x folders of running sheets with copies. Statements. P 40, Murder File 1980/75, No OIC coroners statement or brief resume.			

During the 1960's, 1970's and early 1980's, 'Investigation Resumes' were formerly completed by the Officer in charge of a homicide investigation that was not solved. It was a summary of

the investigation, highlighting suspects, significant inquiries and evidence and was forwarded to the Superintendent of the Criminal Investigation Branch.

Investigation Resume:	Y: Investigative summary located completed by John McGregor and Graeme Trebley.
Comment: Investigative summary not complete resume, located completed by John McGregor and Graeme Trebley	

Progress Reports have been used by the former Crime Agencies since 1997 and the State Crime Command since 2002. They are a monthly report submitted by the officer in charge of an investigation, detailing the progress of the inquiry and significant events. Copies are maintained by Operations Co-ordination, State Crime Command.

Progress Reports:	N:
Comment:	

Post Operational Assessments are the current replacement for an Investigation Resume. They are submitted by the Officer in Charge of the investigation to Operations Co-ordination, State Crime Command, at the completion of an investigation.

Post Operational Assessment:	Y/N:
Comment:	

#### 4. Coroner's Inquest

Details of Coroner's Inquests, including Coroner's Findings, may be obtained from the Registrar of the relevant Coroner's Court by submitting a request in writing with NSW Police letterhead.

Coroner's Inquest Held:	Y/N: U/K	Date:
Court:	Coroner:	
Inquest Brief Located	Y/N:	

Findings: Inquiries have been made in relation to the coroners file relating to this matter however at this time no records at all can be found in relation to the matter.	
National Coroners Information System (NCIS):	Y/N (reference number)

## 5. Original Case Officer

Attempts should be made to locate and interview the original Case Officer even if they are no longer employed by the NSW Police Department. In the event that they are not located, another senior investigator from the inquiry should be approached. A list of investigators significantly involved in the investigation should be compiled.

OIC Name:	D/Sgt McGregor	Interviewed:	Y/N:
Serving Member:	No.	Location: Retired,	
<p>Comment:</p> <p>Retired John McGregor [REDACTED] spoken to – was of the opinion that the most likely scenario was that the murder related to his homosexual activities. No firm suspects could be established, felt that all the parents of the 15 yr old boys were eliminated as suspects. Stated he was very surprised they never got a result due to the fact so many people saw the POI. Felt they fully explored his past relationships as possible but with no result. Unable to shed any light on who did the inquest OIC statement. Believes he may have left before inquiry completely finished.</p> <p>Graeme Trebley [REDACTED] Victoria – retired spoken to believes that the feeling at the time of the investigation was that the murder related to the deceased background as a homosexual rather than other motives of robbery or the deceased ripping off a customer.</p> <p>D/Supt Feszczuck LAC Penrith spoken to – very similar opinion to that of John McGregor regarding the strong line of inquiry relating to his homosexual behaviour. Unable to shed any light on who did OIC inquest statement.</p>			

## 6. Weapons

The Ballistics Unit, Sydney Police Centre has a large store of firearms, ballistic material and exhibits with ballistic damage held in their office from historical murders. For other weapons see point 7.

Type:	Knife
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Recovered:	Yes.	Location: recovered at scene at time of offence
Further Examination	No, unable to be located	
Action:		
<p>Comment: Inquiries with Carl Cameron revealed that the knife was returned. Inquiries with Parramatta exhibits reveal that the exhibit is not located there. A check during a recent audit September 2007 of all exhibits did not locate it. It appears that it may have been destroyed.</p>		

## 7. Exhibits

The original Exhibit Book is obviously the best place to begin to track the movement and location of exhibits. Many homicide exhibits however were never entered into Station exhibit books as they were recovered from crime scenes by Crime Scene Officers and entered into Registers at the particular office at which the Officer was attached. From there, many were forwarded to DAL and other experts. Inquiries have revealed that there is still a large store of exhibits held at the CSU Satellite Offices. DAL are in possession of thousands of samples taken from exhibits for the period 1986 –1997. These samples were not analysed and a DNA sample placed on the data-base. From 1997, all DNA profiles obtained from samples were placed on the database.

Attempts should be made to locate all exhibits and determine what examinations have already taken place. The table below should be completed.

### Exhibits located

Exhibit	Location (exhibit No.)	Previous Examinations	Status
Knife	80/1903	To DAL on 10/12/1980	Unknown/unable to be located
P.M. Samples	80/1903	To DAL on 10/12/1980	Unknown/unable to be located
Blood Swabs	80/1903	To DAL on 10/12/1980	Unknown unable to be located
Doll		Fingerprints	

## 8. Fingerprints

There was no electronic fingerprint database in existence prior to 1986 when N.A.F.I.S. (National Automated Fingerprint Identification System) was established. All fingerprints were categorised and searched manually. When N.A.F.I.S. was established this enabled the capability of searching fingerprints electronically rather than by manual means. Palm prints for serious crime were back-captured on N.A.F.I.S. Fingerprints retrieved from homicide crime scenes were collected and filed in unsolved homicide files at the Fingerprint Latent Unit – Major Crime. All historical Fingerprint Major Crime Files are held with the Records Unit on

Level 1, Tower B of Police Headquarters. (A list of these case files are in possession of the Commander, Latent Print Section, Fingerprint Operations, Criminal Identification Specialist Branch (C.I.S.B.)). Contact can be made with staff at the Major Crime Response Section on 27388 For cases occurring after 1986 results can be viewed through FCSR. In May 2001 N.A.F.I.S. was upgraded (N.A.F.I.S. 2) which allowed the capability of searching palm print impressions. It would appear that there are no archived records dating back to prior to 1971.

Fingerprints Available:	N
Fingerprint Case Number:	80/9166
Major Crime Reference Number:	
Person Identified:	3 x persons identified, <span style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">I205</span> Dob <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> Geoffrey Smith Dob <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> <span style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">I206</span> Dob <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> See synopsis.
Comment:	During the initial investigation numerous fingerprints were submitted and eliminated. A review of the fingerprint case has yielded the above results, which are listed in the synopsis.

#### 9. Witnesses

#### **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE WITNESSES TO BE CONTACTED AS PART OF THE REVIEW PROCESS**

Witnesses are not to be contacted during this process, as the relationship between witnesses and suspects is not always known. The relationship between them may have changed over time and there is the possibility that the suspect may be alerted to a renewed investigation.

Also, it will not be desirable to raise the hopes of relatives, secondary victim's etc; that their matter will be re-investigated when it may be the case that nothing further can be done.

Witness lists must be extensive however inquiries will only need to relate to witnesses who provide significant evidence. Inquiries regarding witnesses should be confined to COPS, Intelligence Reports, RTA, Electoral Roll, Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages etc.

Witness:	Location:	How Located:	Relevance
Clive WATT	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>	Not located was retired at time may be deceased	Scene witness saw deceased after stabbed and POI leave shop
Debbie Smith	Previously of Parramatta address	SMITH, Debbie Faye <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> u/k if same person is a possibility COPS 2004.	Sold the knife to the POI at 10am in toy store in arcade at Parramatta
Phillip Stephens	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> COPS 1996	Worked in arcade saw POI leave shop and deceased after being stabbed

John Peck			Saw deceased come out of shop after being stabbed, also saw unknown woman
Ethole Janice ALDWINCKLE			Saw POI and deceased leave shop
Brant Warland BROWNE			Saw POI acting suspiciously between 1pm and 2pm vicinity of shop
<b>I41</b>		COPS 2005	Collecting money for charity entered shop just prior to murder saw female with deceased talking (same unknown woman as Peck ?)
Ross and Wendy CALKIN			With husband Ross went into shop about 12.30pm saw deceased and saw POI in shop asking about furniture
Eddie Mikha		COPS 2007	Saw the POI and the deceased leave shop after stabbing
Elsie Nealon	Unable to establish address	To numerous on COPS for name	Saw the POI prior to entering the shop about 1.30pm standing near a wall.
Gail Marshall		COPS 1997 shows male possibly husband John residing there.	Saw the POI leave shop after stabbing and run down street towards Church Street.
Elizabeth Beck	No find on cops	Unable to find on COPS	Saw the deceased and POI leave shop.
Rofiena Mary Davis	No find on COPS	No find on cops however Arnold Davis entry for 2000 maybe husband	Saw deceased and POI leave shop
<b>NP58</b>		Known to cops history re theft, driving matters, intell re drugs.	Homosexual relationship with the deceased at age 15
<b>NP59</b>		COPS 17/04/2004	Mother of <b>NP58</b> who was in underage homosexual relationship with deceased.
<b>I35</b>		RTA Sept 2006	Short homosexual relationship with

			deceased at age 15 had sexual encounter with him only Sunday before murder.
Marjorie Purnell		Born in [REDACTED] possibly deceased unable to locate, Lawrence Purnell at address in 1994	Background to business of deceased worked there doing bookkeeping and new young male employees
Raymond Hadley		Dob [REDACTED]	Worked as auctioneer suspect entered his shop about 12.30pm inquiring about price for furniture.
I48		RTA 1983. unknown possible - No crim History	Intell in 1977 meeting deceased in homosexual beat - toilets at Parramatta park
I46	Dob [REDACTED]	CNI [REDACTED] COPS Known re domestic assaults.	Worked for the deceased briefly deceased approached him for sex.
I40		COPS 12/01/2002 no crim hist	Knew the deceased through NP58 and I46 deceased asked for sex which he declined last saw Bedser 12 months before murder
I47	Dob [REDACTED]	COPS Sept 2007 no crim hist	Worked for the deceased at antique business casually had relationship with the deceased provides info regarding deceased visiting toilets
I39	Dob [REDACTED]	COPS 19/01/2005 no crim hist	Worked for the deceased in his shop and mowing lawns about 3 years prior, had sexual encounters with the deceased
Greg Boulton		COPS 26/08/2001 no crim hist	Friend to deceased, deceased had approached him for sex some time before but he declined was in a relationship, also assisted with shop

			and deceased would speak to him about his homosexual activities with young boys
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#### 10. Suspect/s

#### **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE SUSPECTS TO BE CONTACTED AS PART OF THE REVIEW PROCESS**

Inquiries regarding the location and status of suspects should be confined to those listed above. Of particular importance to the Review is the fact whether suspects have been charged with other offences since the original investigation (particularly sexually related offences). If suspects are identified, a current profile is to be completed listing address, phone number, intelligence reports, marital status, associates, employment and any other relevant information. Checks should be confined to COPS, Intelligence Reports, RTA, Electoral Roll, Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages etc.

Suspect Identified:	Y/N:	Profile attached:	Y/N:
Name:	DOB:	CNI:	Status:
Comment:			

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#### 11. Synopsis:

A synopsis of your review should be completed detailing the circumstances of the murder, lines of inquiry and any known suspects.

Synopsis:  Between 1.55pm and 2pm on Wednesday the 2 December 1980, the deceased of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who owned the antique Shop he was working in at 4 Darcy Street, Parramatta, when the offender entered the deceased shop. At this time some sort of altercation ensued, and passers by observed BEDSER leave the shop clutching at his chest
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calling for help. They also saw the POI leave the store either before or shortly after the deceased (varies from witnesses). The offender exited the store into Darcy Street and was heard to call out to witnesses to call an ambulance. He was last seen hurrying down Darcy Street, crossed Church Street and was last seen walking through St Johns Park. A short time later the deceased staggered from his shop, and walked across the footpath and collapsed in a fruit shop about 20 feet from his store. The deceased was revived at the scene and conveyed to Parramatta Hospital where he was pronounced dead. A Post Mortem revealed the cause of death was blood loss from a lacerated liver and left lung.

Inquiries at the scene revealed that a male fitting the description of the offender entered the Toy World shop in an arcade which was about 50 feet from the deceased shop, and purchased a knife from the shop assistant at 10am. There was a knife located inside the store. The knife from the store was subsequently sent to DAL for examination. A number of fingerprints were located at the scene.

#### **WITNESSES AT THE SCENE**

Debbie SMITH was working at the Arcade about 10am a man she describes as being 35 old, "5'5" to 5'6" average build, brown wavy hair, she was working and the male pointed to a knife in a cabinet and said, "I want that one." Mrs Smith took a Mundial Sherrifs Knife and showed to the male who said, "Yes that's the one." He paid \$15.50 for the knife and left. She was subsequently shown a penri of the male however could not remember what he looked like. She was of no further assistance.

Brant BROWNE a shop proprietor in Pitt Street saw a male matching the description of the offender; early 40's 5'6" to 5'8" very solid to stocky build, black wavy hair, wearing brown coloured trousers, light brown shirt and long sleeved jumper. The male was standing at the front of the alley way next to the antique shop some time between 1pm and 2pm. The male when noticed he was being observed by BROWNE walked off. He was shown the penri sketch and could not say for certain this was the male.

A charity worker [REDACTED] 141 was collecting when she entered the deceased shop about 2pm when she entered the shop she spoke to a female and a male in the shop who she stated were behind the counter asking them for a donation which they declined. She turned and walked out of the shop and was walking away and looking in the window when she heard the sound of glass breaking and screaming which she states sounded like a woman. She looked around in the direction of the shop and saw the man who had been in the antique shop come out through the door and saw he was bleeding. She did not see any other persons leave the shop at that point as she had been away from the door for some seconds. She described this female as 50 years old, about 5ft 6 fattish build, greying hair and curly around her face she was wearing an ordinary street dress. She did not see any male suspect leave nor the female. However she did not see any male in the store at the time she went in.

Athole Aldwinckle was passing by the arcade when she heard a series of crashing and grunting noises and looked in the doorway of the Antique shop which is situated at the entrance to the arcade. As she stopped a man ran out of the shop into Darcy Street. She states he was "hurrying" he shrugged his shoulders and threw his arms out and said, "It's nothing to do with me, I didn't do anything." He then went off down Darcy Street. The deceased then stumbled out of the shop covered in blood. She describes the male as 38 – 40 old, 5'9 5'10 he had a chunky nuggetty build, round face, medium complexion, he had dark hair which appeared straight, medium length, perhaps slightly receding at the front, with an Australian accent wearing khaki she states this looked like trousers like a delivery man.

Phillip Stephens the fruit shop proprietor heard screams coming from the arcade he also heard the sound of breaking glass. He went to the front of the antique shop and saw a man who he described as 48 old, 5'3 tall, heavy build, brown hair, this man said to the witness "call the ambulance quick". He went back to the shop and contacted ambulance, the deceased then staggered into his shop and collapsed. He was shown the penri and stated he did not see any person resembling the penri and couldn't assist further.

Rofiena DAVIS was walking down the footpath when she saw a male running towards her and he called out, "Get an Ambulance" Twice. She then continued on and saw the deceased at the fruit shop. She described the male as about 35 old 5"10" a bit on the heavy side, brown, hair, thinning at the front, parted from the left to the right like trying to conceal a bald area.

A number of other persons saw the offender leaving the shop and the scene running on foot up Darcy Street, towards Church Street. The descriptions vary slightly but are consistent with a male in his late twenties to mid forties (ages vary greatly), tall (6ft), medium to solid build, tanned complexion, wearing a brown safari style suit or darker brown jacket with lighter brown pants, slightly receding or swept back hair which was brown short but wavy/curly.

Mrs Daniels was seated in her vehicle and observed a male fitting the description ran from the direction of Darcy Street, across Church Street, past the front of her car then into St Johns Park, down the southern side of the church and when he got to hunter Street he slowed to a walk and went out of sight.

Simon DIKRANIAN contacted police he works within Westfield's and knew the deceased he was in the shop on the day before the murder about 1pm and saw a person he described as being male Australian, about 6ft solid build curly hair dressed in shorts with hair legs come into the shop of the deceased and started pushing the deceased around. He then went behind the counter into the office section and an argument ensued. The person then left. He further elaborated saying that the male in the identikit was similar to the male but he had a rounder face and pointier nose. He was also with another male who was taller and thinner but he did not take much notice. He cannot recall what they spoke about.

Raymond Morris HADLEY who was employed as an auctioneer at 20 Hassall Street, Parramatta states that about 12.30pm on the same day of the murder he had a male enter the showrooms he asked for a price on an antique lounge suite which he told him was valued at about \$300 to \$400. The male told him that he had been offered \$850 by an antique dealer in Parramatta and Hadley suggested he accept the offer. The male didn't say anything further and then just left the shop which he thought was strange. He is shown the penri of the suspect and identifies this as the same male but with curlier hair, he cannot assist any further.

A further witness Ross CALKIN and his wife Wendy CALKIN states they entered the shop around 12.30pm with his wife and they looked around the shop, he describes a male similar to the description of the suspect speaking with the deceased about furniture.

Another two witnesses also stated that they saw a male matching the description of the suspect in the vicinity of the shop about 1.30pm one described him as agitated the other stating he was staring at something.

Witness Ruth Decker also states about 12.10pm she saw a male similar in description to the POI outside the antique shop and to which the POI ran into her shopping trolley and she noticed and unusual ring on his finger which was white in colour with a milky coloured stone with a wishbone pattern around it.

Numerous people were identified during the investigation who entered the shop on the same day who purchased items or were browsing prior to the assault. These persons did not report seeing the suspect within the shop.

During the investigation there were a number of other persons who came forward with information about persons attending the shop who had arguments or were suspicious these lines of inquiries were followed some of these persons identified but were of no further assistance and ended without result.

According to running sheet information the identikit was shown on the news that evening. Newspaper articles were also published relating to the murder asking for information. It is unclear from running sheets and statements which witness actually assisted with the penri



sketch.

If the witnesses accounts of events are correct the suspect has continued to stay in the area after purchasing the knife at 10am from the arcade and been seen by a number of persons even possibly entering the deceased shop prior.

#### **ASSOCIATES & BACKGROUND OF DECEASED**

The deceased resided with his mother Mrs Edna Bedser she was unaware that her son was a homosexual he had indicated to her that he had an American girlfriend and would introduce her to his mother one day. The deceased mother had won the lottery - \$60000 and given the deceased \$20000 and her daughter Shirley Driscoll the same. He apparently wished to buy a property however his mother did not wish this as she would have to mortgage her home wish she was unwilling to do. She states he didn't have money problems he had however discussed with his mother that he was tired in the shop and wanted to sell it. It appears he was a promiscuous homosexual particularly partaking in short casual contacts with young boys (including those around 15 - 16 )and had years prior done some work as a drag queen but had not done so for some years.

Charles Joseph Duffield was interviewed he knew the deceased as having sold him motor vehicles, He provided background of the deceased stating he was homosexual or bi sexual. The deceased had told him that he was having a relationship with a 16 year old girl in the Harris Park area and at one time he had been in the shop at Harris Park which is owned by her father which was a Deli. A number of inquiries were made to locate this person however the girl was never identified. Other persons interviewed later who knew the deceased stated that the deceased had a dislike of females and would not be involved in a relationship with one.

Duffield had also seen him on a number of occasions with a 19 year old boy Italian or greek. Inquiries later revealed that this male was **Possibly NP58** [REDACTED] The deceased had also told him he was having a relationship with his bookkeeper and smoked marijuana.

**NP58** mother was a friend to the deceased who was introduced through him as he was employed by the deceased. She maintained during the investigation she did not have a relationship with the deceased and did not know of any sexual relationship with her son. She had borrowed money from him in the amount of \$300 previously.

Relating to **NP58** was information from NRMA insurance who received an anonymous call that he had financed a car for him and he was to repay the loan but instead he paid back in instalments and still owed \$800 refusing to pay the remainder. The caller stated that he gave a man named John \$400 to dispose of the vehicle. The investigator believed the male was the deceased, however when he was spoken to denied it was him. The vehicle was stolen and burnt out on the 27/9/1980 and at the time **NP58** was in company with a **I42**. During the subsequent investigation by NRMA **NP58** admitted that his father had purchased the car and he had borrowed money from John Bedser. **NP58** stated that all but \$200 was owed to the deceased which was eventually repaid as he was late in paying it there had been an argument. The NRMA investigator interviewed **NP58** and was of the opinion that **NP58** knew that Bedser had provided information to the NRMA. Investigators interviewed **NP58** and John and the claim was marked suspicious and the NRMA were going to reinterview the parties. Mrs **NP59** then contacted on the 16/12/1980 and wished to find out when the settlement of the claim would be finalised. She was then informed she could collect a cheque for \$2 899.

**NP58** was interviewed on the 8/12/1980 he stated he had formed a relationship with the deceased whilst working for him doing deliveries and the like, however no actual intercourse took place. The deceased would sometimes pay him for oral sex he also went away with him on a number of occasions to auctions in the country on weekends. He states that he the deceased and he had a falling out over money relating to the purchase of another motor vehicle after the other vehicle was stolen and burnt out he states the deceased would not lend him further monies so they parted ways. He alleges the money for the first vehicle was paid back to the deceased the initial loan was until his father got money from a compensation



pay out. He supplied fingerprints for elimination and did not match the description of the POI. He alleges that the deceased did not attend homosexual beats whilst in the relationship with **NP58**

**NP58** sister was spoken to and stated she was unaware that her family had borrowed money from the deceased and stated that the deceased had treated her like a sister and never made any advances towards her. She also stated that once **NP58** had stopped working at the antique shop she hadn't seen the deceased for about 3 months only on one occasion when he was leaving work in his vehicle. She stated that the deceased had not visited their home for about 3 to 4 months. The father of **NP58** did not apparently match the description of the POI.

A tape of a conversation between the deceased and **NP59** was forwarded through the deceased solicitor, this related to a conversation that the deceased had taped where she came to him about the monies owed to him. The transcript shows that **NP59** may have owed the deceased monies and he was threatening to take the matter further with his solicitor taking out a small claims debt. **NP59** was difficult to understand through the transcript due to her being from a non English speaking background. She appeared to be rambling about the fact that she didn't owe him anything or that if she did he should wipe the debt as he had no financial issues as he had won the lottery. It was the opinion of the reviewer upon reading the transcript that there may have been veiled threats in relation to his relationship with the deceased being he was only young. However the deceased never seemed to be drawn into this and stated he would report the matter to his solicitor. The deceased apparently did report this to his solicitor however it was never fully pursued. The deceased stated to his solicitor that the matter had been sorted out.

During his interview **NP58** provided further background on the deceased associates those being; **I47** – interviewed – states he worked for the deceased on a part time basis moving furniture etc until about April 1980 the deceased then employed another boy **I35**. He stated he knew the deceased was homosexual and the he had told the deceased he wasn't he denies any homosexual acts with the deceased. He had gone away with the deceased to help him with moving antiques in Wollongong one weekend but nothing happened. After a second interview he admitted being homosexual and engaged in acts with the deceased and informed investigators the deceased used to frequent "beats" in toilets at parks. He did not recognise the penri sketch image. Sister to **I47** provides alibi.

**NP58** stated another boy named **I39** worked there, a fat man 25 – 27 old, fair complexion 5" 10" wore loose clothing unnamed who visited for coffee and was a "poofter" according to **NP58** about 12 months prior regularly visited, a male called **I38** who worked at the psychiatric centre up near Parramatta Gaol who lived with another man (later identified as Boulton see below), about 21 – 22 old, straight black shoulder length hair 5"9 5" 10" maybe English medium build always wore suits **NP58** directed investigators to his address as the deceased and he had visited there on one occasion.

**I42** was spoken to and informed that **NP58** had previously worked for the deceased where he apparently stole jewellery and on sold it at school. Bedser apparently found out and organised for some to be bought back by a person known to him to try and catch **NP58** however this plan failed when he found out about the deceased trying to catch him. He also stated he was not aware that **NP58** was a homosexual. He stated **NP58** had told him that the deceased was a homosexual. He stated he never attended the deceased shop. He was also aware that **NP58**'s family had some legal papers regarding money owed to Bedser by **NP58**. **NP58** allegedly visited Bedser and got him to withdraw the legal process. He believed that the \$500 was still owed to the deceased. He was present at a friends house when **NP58** was told about Bedser's death he said he was glad he was dead but also commented that it was a slack way for him to have died. It was this meant in the violent manner in which it occurred. **I42** admitted to lying to NRMA investigators and was aware the vehicle was going to be stolen and burnt out a mate of **NP58**'s, Garry.

**I35** was spoken to he worked for the deceased from August 1980 on

weekends helping with deliveries and moving furniture. He also mowed the deceased lawn and other chores at home. He engaged in sexual acts with the deceased. He travelled to Melbourne, recently with the deceased and last saw him on the Sunday before he was murdered.

**I39** worked for the deceased doing lawns and also in the antique shop, about 3 years prior. He would engage in masturbation with the deceased, went on a some trips to get antiques with the deceased, ceased working for him about 3 to 4 mths before the murder of the deceased and hadn't seen him since.

A male by the name of **I46** was also identified as a possible associate having a relationship with the deceased he was about 19 years old and Greek. He was interviewed and stated he met the deceased through **NP58**. He went on two trips with him regarding auctions for furniture where the deceased propositioned him and to which he stated that he would beat him if he tried to do anything. He last saw the deceased about 8 months ago. He further states he thought that **NP58** and the deceased parted company because **NP58** found out that Bedser was homosexual. He thought he was good friends of the deceased and he had bought **NP58** gifts including a TV and a watch. He states he never attended the deceased shop. He further stated that **NP58**'s association with the deceased had caused some problems with his parents because he was always with the deceased. Bedser once saw **NP58** and **I46** together and the deceased apparently expressed that he disapproved of **NP58** associating with **I46**.

**I40** was spoken to he was introduced to the deceased by **NP58**. **I40** wanted **NP58**'s job at the shop after **NP58** was sacked he didn't get the job but became friendly with the deceased. The deceased asked **I40** for sex on number of occasions to which he refused. **NP58** and **I40** didn't speak anymore at this time as they had stolen his fathers car and **NP58** had crashed it and they were both arrested. **I40** associated with the deceased to the point where he visited the shop regularly and knew the deceased attended toilets "gay beats", including Doyle Park Parramatta, Ritchie Benaud Oval and toilets at Market Street, Parramatta. The deceased also mentioned he was having a sexual relationship with a female whom **I40** never met.

**I46** was spoken to he had known the deceased some 3 years ago hadn't seen him for some 8 months. Knew of the relationship with **NP58**, he worked briefly for the deceased and went on a trip with him for auctions when the deceased approached him for sex to which **I46** refused him and parted company.

**I48** was spoken to in Muswellbrook who was sighted with the deceased in an intell report relating to homosexual behaviour at St Johns park in 1977. His father was spoken to and he stated his son was in Concord Hospital for an operation and 1/11/1980 he went to the home of his father and had been there since. His father provided an alibi of him being at home. He denied any knowledge of knowing the deceased also.

Marjorie Joyce Purnell worked casually at the shop for the deceased was friends with the deceased mother and sister. It was suggested at some time during the investigation she was having an affair with the deceased however she denied this. She couldn't provide any assistance with regards to the deceased enemies or motives.

Margaret Horwood was interviewed she met the deceased in 1975 and in about May 1979 began to do some bookkeeping for him. She eventually "cooked" the books for the business he had a set of records which were kept from the ATO. She was not aware the deceased was a homosexual/paedophile. She also states the deceased business practices were "ruthless" he had complaints relating to his purchase of property for persons that did not know the quality of their items to be sold and would then sell it for much hirer. This was also mentioned by other persons related to his business. She couldn't however remember specific persons involved. She could not identify the penri sketch. She stopped attending the books in Sept or Aug 1980 as the deceased sister Shirley began to do them. She further states he was not a good business man with regards to his profits from the business. She also denied having an affair with the deceased which was mentioned by the deceased sister.



Gregory Boulton was spoken to (mentioned by [NP58]). Boulton worked as a n antique dealer working from Neutral Bay but also employed as a manager of the cooks magic Market Place, Westfield. He stated he knew the deceased since 1976 as an antique dealer, never having had a sexual relationship with him. He was aware that the deceased advertised for young boys to do jobs at his shop so he could procure them for sex which he thought was "distasteful" He had worked for the deceased once to give him a hand about a year prior to his death. He also stated that [NP59] owed the deceased \$300 the deceased had informed him of an alleged threat to the deceased (unknown nature no statement from Bolton just running sheet) he had suggested the deceased should tape record the conversations with her in the future. The last time he saw the deceased was the day prior when he went to his shop as there was a bomb hoax in Westfield and he was going to store money in the deceased safe, but didn't eventually do so. He also mentioned a male that he thought the deceased was having an affair with who was a hair dresser in the mall. He also mentioned his "ruthless" nature with customers. He had an alibi for the day of the murder.

[I38] was interviewed he had known the deceased for about 4 years and purchased numerous items from his store. He provided an insight into the deceased personal life. The deceased freely had conversations with him about his boyfriends and business. Occasionally the deceased would ask him to mind the shop when he came in. The deceased apparently talked about his homosexual activities with [I38] which he described as dangerous and leaving himself open for trouble. The deceased expressed to him that he had a like for young boys/teenage boys which [I38] felt was asking for trouble. He also informed him that he would visit public toilets and bring these persons back to his shop upstairs in the loft. He also stated he would give the teenage boys money or gifts. He said the deceased was disappointed that [NP58] would not sleep with him and he had given up on him. (apparently only engaging in masturbation or oral sex etc). The deceased had apparently asked [I38] to sleep with him to which he declined he offered him money for this but [I38] was not interested as he preferred to be in a relationship with someone rather than the deceased practice of casual contacts with unknown persons. He also described his work practices regarding ripping off customers. He also stated that he believed that the deceased would not be involved with any female as he expressed a dislike for them. He also mentioned other persons the deceased had been involved with a boy named Larry (no further info) and [I37] an Australian boy whose father was an alcoholic and had apparently threatened the deceased sometime in mid 1979 (no further details) He also said he had slept with a man from the drycleaners in Darcy Street and also a man from the hairdressers in the arcade (mentioned by others in information to police) He could not assist in identifying the penri sketch or with any further information. These persons were identified with negative results.

Extensive inquiries were made with numerous antique dealers and auctioneers relating to possible suspects and knowledge of the deceased. The penri sketch was showed to these persons however, they could not identify them. One of them stated that he thought that a male similar in description had attended auctions however he could not be identified. Extensive inquiries were made in relation to the persons purchasing items from the shop however these met with a negative result.

Inquiries were also made in relation to the deceased purchasing a white Pontiac from Melbourne through American auto imports with a negative result.

Although it is not recorded accurately it appears that many of the Poi's/young males who had sex with the deceased, parents were seen or spoken to and eliminated due to descriptions.

An analysis of a timeline related to possible sightings of the person of interest shows the POI was in the area for some time. If the witness accounts are correct the POI was seen at;

- 10am purchasing the knife in the arcade near to the scene of the murder.
- Approximately 12.30pm Ross and Wendy CALKIN were in the deceased shop when they saw a male similar description asking about furniture.
- Approximately 12.30pm Raymond Hadley an auctioneer at 20 Hassel Street, Parramatta (a short distance from the scene) spoke to a male matching the description asking about some furniture stating that he had already received a quote from another second hand dealer. (this may have been the deceased)
- Between 1pm and 2pm Brant BROWNE a shop proprietor in Pitt Street saw a male matching the description of the offender; standing at the front of the alley way next to the antique shop . The male then walked off. The male when noticed he was being observed by BROWNE walked off. Another witness also states they saw him around this time staring and appeared agitated.

A charity worker **141** was collecting when she entered the deceased shop about 2pm when she entered the shop she spoke to a female and a male in the shop who she stated were behind the counter asking them for a donation which they declined. She turned and walked out of the shop and was walking away and looking in the window when she heard the sound of glass breaking and screaming which she states sounded like a woman. She looked around in the direction of the shop and saw the man who had been in the antique shop come out through the door and saw he was bleeding. She did not see any other persons leave the shop at that point as she had been away from the door for some seconds. She described this female as 50 years old, about 5ft 6 fattish build, greying hair and curly around her face she was wearing an ordinary street dress. She did not see any male suspect leave nor the female. However she stated there was no other male in the store at the time she went in. It is possible this female left and the male entered while she was window shopping. This female was also described by another witness (in a running sheet ) as possibly shutting the door of the shop. It is unclear who this female was and she was apparently not identified but may have been one of the witnesses spoken to or never came forward however in any case she does not appear to have been with the POI and the POI was not sighted by witnesses with a female.

Extensive inquiries never identified a firm suspect in relation to the murder, it is unclear what the motive was as nothing appeared to be stolen from the shop. Throughout the investigation a number of persons and persons of interest prints were submitted for elimination however none were matched at the time. The knife was apparently located at the scene and sent for examination however cannot be located at this time.

It is the belief of the reviewer that the strongest line of inquiry that was pursued was that of **NP58** which related to possible retribution in relation to the deceased call to the NRMA regarding the vehicle. The parents of **NP58** were not similar in appearance however to the POI. They had the motive however an associate would have perpetrated the crime.

A likely motive was the fact that the deceased was engaging in sexual activities with young boys. He also met random persons for sex and sexual activities in toilet blocks bringing them to his shop leaving him somewhat vulnerable to persons wishing to make money form extortion or thefts or standover. This could mean that the person was relatively unknown to the deceased through any length of relationship or time. The offender appears to have been loitering in the area for some time and it appears was watching the deceased for a short time. There is also the possibility that this was a random act by a mentally disturbed person with a dislike for homosexuals or was apparently ripped off by the deceased. The assault seems to be somewhat premeditated however with the POI apparently buying the knife from the shop however this was some hours prior to the incident. It is also noted as strange that



the POI apparently visited another auction premises inquiring about furniture prior to apparently returning to the deceased shop. The POI appears to have also been seen by other witnesses in the shop earlier with the deceased inquiring about furniture also however the full extent of the content of that conversation was not heard by the witnesses.

The senior Detective course also reviewed this matter and there were a number of small issues relating to witness statement clarification and the possibility that a parent or similar to one of the young males may have had motive. This is the case however it appears that this line of inquiry was followed up by original investigators who conducted a very thorough background check of the deceased which included not only this inquiry but other lines relating to business dealings of the deceased also. It is unlikely given the time elapsed that witness accounts would have any further clarity now and there does not appear to be any line of inquiry that is outstanding and not pursued originally in 1980. It is unclear whether all running sheets are truly available as they finish abruptly in January 1981. There is also no OIC statement which summarises the whole investigation or identifies any firm suspect.

A review of the fingerprints relating to the matter has revealed the following persons identified ;

Located right middle and right ring on glass display case in shop - **I205** Dob **[REDACTED]** CNI **[REDACTED]**. - COPS check and RTA reveal that in 2005 was residing at **[REDACTED]**. Profile attached only known regarding telecommunications offence. This person would have been aged 15 at the time of the offence in 1980. He does not match the description of the offender, however may have been associated with other 15 year old boys that knew or worked for the deceased, he fits the type of boy that the deceased would try to have homosexual relationships with. A check of the running sheets and statements does not reveal this name. There is a **[REDACTED]** mentioned by **NP58** however this person was identified as a **I37** who was spoken to.

Located left thumb on glass display case in shop - **I206** Dob **[REDACTED]** CNI **[REDACTED]** - Not known to NSW COPS Matched CNI number registered in the Australian Capital Territory. The fingerprints have been registered on NAFIS as "police" this person may have applied to join or is a member of AFP or Territory Police, fingerprints taken on 2.8.99. A check of running sheets and statements does not reveal the name of this person. At the time of the offence in 1980 this person would have only been aged 9 years old and does not match the description of the offender.

Located left palm on glass display case in shop - Geoffery Smith Dob **[REDACTED]** now Deceased. Smith would have been aged 41 at the time of the offence. Smith was known for numerous offences, stealing matters, PCA, Fraud offences, Assault and Robbery. It appears from perusing the history of Smith that he was not in custody at the time of the offence and would have been aged 41 in 1980. See full profiles attached.

Smith is described on COPS as being 178cm tall, Caucasian olive complexion, with grey hair and blue eyes, obese build. A review of photos on I cops does show that he did have darker hair in the late 90's however no further photos are listed. This could vaguely fit a similar description to the POI.

Smith committed suicide on the 24/3/2002 by hanging himself, he was apparently living somewhat of a vagrant lifestyle and was an alcoholic. His son **[REDACTED]** committed suicide approx 1 year earlier who was 30 years old at the time and was also an alcoholic suffering from depression. Smith had another son **[REDACTED]** born **[REDACTED]** who is well known to police for domestic violence and assault related offences. These two sons would have only been approx 11 years old in 1980.

A check of running sheets and statements does not reveal the name of this person.

**12. Recommendation:**

You must submit a recommendation on the potential for any further investigation, including the scope of any subsequent investigation eg; opportunity for DNA link, potential for Undercover Operative to be employed, witnesses to be reinterviewed due to change of circumstances. If you recommend that further investigation should take place, list the most appropriate contact person should be listed.

**Recommendation:****Lines of inquiry;**

The fingerprint file for this case should be reviewed to review where all fingerprints that were identified previously were located in the deceased shop to give an accurate indication of the location of the prints identified.

Inquiries should be made to locate the two persons **I206** and **I205** and ascertain their knowledge relating to the incident. However are not considered suspects due to their ages at the time. **I205** however does fit the profile of the boys that he would entice to have homosexual relations with.

The third person identified; Geoffery Smith is deceased, inquiries should be made to locate perhaps his wife at the time and speak with his other son **[REDACTED]** (establish if any other siblings) or locate other living relatives to speak with them about their knowledge of this persons movements at the time. Inquiries should be made to ascertain if the deceased has any psychiatric history. Inquiries could be made with corrective services to see if the deceased has ever disclosed anything during assessments. Inquiries should also be made in relation to any psychiatric reports used during sentencing as the deceased was in an out of correctional facilities. A check of records should be made to locate a photo if any available of Smith in 1980 and compared with the penri. A canvass of the witnesses: **NP58**, **NP58**, Shirley Driscoll, Marjorie Purnell, **I35** to ascertain if they knew the name of Geoffery Smith and possibly showing them a photo of this person from 1980 if available. It is also a possibility that Smith who is involved in thefts and the like may have visited there to sell stolen items to the deceased or attempted to steal from the deceased.

There are no exhibits available for retesting or further examination in this case. It appears that some paperwork may be missing and the inquest material cannot be located. Having considered this however it is the reviewers opinion that a thorough investigation pursuing all lines of inquiry was conducted at the time. There are no other solvability aspects that can be considered and consideration should be given to suspending this matter after the lines of inquiry listed are pursued and finalised.

**REVIEWER'S CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the review has been conducted thoroughly and I have accessed all available documents and exhibits.

Signature:

Name:

Rank:

Date:

**CO-ORDINATOR'S CERTIFICATION**

I certify that sufficient time and opportunity has been provided to the case reviewer to conduct the attached review. I am satisfied that the reviewer has accessed available documentation and agree with their recommendations.

Signature:

Name:

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Date: