

NSW POLICE FORCE

STRIKE FORCE PARRABELL

Bias Crimes Indicators Review Form

Investigation No:	4
Victim/Deceased:	Walter John BEDSER
Date of death:	2 December, 1980
Investigation Status:	Unsolved
Offender/s:	N/A
Investigative Unit:	Parramatta Police
Description:	<p>Walter John BEDSER was 47 years old when he was stabbed numerous times inside his antique shop at 4 Darcy Street Parramatta by unknown persons. BEDSER ran from the shop and collapsed in the green grocer directly opposite his shop. BEDSER was conveyed to Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Numerous witnesses provided statements to Police in which they described a male leave the deceased shop moments after he was stabbed yelling out 'get an ambulance'. Several people came forward to Police about the sexuality of BEDSER and involvements they had with BEDSER sexually with the overall consensus that he was a homosexual male. In some of the statements provided by members of the public who knew BEDSER it would be reasonable to suggest BEDSER liked young males and would employ them at his shop with the intent of engaging in some type of sexual activity with them in the future. No persons have been charged with the death of BEDSER; as such it is unknown what the sexuality of the person responsible is.</p>

1. Differences

Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Immutable characteristic differences between victim and POI's sexual orientation</i> 	<p>Walter John BEDSER, a 47 year old male resided in the family home with his mother at [REDACTED]. BEDSER was the owner of an antique dealer at 4 Darcy Street, Parramatta. In a Report of Occurrence completed by Detective Sergeant HAMILTON he stated after speaking to several witnesses "About 1:50 pm on the 2nd December 1980 a male person described; late 30's to early 40's 5 foot ten to six foot, solid build, an Australian, medium length dark brown hair, wearing a light coloured safari jacket style top and light coloured trousers, was seen by witnesses to leave the antique shop of W.J BEDSER, Darcy Street, Parramatta calling 'get an ambulance' before decamping" (IN-165). Several people came forward to Police about the sexuality of BEDSER and involvements they had with BEDSER sexually with the overall consensus that he was a homosexual male. In a Report of Occurrence completed by the Homicide Squad "it was established from young associates of the deceased, homosexual activities were occurring at the deceased business and it's suggested the deceased was also 'doing the beats' which was a term used amongst homosexuals who visited toilets located in parks" (IN-176). An ex employee [REDACTED] NP58 stated to Police BEDSER used to masturbate him in the loft of the shop (IN-198, IN-200). In a Report of Occurrence relating to the interview of [REDACTED] I37 by Detective FESZCZUK [REDACTED] I37 stated he met BEDSER as a schoolboy in 1978 and started working for BEDSER. [REDACTED] I37 stated he was not a homosexual and did not have any sexual relations with the deceased, although he had been asked by the deceased to participate in sexual acts." Detective FESZCZUK stated [REDACTED] I37 claimed he was not involved in homosexual activities, there is no doubt that he was and was receiving money from the deceased for services rendered in that regard" (IN-192). [REDACTED] I38 who was a friend of BEDSER stated in an interview with Police "that BEDSER told him that he was working the public toilets and when he picked up a male friend he would take them back to his shop for further discussions in the loft. BEDSER told [REDACTED] I38 about NP58; a Greek, and [REDACTED] I37 an Australian, both in their teens, one he</p>

had given a ring to, [138] thought that teenage boys were trouble and he told BEDSER but that is what BEDSER liked" (IN-193). [138] was asked if he had heard anything of BEDSER being involved with a female, and [138] said "that it would be extremely unlikely that he would have anything to do with females as he had a strong dislike for them, and would make nasty remarks about them when they entered the shop if [138] was there also" (IN-193). In a report of Occurrence completed by TREBLEY he stated he received a phone call from Mrs MAGERS a friend of BEDSER where she stated "it was common knowledge that the deceased was a homosexual amongst the antique dealers, and she felt that it would be more likely that he was murdered over something to do with this line than over anything to do with antiques"(IN-194). In an interview with Gregoryu BOLTON a fellow antique dealer who owned a shop in Parramatta he stated to Police "the deceased was a homosexual and was having an affair with [NP58] [NP58]. He also informed the Police the deceased preferred ethnic boys and used to place advertisements in the window of his shop for boys to help out in the shop after school where he would subsequently seduce them (IN-195). In a statement of [135] [135] who was a 15 year old teenager at the time he stated "About a month and a half after I started working for John I think it was on a Sunday I was in his shop and he said 'Come and lie down with me upstairs.' He meant on a bed upstairs above his office in the shop. First I went up there and I sat down on the bed he would smoke a cigarette he started playing with his penis. John took all his clothes off, he pulled himself off and it would blow on his stomach. He would wipe it off with a cloth there. He would say 'come and let me pull you off.' I said 'no.' After several times of doing it in front of me and he kept talking me into it I took my pants off I had a fat and I let him pull me off and I blew on the floor" (ST-575). In a statement made by BEDSER'S friend Robert ENGLISH who was a friend of BEDSER'S for five years previous to his death, he stated in a statement to Police "About six months after I first met him (John) he made a homosexual advance towards me. I explained to him that I was not that way inclined, and if he wished to continue our friendship, these advances had to cease. Since that time he openly talked about his homosexual tendencies in front of me" (ST-576). In a Report of Occurrence completed by Police in relation to the interview of [139]

139 139 stated "He participated in sexual acts with the deceased. He would allow the deceased to masturbate him" (IN-196). In a Report of Occurrence completed by Detective Constable FESZCZUK relating to the interview of 140

140 stated "The deceased would call around to the home of 140. The deceased offered 140 \$20 to take part in sexual activities with him." 140 stated the deceased 'put the acid on him' on many occasions. 140 said he "never took part in any sexual acts with the deceased" (IN-201). In a Report of Occurrence completed by Detective Constable FESZCZUK relating to the interview of 136

136 stated he first met the deceased about two years prior to his murder through NP58. NP58 136 alleged the deceased 'put the hard word on him' after he helped the deceased with a delivery one day. 136 believed the proposition concerned masturbation, however, 136 declined the advances of the deceased as he was engaged at the time and was not that way inclined (IN-203). In a Report of Occurrence completed by Detective Senior Constable MCGREGOR relating to the interview of Charles DUFFIELD, DUFFIELD stated "he knew the deceased to be homosexual and also bi sexual. The deceased told DUFFIELD on one occasion he was having sexual intercourse with a sixteen year old girl in the Harris Park area and he was also having sexual intercourse with his bookkeeper" (IN-205). In a statement made by Raymond HADLEY who was involved in business dealings with BEDSER he stated "I have known John BEDSER for the past two and a half years as we are constantly engaged in business dealings and I also regarded him somewhat as a friend. During this time I have known that John has homosexual tendencies although he never displayed them towards me" (ST-584). In a Report of Occurrence completed by Detective Senior Constable MCHUGH he outlines in his first interview with NP58 that NP58 met the deceased about late 1978 where he started to work for him a short time after they met. About two to three months into NP58 starting work, he and the deceased formed a relationship. The deceased used to have oral sex with NP58 in a room

	<p>above his shop. The deceased also visited [NP58] at home two to three times a week. The deceased gave [NP58] a number of presents. He would also pay [NP58] \$10 for oral sex which took place once a month" (IN-198). [NP58] also stated the deceased had friends who were drag queens that worked at Le Girls in Kings Cross. [NP58] said the deceased wanted him to go with him but [NP58] refused. The deceased mentioned to [NP58] that he had known these people for ages and they had sex change operations (IN-200).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Victim is a member of a group which is outnumbered by members of another group in the area where the incident occurred</i> 	<p>There is no information to suggest that BEDSER was a member of any particular group that was outnumbered by members of another group in the area where the incident occurred.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Victim was engaged in activities promoting his/her group</i> 	<p>BEDSER was living an active homosexual lifestyle with his desire to engage in sexual acts with younger boys appearing to be common knowledge amongst his friends and associates. On the 23 April 1977 Plain Clothes Senior Constable YORKE completed a Criminal and General Crime Sheet where he stated "the deceased and [I48] where spoken to by Police in Alfred Park Parramatta for loitering in the park. During that period the park was a well known place for homosexuals to meet" (IN-191). BEDSER would use both his shop and parks to meet and engage in sexual acts with other men/boys.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Incident coincided with a holiday or date of particular significance to the victim or POI's group</i> 	<p>There is no information to suggest that the date of BEDSER'S death coincided with a holiday or date of particular significance.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Victim, although not a member of the targeted group is a member a member of an advocacy group that supports the victim, or the victim was in company of a member of the targeted group</i> 	<p>There is no information to suggest that BEDSER was a member of an advocacy group. There were no direct witnesses to the stabbing of BEDSER, however, there were numerous witnesses who provided statements to Police in which they described a male leave the deceased shop moments after he was stabbed yelling out 'get an ambulance' (ST-585, ST-581, ST-573). There is no evidence suggesting this person was a member of a targeted group. Anani WYOUSSES stated she was looking in to the shop window and actually witnessed the scuffle between the deceased and his attacker, who she described as a male and dressed as such. This did not exclude the possibility a female was also present at the time (IN-175).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Historical animosity exists between the victim's group and the POI's group</i> 	<p>Witness [I41] a sixteen year old student was interviewed by Police. [I41] claimed she entered BEDSER'S shop around 2:00pm on the</p>

	<p>day he was murdered and he was standing behind the counter with a 40 year old women. [141] claimed 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". [141] waited for the ambulance to arrive and did not notice the female or any other person leave the shop of the deceased. John PECK gave a similar account as [141] however suggests he saw a female in her twenties leave the shop after the deceased run out of the shop (IN-174). No persons have been identified in relation to being responsible for BEDSER'S death. As such, it cannot be confirmed if any historical animosity existed between the two parties.</p>
Indicators	(y/n)
<p>Evidence of Bias Crime – sufficient evidence/information exists to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the incident was either wholly or partially motivated by bias towards one of the protected categories and constitutes a criminal offence.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Suspected Bias Crime – evidence/information exists that the incident may have been motivated by bias but the incident cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that it was either wholly or partially motivated by bias and constitutes a criminal offence.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>No Evidence of Bias Crime – the incident has been determined as either not being motivated by bias towards a protected group or although bias motivation is in evidence it does not relate to a protected group.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Insufficient Information – insufficient information has been recorded to make a determination in regards to bias motivation. This may be due to a lack of detail recorded by police or a lack of information supplied by victim's and/or witnesses.</p>	<p>No</p>
GENERAL COMMENT	
<p>Walter John BEDSER, a 47 year old male resided in the family home with his mother at [REDACTED]. BEDSER was the owner of an antique dealer at 4 Darcy Street, Parramatta where he was victim to a stabbing. Numerous witnesses provided statements to Police in which they described a male leave the deceased shop moments after he was stabbed yelling out 'get an ambulance.' BEDSER was seen to exit his shop bleeding and collapsed out the front of the green grocer directly opposite. BEDSER was conveyed to Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Several people came forward to Police about the sexuality of BEDSER and involvements they had with BEDSER sexually with the overall consensus that he was a homosexual male. In some of the statements provided by members of the public who knew BEDSER it would be reasonable to suggest BEDSER liked young males and would employe them at his shop with the intent of engaging in some type of sexual activity with them in the future. No persons have been charged with the death of BEDSER, as such it is unknown what the sexuality of the person responsible is.</p>	

2. Comments, Written Statements, Gestures	
Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Bias related comments, written statements or gestures were made by the POI</i> 	<p>No persons have ever been identified in relation to this matter. Numerous witnesses provided statements to Police in which they described a male leave BEDSER'S shop moments after he was stabbed yelling out 'get an ambulance' (ST-585, ST-581, ST-573). This is however conflicted in 'Synopsis 80/174' in which two witness describe a female as opposed to a male being present in BEDSER'S shop (IN-174). There is no information to suggest that any persons however made bias related comments, written statements or gestures towards BEDSER at the time of his death.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Comments and gestures can occur before, during and after the incident</i> 	<p>I41 entered BEDSER's shop and asked him for a donation for charity. Whilst inside the store I41 stated she saw BEDSER standing behind the counter with a woman she describes as being about 40. "Both the deceased and the women declined the request for a donation, the female saying "we have our own charity". I41 claimed she left the shop and crossed the footpath where she heard the breaking of glass before seeing the deceased walk out of the shop saying "I'm done get an ambulance" (IN-174). Anani WYOUSSES stated she was looking in to the shop window and actually witnessed the scuffle between the deceased and his attacker, who she described as a male and dressed as such. This did not exclude the possibility a female was also present at the time (IN-175). There is no evidence to suggest that any other comments or gestures occurred before, during or after the incident by another person.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Victims may not be aware of the significance of gestures made</i> 	<p>As stated above, I41 advises of a statement made by an unknown woman who was allegedly in BEDSER'S shop prior to his murder. "Both the deceased and the women declined the request for a donation to I41 with the female saying "we have our own charity" (IN-174). There is no further evidence to suggest that any comments or gestures occurred before, during or after the stabbing of BEDSER. There were no witnesses to BEDSER'S death and no persons have been identified as being responsible. In a Radio Message Pad Detective Sergeant HAMILTON received a message outlining a witness saw a male fighting and wrestling with the deceased in the deceased shop shortly before he received fatal stab wounds (IN-168/IN-175).</p>

Indicators	(y/n)
Evidence of Bias Crime – sufficient evidence/information exists to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the incident was either wholly or partially motivated by bias towards one of the protected categories and constitutes a criminal offence.	No
Suspected Bias Crime – evidence/information exists that the incident may have been motivated by bias but the incident cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that it was either wholly or partially motivated by bias and constitutes a criminal offence.	No
No Evidence of Bias Crime – the incident has been determined as either not being motivated by bias towards a protected group or although bias motivation is in evidence it does not relate to a protected group.	No
Insufficient Information – insufficient information has been recorded to make a determination in regards to bias motivation. This may be due to a lack of detail recorded by police or a lack of information supplied by victim's and/or witnesses.	Yes
GENERAL COMMENT	
No persons have been identified as being responsible for the death of BEDSER. There were witnesses after the stabbing of BEDSER who saw a male run from the store. This is however conflicted in 'Synopsis 80/174' in which two witness describe a female as opposed to a male being present in BEDSER'S shop. There is no information to suggest that any persons however made bias related comments, written statements or gestures towards BEDSER at the time of his death.	
3. Drawings, Markings, Symbols, Tattoos, Graffiti	
Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Bias related drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti were left at the scene or were seen on the POI</i> 	There is no evidence to suggest that any bias related drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti were left at the scene. No persons have been identified as being involved in the death of BEDSER.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Before discounting symbols, ensure that you understand the meaning of the symbol</i> 	There were no reports to suggest that any bias related drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti were left at the crime scene.
Indicators	(y/n)
Evidence of Bias Crime – sufficient evidence/information exists to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the incident was either wholly or partially motivated by bias towards one of the protected categories and constitutes a criminal offence.	No

Suspected Bias Crime – evidence/information exists that the incident may have been motivated by bias but the incident cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that it was either wholly or partially motivated by bias and constitutes a criminal offence.	No
No Evidence of Bias Crime – the incident has been determined as either not being motivated by bias towards a protected group or although bias motivation is in evidence it does not relate to a protected group.	No
Insufficient Information – insufficient information has been recorded to make a determination in regards to bias motivation. This may be due to a lack of detail recorded by police or a lack of information supplied by victim's and/or witnesses.	Yes

GENERAL COMMENT

There was no evidence to suggest that any bias related drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti were left at the crime scene. There were no post mortem photographs of BEDSER available to view.

4. Organised Hate Groups (OHG)

Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Objects or items that represent the work of an OHG were left at the scene, e.g. business cards, flyers, burning cross</i> 	There is no evidence to suggest that objects or items that represent the work of an OHG were left at the scene.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>An OHG claimed responsibility</i> 	No persons have been identified as being responsible for the death of BEDSER. An OHG has not come forward claiming to be responsible for the death of BEDSER.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>There are indications that an OHG was involved or active in the area</i> 	There is no evidence to suggest that an OHG was involved or active in the area at the time of BEDSER'S death. There are no Police holdings that show that other deaths like this were occurring at the time of BEDSER'S death, however due to the death occurring in 1980 these incidents may not be in current Police records.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>MO is similar to known MO of an OHG</i> 	BEDSER was stabbed in his store at 4 Darcy Street, Parramatta. Stabbing someone is not necessarily specific to OHG'S.
Indicators	(y/n)
Evidence of Bias Crime – sufficient evidence/information exists to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the incident was either wholly or partially motivated by bias towards one of the protected categories and constitutes a criminal offence.	No

Suspected Bias Crime – evidence/information exists that the incident may have been motivated by bias but the incident cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that it was either wholly or partially motivated by bias and constitutes a criminal offence.	No
No Evidence of Bias Crime – the incident has been determined as either not being motivated by bias towards a protected group or although bias motivation is in evidence it does not relate to a protected group.	No
Insufficient Information – insufficient information has been recorded to make a determination in regards to bias motivation. This may be due to a lack of detail recorded by police or a lack of information supplied by victim's and/or witnesses.	Yes

GENERAL COMMENT

There is no evidence to suggest that objects or items that represent the work of an OHG were left at the scene. There is also no evidence to suggest that an OHG was involved or active in the area at the time of BEDSER'S death. BEDSER died as a result stab wounds caused by an unknown person. Stabbing someone is not necessarily specific to OHG'S.

5. Previous existence of Bias Crime Incidents

Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Victim was visiting a location where previous bias crimes had been committed against members of the victim's group</i> 	BEDSER was stabbed in his Antique store at 4 Darcy Street, Parramatta. At the time of BEDSER'S death there was no evidence to suggest that the location was one where bias crimes had previously been committed and there is no evidence to suggest that BEDSER was a member of a group that bias crimes were committed against.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Several incidents occurred in the same area and the victims were members of the same group</i> 	Research of Police and media holdings has shown there is no report of other homosexual men being murdered within the surrounding area at the time of BEDSER'S death.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Victim has received previous harassing mail, email, social media posts or phone calls or has been the victim of verbal abuse (anti-gay) based on his/her affiliation with a targeted group</i> 	There is no evidence to suggest that BEDSER was receiving harassing mail or phone calls prior to his death. Evidence suggests BEDSER was engaging in sexual activities with younger boys however there is no evidence in respect to anyone having a remarkable issue with this however this certainly cannot be ruled out.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Recent bias incidents or crimes may have sparked retaliatory bias crime</i> 	There were no reports of bias incidents or crimes that may have sparked a retaliatory bias crime.

Indicators	(y/n)
Evidence of Bias Crime – sufficient evidence/information exists to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the incident was either wholly or partially motivated by bias towards one of the protected categories and constitutes a criminal offence.	No
Suspected Bias Crime – evidence/information exists that the incident may have been motivated by bias but the incident cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that it was either wholly or partially motivated by bias and constitutes a criminal offence.	No
No Evidence of Bias Crime – the incident has been determined as either not being motivated by bias towards a protected group or although bias motivation is in evidence it does not relate to a protected group.	No
Insufficient Information – insufficient information has been recorded to make a determination in regards to bias motivation. This may be due to a lack of detail recorded by police or a lack of information supplied by victim's and/or witnesses.	Yes

GENERAL COMMENT

BEDSER was stabbed in his Antique store at 4 Darcy Street, Parramatta. At the time of BEDSER'S death there was no evidence to suggest that the location was one where bias crimes had previously been committed and there is no evidence to suggest that BEDSER was a member of a group that bias crimes were committed against. Research of Police and media holdings has shown there is no report of other homosexual men being murdered within the surrounding area at the time of BEDSER'S death. There is no evidence to suggest that BEDSER was receiving harassing mail or phone calls prior to his death. Evidence suggests BEDSER was engaging in sexual activities with younger boys however there is no evidence in respect to anyone having a remarkable issue with this however this certainly cannot be ruled out.

6. Victim/Witness Perception

Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Witnesses (actual) perceive that the incident was motivated by bias</i> 	<p>No persons physically witnessed BEDSER being stabbed. In a Radio/Telephone message dated 02 December 1980, created by Det Sgt HAMILTON, a witness stated they saw a male fighting and wrestling with the deceased in the deceased shop shortly before he received fatal stab wounds (IN-168). [141] a sixteen year old student was interviewed by Police. [141] claimed she entered the deceased shop around 2:00pm on the day he was murdered and he was standing behind the counter with a 40 year old woman. [141] claims she left the shop and crossed the footpath</p>

	<p>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". [REDACTED] waited for the ambulance to arrive and did not notice the female or any other person leave the shop of the deceased. John PECK gives a similar account as [REDACTED] however suggests he saw a female in her twenties leave the shop after the deceased run out of the shop (IN-174). WYOUSSES stated she was looking in to the shop window and actually witnessed the scuffle between the deceased and his attacker, who was a male and dressed as such. This did not exclude the possibility a female was also present at the time (IN-175). Ethole ALDWINCKLE heard a series of crashing and grunting noises and has looked into the deceased shop where she sighted a man run out of the shop. As this male passed ALDWINCKLE he shrugged his shoulders, threw his arms out and said "It's nothing to do with me, I didn't do anything" (ST-573). Rofenia DAVIS was walking along Darcy Street near the deceased shop when she sighted a male running towards her. When this male was about ten metres from DAVIS he yelled out 'get an ambulance' on two occasions (ST-581). In a report of Occurrence completed by TREBLEY he stated he received a phone call from Mrs MAGERS a friend of BEDSER where she stated "it was common knowledge that the deceased was a homosexual amongst the antique dealers, and she felt that it would be more likely that he was murdered over something to do with this line than over anything to do with antiques"(IN-194).</p>
Indicators	(y/n)
Evidence of Bias Crime – sufficient evidence/information exists to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the incident was either wholly or partially motivated by bias towards one of the protected categories and constitutes a criminal offence.	No
Suspected Bias Crime – evidence/information exists that the incident may have been motivated by bias but the incident cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that it was either wholly or partially motivated by bias and constitutes a criminal offence.	No
No Evidence of Bias Crime – the incident has been determined as either not being motivated by bias towards a protected group or although bias motivation is in evidence it does not relate to a protected group.	No

<p>Insufficient Information – insufficient information has been recorded to make a determination in regards to bias motivation. This may be due to a lack of detail recorded by police or a lack of information supplied by victim’s and/or witnesses.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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GENERAL COMMENT

No persons physically witnessed BEDSER being stabbed. During the investigation into BEDSER’s death several witnesses who were near the store when BEDSER was stabbed came forward. Most witnesses described a male running from BEDSER’S shop as about thirty five years old; about five foot ten tall and a bit on the heavy side. His hair was brown in colour and appeared to be thinning at the front. He had it parted from the left to the right and was clean shaven. This is however conflicted in ‘Synopsis 80/174’ in which two witness describe a female as opposed to a male being present in BEDSER’S shop. No witnesses directly claim to perceive the death of BEDSER to have been motivated by bias however in a report of Occurrence completed by TREBLEY he stated he received a phone call from Mrs MAGERS a friend of BEDSER where she stated “it was common knowledge that the deceased was a homosexual amongst the antique dealers, and she felt that it would be more likely that he was murdered over something to do with this line than over anything to do with antiques.”

7. Motive of Offender/s

Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>POI was previously involved in similar incident or is a member/associates with members of an OHG</i> 	<p>As a result of the investigation no persons have been identified as having responsible for the death of BEDSER.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The victim was in company of a member of the targeted group</i> 	<p>[141] a sixteen year old student was interviewed by Police. [141] claimed she entered the deceased shop around 2:00pm on the day he was murdered and he was standing behind the counter with a 40 year old woman. [141] 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." [141] waited for the ambulance to arrive and did not notice the female or any other person leave the shop of the deceased. John PECK gave a similar account as [141] however suggests he saw a female in her twenties leave the shop after the deceased run out of the shop (IN-174). Ethole ALDWINCKLE heard a series of crashing and grunting noises and has looked into the deceased shop where she sighted a man run out of the shop. As this male passed ALDWINCKLE he shrugged his shoulders, threw his arms out and said "It's nothing to do with me, I didn't do anything" (ST-573). Whilst there is conflicting information in relation to conversation and the sex of the person who ran from BEDSER’S store nothing can be confirmed in this respect to the involvement, motive and/or sexuality of said person.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The victim was perceived to be breaking from traditional conventions or working non-traditional employment</i> 	<p>There is no evidence to suggest that BEDSER was perceived to be working non-traditional employment. BEDSER was an antique dealer and owned his own antique shop. A friend and professional associate of BEDSER'S, Gregory BOLTON, stated "BEDSER was ruthless in business and had a bad name in the antique trade because of his ruthlessness and used to travel to country areas on buying trips" (IN195). BEDSER'S desire to engage in sexual activities with younger boys would be considered to be breaking from traditional conventions.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The POI has a history of previous crimes with similar MO and involving other victims of the same group</i> 	<p>As a result of the investigation no persons have been identified as having any involvement in the death of BEDSER.</p>
Indicators	(y/n)
<p>Evidence of Bias Crime – sufficient evidence/information exists to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the incident was either wholly or partially motivated by bias towards one of the protected categories and constitutes a criminal offence.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Suspected Bias Crime – evidence/information exists that the incident may have been motivated by bias but the incident cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that it was either wholly or partially motivated by bias and constitutes a criminal offence.</p>	<p>No</p>
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<p>Insufficient Information – insufficient information has been recorded to make a determination in regards to bias motivation. This may be due to a lack of detail recorded by police or a lack of information supplied by victim's and/or witnesses.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
GENERAL COMMENT	
<p>As a result of the investigation there has been no persons identified as having involvement in the death of BEDSER. There are limited witnesses prior and after to the actual stabbing of BEDSER. [141] a sixteen year old student was interviewed by Police. [141] claims she entered the deceased shop around 2:00pm on the day he was murdered and he was standing behind the counter with a 40 year old woman. [141] 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" [141] waited for the ambulance to arrive and did not notice the female or any other person leave the shop of the deceased. John PECK gave a similar account as [141] however suggests he saw a female in her twenties leave the shop after the deceased ran out of the shop. Ethole ALDWINCKLE heard a series of crashing and grunting noises and has looked into the deceased shop where she sighted a man run out of the shop. As this male passed ALDWINCKLE he shrugged his shoulders, threw his arms out and said "It's nothing to do with me, I</p>	

didn't do anything." Whilst there is conflicting information in relation to conversation and the sex of the person who ran from BEDSER'S store nothing can be confirmed in this respect to the involvement, motive and/or sexuality of said person. There is no evidence to suggest that BEDSER was perceived to be working non-traditional employment. BEDSER was an antique dealer and owned his own antique shop. A friend and professional associate of BEDSER'S, Gregory BOLTON, stated "BEDSER was ruthless in business and had a bad name in the antique trade because of his ruthlessness and used to travel to country areas on buying trips." BEDSER'S desire to engage in sexual activities with younger boys would be considered to be breaking from traditional conventions.

8. Location of Incident

Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The victim was in or near an area or place commonly associated with or frequented by members of a particular group e.g. beat</i> 	<p>BEDSER was stabbed numerous times inside his antique shop at 4 Darcy Street Parramatta on 2 December 1980 by unknown offenders. BEDSER ran from the shop and collapsed in the green grocer directly opposite his shop. BEDSER was conveyed to Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. At the time of BEDSER'S death there was no evidence to support that the location was one where bias crimes had previously been committed and there is no evidence to suggest that BEDSER was a member of a group that bias crimes were committed against prior, in or near to his store. However, there is current information today that suggests that within the area of the Parramatta CBD where BEDSER was murdered are known beat locations.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The location of an incident has specific significance to the victim or POI group e.g. cemetery, religious building, historical landmark, etc</i> 	<p>BEDSER was the owner of the antique shop where he was murdered. The location would have held significance to BEDSER as it was his business which he had built.</p>
Indicators	(y/n)
Evidence of Bias Crime – sufficient evidence/information exists to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the incident was either wholly or partially motivated by bias towards one of the protected categories and constitutes a criminal offence.	No
Suspected Bias Crime – evidence/information exists that the incident may have been motivated by bias but the incident cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that it was either wholly or partially motivated by bias and constitutes a criminal offence.	No

<p>No Evidence of Bias Crime – the incident has been determined as either not being motivated by bias towards a protected group or although bias motivation is in evidence it does not relate to a protected group.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Insufficient Information – insufficient information has been recorded to make a determination in regards to bias motivation. This may be due to a lack of detail recorded by police or a lack of information supplied by victim's and/or witnesses.</p>	<p>Yes</p>

GENERAL COMMENT

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9. Lack of Motive

<p>Prompts</p>	<p>Comment</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>No clear economic or other motive for the incident exists</i> 	<p>There is no clear economic or other motive which has been identified. In a report of occurrence relating to the interview of Gregory BOLTON, a friend of the deceased, BOLTON stated Mrs [NP59] owed the deceased money, approximately \$300 and had discussed this with the deceased. The deceased informed BOLTON of an alleged threat made to him by Mrs [NP59] and BOLTON suggested the deceased tape record future conversations with her (IN-195). In a report of occurrence relating to the interview of [NP58] [NP58] met the deceased about late 1978 where he started to work for him a short time after they met. About two to three months into [NP58] starting work, he and the deceased formed a relationship. The deceased would have oral sex with [NP58] in a room above his shop. The deceased also visited [NP58] at home two to three times a week. The deceased gave [NP58] a number of presents. He would also pay [NP58] \$10 for oral sex which took place once a month. The deceased lent [NP58] \$2900 to buy a vehicle on the</p>

understanding [NP58] father would pay the money back when he received his compensation cheque. [NP58] purchased a Ford Escort with the money. [NP58] intended on purchasing another vehicle 5 months prior to the death of BEDSER however the deceased would not loan him the money. [NP58] and the deceased had an argument over it where [NP58] told the deceased to 'piss off'. [NP58] claims this was the last time he saw the deceased (IN-198). In a report of occurrence relating to the interview of [I42] a friend of [NP58] [NP58] informed Police about his knowledge of the insurance claim respecting [NP58] motor vehicle. [I42] admitted knowledge to the claim being false and that he had lied to the NRMA. [I42] was told by [NP58] his vehicle was going to be stolen whilst they attended a disco in Belfield on the 27 September 1980 by his friend [redacted] from Castle Hill. [NP58] went on to tell [I42] the car was going to be stripped and burnt out and he would then make a claim through the insurance company. [NP58] asked [I42] to lie for him when interviewed by the insurance company in which [I42] did (IN-204). Douglas SAMUELS the Claims Manager from NRMA Insurance received an anonymous phone call (believed to be BEDSER). In a statement to Police, SAMUELS said "On the 3rd October 1980, I was at my office when I received a telephone call. The caller obviously a male, with a high pitched voice, with a nasal sound said, 'you've either got a claim form there or going to receive a claim shortly for a stolen car which is owned by [NP58]'. [NP58] The claim is a dud. I know that [NP58] paid a bloke called John \$400.00 to steal the car. I said 'why do you want to give me this information?' The caller said 'Personal reasons. I lent the money to the family to buy the car and they were supposed to pay it back the next week. They bought the car and when it came to pay the money, they paid by installments and not as agreed. They owe me \$800 and they refuse to pay me.' He went on to say. 'I get on well with the family and I even bought them a colour television set for Christmas. We had a falling out over the problem of the money and we not on speaking terms with the family at all now.' He also went on to say 'I won the lottery some time ago and that's how I was able to afford the financing of the

	<p>car" (ST-590). In a statement made by [REDACTED] 1203 the [REDACTED] of BEDSER he stated he received a phone call from BEDSER in October 1980 where BEDSER asked him to contact American Imports, Melbourne and price a Buick Station Wagon for him. [REDACTED] 1203 contacted American Imports and he was quoted a price over the phone of \$30 000. [REDACTED] 1203 called the deceased back and advised him of the price. The deceased told [REDACTED] 1203 he was given a price of \$34 000 plus \$4-5000 for conversion and registration. "[REDACTED] Wally (the deceased) asked to recheck the price. I rang American Imports again and verified the price and again contacted [REDACTED] Wally and verified the price. Wally said that it sounded strange and said he was going to have a look at the car anyway. When I spoke to American Imports the second time, I asked if they had anything cheaper. The same man that I spoke to the first time said they had a car in Sydney, a Pontiac Station Wagon for \$16 000 and gave [REDACTED] Wally's shop address at 4 Darcy Street, Parramatta - Parramatta Antiques" (ST-594). There is no prior mention of BEDSER listing is Pontiac Station Wagon for sale through the American Imports company or if this had any bearing on his murder.</p>
Indicators	(y/n)
<p>Evidence of Bias Crime – sufficient evidence/information exists to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the incident was either wholly or partially motivated by bias towards one of the protected categories and constitutes a criminal offence.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Suspected Bias Crime – evidence/information exists that the incident may have been motivated by bias but the incident cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that it was either wholly or partially motivated by bias and constitutes a criminal offence.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>No Evidence of Bias Crime – the incident has been determined as either not being motivated by bias towards a protected group or although bias motivation is in evidence it does not relate to a protected group.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Insufficient Information – insufficient information has been recorded to make a determination in regards to bias motivation. This may be due to a lack of detail recorded by police or a lack of information supplied by victim's and/or witnesses.</p>	<p>Yes</p>

GENERAL COMMENT

There has been no clear economic or other motive identified for the death of BEDSER. In a report of occurrence relating to the interview of Gregory BOLTON, a friend of the deceased, BOLTON stated Mrs. NP59 owed the deceased money, approximately \$300 and had discussed this with the deceased. The deceased informed BOLTON of an alleged threat made to him by Mrs. NP59 and BOLTON suggested the deceased tape record future conversations with her. It is unclear on what threat was actually made to BEDSER.

10. Level of Violence

Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The level of violence and injuries sustained by the victim/s is greater than would be expected for a crime of that type</i> 	<p>Dr. Graham MALOUF, GMO Parramatta, formed the opinion the death of BEDSER was caused by a fatal stab wound which pierced both sides of his liver. There were also extensive gashes to his arm (IN-170). In the clinical notes completed by Dr. MANNING he stated "The deceased was unconscious and not responding to pain on arrival." In the opinion of Dr. MANNING the cause of death was hypovolemic shock (severe blood and fluid loss) (OD-283).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Weapons of opportunity are used in the incident</i> 	<p>In a statement made by Emma CLARKE who was a customer of the toy shop in the arcade of Darcy Street, near BEDSER'S shop, CLARKE stated she attended the toy shop about 9:10 to 9:15 when a male entered the shop about three minutes after her. The male asked a shop attendant for a black handled knife with coloured cord wrapped around the handle and a brown sheath (ST-580). The description given by CLARKE is the same as the description given by witnesses who were in the vicinity of the deceased shop when they saw a man run out just prior to the deceased being stabbed. There were no items located at the crime scene.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The number of POI's is greater than the number of victims and all POI's take an active role in the assault</i> 	<p>As a result of the investigation no persons have been identified as being responsible for BEDSER'S death. There are limited witnesses prior and after to the actual stabbing of BEDSER. I41 I41 a sixteen year old student was interviewed by Police. I41 I41 claimed she entered the deceased shop around 2:00pm on the day he was murdered and he was standing behind the counter with a 40 year old woman. I41 I41 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." I41</p>

	waited for the ambulance to arrive and did not notice the female or any other person leave the shop of the deceased. John PECK gives a similar account as [§ 141] however suggests he saw a female in her twenties leave the shop after the deceased run out of the shop (IN-174). Ethole ALDWINCKLE heard a series of crashing and grunting noises and has looked into the deceased shop where she sighted a man run out of the shop. As this male passed ALDWINCKLE he shrugged his shoulders, threw his arms out and said "It's nothing to do with me, I didn't do anything" (ST-573). Evidence suggests only one person was likely to be responsible for the death of BEDSER.
Indicators	(y/n)
Evidence of Bias Crime – sufficient evidence/information exists to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the incident was either wholly or partially motivated by bias towards one of the protected categories and constitutes a criminal offence.	No
Suspected Bias Crime – evidence/information exists that the incident may have been motivated by bias but the incident cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that it was either wholly or partially motivated by bias and constitutes a criminal offence.	No
No Evidence of Bias Crime – the incident has been determined as either not being motivated by bias towards a protected group or although bias motivation is in evidence it does not relate to a protected group.	No
Insufficient Information – insufficient information has been recorded to make a determination in regards to bias motivation. This may be due to a lack of detail recorded by police or a lack of information supplied by victim's and/or witnesses.	Yes
GENERAL COMMENT	
<p>From the evidence it appears that the injuries sustained by BEDSER were caused as a result of him being stabbed numerous times. Dr. Graham MALOUF, GMO Parramatta, formed the opinion the death of BEDSER was caused by a fatal stab wound which pierced both sides of his liver. There were also extensive gashes to his arm. In the clinical notes completed by Dr. MANNING he stated "The deceased was unconscious and not responding to pain on arrival." In the opinion of Dr. MANNING the cause of death was hypovolemic shock (severe blood and fluid loss). In a statement made by Emma CLARKE who was a customer of the toy shop in the arcade of Darcy Street, near BEDSER'S shop, CLARKE stated she attended the toy shop about 9:10 to 9:15 when a male entered the shop about three minutes after her. The male asked a shop attendant for a black handled knife with coloured cord wrapped around the handle and a brown sheath. The description given by CLARKE is the same as the description given by witnesses who were in the vicinity of the deceased shop when they saw a man run out just prior to the deceased being stabbed. There were no items located at the crime scene to suggest that a weapon of opportunity was used during the incident. The motive behind the death of BEDSER has not been established. As such, comment cannot be made on the justification of the extreme level of violence displayed in this murder.</p>	

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Indicator: Insufficient Information (II)

Comment: Walter John BEDSER, a 47 year old male resided in the family home with his mother at [REDACTED]. BEDSER was the owner of an antique dealer at 4 Darcy Street, Parramatta where he was victim to a stabbing. Several people came forward to Police about the sexuality of BEDSER and involvements they had with BEDSER sexually with the overall consensus that he was a homosexual male. In some of the statements provided by members of the public who knew BEDSER it would be reasonable to suggest BEDSER liked young males and would employ them at his shop with the intent of engaging in some type of sexual activity with them in the future. Numerous witnesses provided statements to Police in which they described a male leave the deceased shop moments after he was stabbed yelling out 'get an ambulance.' BEDSER was seen to exit his shop bleeding and collapsed out the front of the green grocer directly opposite. BEDSER was conveyed to Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. No persons have been charged with the death of BEDSER, as such it is unknown what the sexuality of the person responsible is.

At the time of BEDSER'S death there was no evidence to suggest that the location was one where bias crimes had previously been committed and there is no evidence to suggest that BEDSER was a member of a group that bias crimes were committed against in that particular area. There is no evidence to suggest that BEDSER was receiving harassing mail or phone calls prior to his death. Evidence suggests BEDSER was engaging in sexual activities with younger boys however there is no evidence in respect to anyone having a remarkable issue with this however this certainly cannot be ruled out.

No persons physically witnessed BEDSER being stabbed. Most witnesses described a male running from BEDSER'S shop as about thirty five years old; about five foot ten tall and a bit on the heavy side. His hair was brown in colour and appeared to be thinning at the front. He had it parted from the left to the right and was clean shaven. This is however conflicted in 'Synopsis 80/174' in which two witness describe a female as opposed to a male being present in BEDSER'S shop. [REDACTED] I41 a sixteen year old student was interviewed by Police.

[REDACTED] I41 claims she entered the deceased shop around 2:00pm on the day he was murdered and he was standing behind the counter with a 40 year old woman. [REDACTED] I41 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". [REDACTED] I41 waited for the ambulance to arrive and did not notice the female or any other person leave the shop of the deceased. John PECK gave a similar account as

[REDACTED] I41 however suggests he saw a female in her twenties leave the shop after the deceased ran out of the shop. Ethole ALDWINCKLE heard a series of crashing and grunting noises and has looked into the deceased shop where she sighted a man run out of the shop. As this male passed ALDWINCKLE he shrugged his shoulders, threw his arms out and said "It's nothing to do with me, I didn't do anything." There is no information to suggest that any persons however made bias related comments, written statements or gestures towards BEDSER at the time of his death.

No witnesses directly claim to perceive the death of BEDSER to have been motivated by bias however in a report of Occurrence completed by TREBLEY he stated he received a phone call from Mrs MAGERS a friend of BEDSER where she stated "it was common knowledge that the deceased was a homosexual amongst the antique dealers, and she felt that it would be more likely that he was murdered over something to do with this line than over anything to do with antiques." A friend and professional associate of BEDSER'S, Gregory BOLTON, stated "BEDSER was ruthless in business and had a bad name in the antique trade because of his ruthlessness and used to travel to country areas on buying trips."

There has been no clear economic motive identified for the death of BEDSER. In a report of occurrence relating to the interview of Gregory BOLTON, a friend of the deceased, BOLTON stated Mrs [REDACTED] NP59 owed the deceased money, approximately \$300 and had discussed this with the deceased. The deceased informed BOLTON of an alleged threat made to him by Mrs [REDACTED] NP59 and BOLTON suggested the deceased tape record future conversations with her. It is unclear on what threat was actually made to BEDSER.

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