

Case 80 - Bias Crimes Indicators Review Form

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Brief Description: Murder of David ROSE (80) on 20 December 1997.

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Investigation No:	80
Victim/Deceased:	David ROSE
Date of death:	20 December, 1997
Investigation Status:	Unsolved
Offender/s:	N/A
Investigative Unit:	Eastern Beaches LAC
Description:	David ROSE was an asexual who lived his life as a transsexual man dressing in women's clothes from the age of 18. He was 41 when he was located murdered at his home unit of [REDACTED] Addison Street, Kensington. No person/s has been charged for this matter. ROSE died from injuries including fractures to the skull and severe bruising.

Indicator 1 – 9 taken from the 'Responding to hate Crime – A multidisciplinary Curriculum for Law Enforcement & Victim Assistance Professionals. National Centre for Hate Crime Prevention, United States Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime, 2000. Indicator 10 developed by NSWPF Bias Crimes based on research and cases.

1. Differences	
Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Immutable characteristic differences between victim and POI's sexual orientation</i> 	<p>All documents reviewed referred to the victim as David ROSE using male pronouns; as such ROSE has been referred to in a similar way to protect the integrity of this report. ROSE was described as 'asexual' having no sexual attraction to either females or males. ROSE lived his life as transgender, dressing in women's clothes from the age of 18. ROSE initially would wear women's clothing in the privacy of his own home before eventually progressing to wearing women's clothing to work and whilst running his daily errands. In a statement from Many POLGAR, a long time friend of ROSE, she states that ROSE would shave his arms and other parts of his body to make himself feel more feminine. She was aware that ROSE had visited a gay bar in 1986 however he had felt uncomfortable there and stated the gay scene was not for him (ST-92). On 7 October, 1997, ROSE met with Professor Alfred STEINBECK, a medical practitioner specialising in treating transsexuals who were seeking hormone treatments to assist them in transitioning to the opposite sex. During their consultation, ROSE told STEINBECK that he had never had a sexual relationship with a male or female and that from the early age of five or six he had wanted to be female. ROSE had not had any contact with other transgender persons and was only attracted to women as friends and was not attracted to men at all (ST-95). This case is unsolved with no offender currently charged for the murder of ROSE.</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>ROSE lived his life as transgender. He did not socialise with other transgender persons. He was murdered at his home address in Kensington, 4 kilometres from the City/Darlinghurst. It is not necessarily a common occurrence seeing men dressed as women carrying out daily tasks such as attending 9-5 work places or carrying out their daily errands. This particular group is outnumbered by members of traditional gendered groups, being that of men and women dressed in stereotypical attire.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Victim was engaged in activities promoting his/her group</i> 	<p>ROSE performed his daily tasks such as attending work and completed daily errands whilst dressed as a female. ROSE made no efforts to conceal his desire to dress as a woman. He would often wear women's blouses, nail polish, lipstick, and bangles on both arms. ROSE was not known to wear a wig and</p>

	<p>often would wear silicone breast implants in a bra. On the weekends ROSE would volunteer as a radio presenter on the radio station 2RPH (Radio for the Print Handicapped). ROSE would occasionally use an alias of 'Samantha' and would disguise his voice, speaking as a female (IN-86). There is nothing to suggest ROSE engaged in any activities that were out of the ordinary for a transgender aside from being more open about his appearance and taking less effort to mask the fact that he was biologically a male. He lived a relatively quiet and private life with his lifestyle unlikely to reflect negatively on the GLBTI Community. Other members of the public may have seen ROSE'S appearance as something out of the ordinary.</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>It is unknown if the date of ROSE'S death was anything significant to the offender. There is no evidence to suggest the date coincided with a significant date for ROSE either. There are no public holidays that fall on the 20 December. In the Record of Interview between Police and suspect, Sandra DURWARD, she stated that a mutual friend of hers and ROSE committed suicide around the same time as ROSE'S murder, a few years earlier. This does not appear to have any links to the death of ROSE however could be a significant date to ROSE or DURWARD given she was a suspect in the matter (ER-6).</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 evidence to suggest that ROSE was a member of, or affiliated with, any specific minority advocacy groups or was in the company of a targeted group at the time of his murder. ROSE was alone in his unit at the time he was murdered.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Historical animosity exists between the victim's group and the POI's group</i> 	<p>As no person/s was charged with the murder of ROSE, it is unknown if any animosity existed between ROSE and the offender/s. It was suggested that ROSE'S brother, Ian ROSE, could be a suspect with the understanding that he did not approve of his brothers cross dressing behaviour with historical animosity existing between the two because of this.</p>
<p>Indicators</p>	<p>(y/n)</p>
<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>

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.	Yes
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.	No
GENERAL COMMENT	
<p>The murder of ROSE remains unsolved. A number of suspects were identified but no charges were laid. As such, the offender's sexual orientation or identity is unknown. ROSE was described as 'asexual' having no sexual attraction to either females or males. ROSE lived his life as transgender, dressing in women's clothes from the age of 18. ROSE had never had a sexual relationship with a male or female and from the early age of five or six had wanted to be female. ROSE had not had any contact with other transsexuals and was only attracted to women as friends and was not attracted to men at all. ROSE performed his daily tasks such as attending work and completing daily errands whilst dressed as a female. ROSE made no efforts to conceal his desire to dress as a woman. It would be reasonable for other members of the public that did not know ROSE personally, to perceive him as being a member of the GLBTIQ community. As no person/s was charged with the murder of ROSE, it is unknown if any animosity existed between ROSE and the offender/s. It was suggested that ROSE'S brother, Ian ROSE, could be a suspect with the understanding that he did not approve of his brothers cross dressing behaviour with historical animosity existing between the two because of this.</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 person/s has been charged with the murder of ROSE. As such, it is unknown if any bias related comments or gestures were made by the offender before, during or after the murder. No written statements were observed to have been placed at the scene or on ROSE by the offender.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Comments and gestures can occur before, during and after the incident</i> 	<p>It is unknown if any bias related comments or gestures were made by the offender before, during or after the murder of ROSE.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Victims may not be aware of the significance of gestures made</i> 	<p>There is no evidence to suggest any comments or gestures occurred before, during or after the murder of ROSE. There were no witnesses to the murder of ROSE and the only victim in this incident is deceased so clarification on this issue could not be determined.</p>

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GENERAL COMMENT	
No person/s has been charged with the murder of ROSE. As such, it is unknown if any bias related comments or gestures were made by the offender before, during or after the murder. No written statements were observed to have been placed at the scene or on ROSE by the offender.	
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> 	A number of photographs have been reviewed depicting both ROSE'S deceased body and the crime scene (PH-21) and (PH-22). No bias related drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti were left at the scene or were observed on the body of ROSE. It is unknown if the offender had any bias related drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti on their body.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Before discounting symbols, ensure that you understand the meaning of the symbol</i> 	No drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti were present at the scene or on the body of ROSE.

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GENERAL COMMENT	
A number of photographs of the deceased person and scene were reviewed, all failing to depict or describe any bias related drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti. As no offender has been identified, it is unclear if any bias related drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti were present on their body.	
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> 	No foreign objects that may have been introduced to the scene during the murder of ROSE were recovered during Crime Scene processing. As such, there is no evidence available that indicates any objects that represent an OHG were left at the scene by the offender following the murder.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>An OHG claimed responsibility</i> 	<p>During the investigation, a number of persons of interest were identified including Sandra DURWARD (friend of the deceased who made certain comments about being responsible for ROSE'S death), Stephen BECKER (Identified after information from the deceased's mother in respect to his constant attempts to contact ROSE around the time of his death) and Ian ROSE (brother of the deceased) (ST-73). No person/s has been charged for the murder of ROSE. No persons or OHG have claimed responsibility for the murder of ROSE. There is no evidence to suggest DURWARD, BECKER or Ian ROSE were affiliated with an OHG.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>There are indications that an OHG was involved or active in the area</i> 	<p>There are no indications that an OHG was involved or active in the area.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>MO is similar to known MO of an OHG</i> 	<p>The MO used by the offender is by way of physical assault with ROSE suffering two fractures to his skull consistent with numerous heavy blows to the head with a blunt object.</p>
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GENERAL COMMENT	
<p>A number of persons of interest were identified including Sandra DURWARD (friend of the deceased who made certain comments about being responsible for ROSE'S death), Stephen BECKER (identified from information provided by the deceased's mother in respect to his constant attempts to contact ROSE around the time of his death) and Ian ROSE (brother of the deceased). No person/s has been charged for the murder of ROSE. No persons or OHG have claimed responsibility for the murder of ROSE. There is no evidence to suggest DURWARD, BECKER or Ian ROSE were affiliated with an OHG.</p>	

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> • 	ROSE was murdered in his Addison Street, Kensington unit. There are no recorded incidents of bias crime having occurred at this location.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Several incidents occurred in the same area and the victims were members of the same group</i> 	No previous incidents of bias related crime or homicide are recorded against the location. ROSE was a transgender however had no known affiliations with other transgender or GLBTI groups. ROSE was asexual having not had any prior relationships with either sex.
<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> 	During the processing of ROSE'S apartment, a letter addressed to ROSE was located on a desk. The note read: "Evil little monkey go and get a job at terrorist African National Congress Office Evil Mongrel with you ugly ante white ethnic garbage you need straightening out how dare you spread your ugly council of churches rubbish on news readers what a cheeky little wimp you are, you need a kick up the ~ with one of those pointy toed boots, there would be plenty of volunteers" (OD-66). In an investigator's note in relation to a conversation with Anthony PARTRIDGE, a colleague of ROSE'S from 2RPH, mention is made of ROSE showing PARTRIDGE a note that he had received which was critical of ROSE on-air. He got the impression that the note bothered him. PARTRIDGE had no knowledge of who sent the note or when ROSE received it. It is unknown if this is the same note that was located in ROSE'S apartment however it is likely they are the same. Receiving this note may have been motivated by negative perception of members of the public that did not know ROSE personally, perceiving him as a member of the GLBTIQ community because of his cross dressing.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Recent bias incidents or crimes may have sparked retaliatory bias crime</i> 	ROSE was not known to have been a victim of, or engaged in, any recent bias incidents or crimes that may have sparked retaliatory bias crimes. It is unknown when he received the note referred to above.
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GENERAL COMMENT	
ROSE received a letter criticising his on-air broadcasts presumably during his volunteer employment at 2RPH. It is unclear who sent the letter or when he received it, however, it appears he carried this around with him, showing a colleague, Anthony PARTRIDGE the note, appearing to be bothered by its contents. Due to it being unclear when the letter was received, there is no evidence to suggest ROSE had been victim of any recent bias incidents or crimes that may have sparked retaliatory bias crime.	
6. Victim/Witness Perception	
Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Witnesses (actual) perceive that the incident was motivated by bias</i> 	There were no actual witnesses to the murder of ROSE. During the course of the investigation, a number of witness statements were obtained. There was no mention by any persons that they believed this incident to have been motivated by bias.
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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> 	The murder of ROSE is currently unsolved. It is unknown if the offender/s had previously been involved in similar incidents or were a member/associate of members of OHG'S.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The victim was in company of a member of the targeted group</i> 	ROSE was alone at the time he was murdered. He lived a relatively quiet life, socialising generally with females from his work at the Westpac Bank or 2RPH.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The victim was perceived to be breaking from traditional conventions or working non-traditional employment</i> 	ROSE worked a Monday to Friday role within the Westpac Bank. He was the lead analyst programmer for the action request system and was involved in the development of pricing for the telephone banking system. ROSE had worked with the bank for 15 years (ST-93). On weekends ROSE would volunteer as a radio presenter on the radio station 2RPH (Radio for the Print Handicapped). ROSE wore female clothing to work, both at the bank and the radio station. ROSE identified as a transgender. This in itself it quite often perceived by the public as breaking from the traditional conventions of day to day gender roles.
<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> 	The murder of ROSE is currently unsolved. The offender/s history is unknown.

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GENERAL COMMENT	
<p>ROSE worked a Monday to Friday role within the Westpac Bank as the lead analyst programmer for the action request system. On weekends ROSE would volunteer as a radio presenter on the radio station 2RPH (Radio for the Print Handicapped). ROSE wore female clothing to work both at the bank and the radio station. ROSE identified as a transgender. This in itself it quite often perceived by the public as breaking from the traditional conventions of day to day gender roles. No information is known about the offender as the murder of ROSE is currently unsolved. No motive was identified for the murder of ROSE. ROSE was well liked and respected. There was no evidence to suggest ROSE had received any recent threats or had any concerns about his safety. There was no evidence of forced entry suggesting that ROSE knew his assailant.</p>	
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>The incident occurred at ROSE'S apartment, [REDACTED] Addison Road in Kensington. Addison Road Kensington runs off the busy Anzac Parade and is not in an area known to be frequented by members of the GLBTI community.</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>The incident occurred at ROSE'S apartment, [REDACTED] Addison Road in Kensington. Addison Road Kensington runs off the busy Anzac Parade and is not in an area known to be frequented by members of the GLBTI community.</p>

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GENERAL COMMENT	
There is nothing to suggest the location had any specific significance to ROSE other than being his home.	
9. Lack of Motive	
Prompts	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>No clear economic or other motive for the incident exists</i> 	<p>ROSE earned \$49,136 a year, had approximately \$45,000 deposited in various bank accounts, owned two units in the Eastern Suburbs, one on Anzac Parade, Kensington that he owned outright (later sold for \$150,000) and the unit he lived in, on Addison Street (later sold for \$255,000 with \$63,000 owing). ROSE also owned a motor vehicle worth about \$8,000 to \$10,000. ROSE had a will detailing that his belongings and wealth be shared between his mother, father and brother. ROSE’S brother, Ian, was identified as a person of interest due to the fact the he had reason to visit ROSE around the time of his murder. Ian ROSE was also aware of the difficulty his mother was having in coming to terms with the femininity of ROSE. It is possible ROSE and his brother discussed this issue with Ian asking ROSE to stop or tone down his</p>

	appearance. It is likely ROSE would not agree to this and in defence of the embarrassment caused to the family, Ian struggled with ROSE subsequently causing his death. Whilst Ian ROSE was a beneficiary of part of the deceased's estate, it is unclear whether he was aware of this. It may have been a contributing factor in the motive behind ROSE'S death (ST-73). No other firm motive was identified during the investigation.
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GENERAL COMMENT	
<p>The investigation was unable to establish a firm motive for the murder of ROSE. ROSE was well liked and respected for his work commitments and personal attributes. There was an apparent lack of evidence of any forced entry into ROSE'S unit suggesting that he knew his assailant. ROSE was security conscious and would not have allowed strangers in to his unit. ROSE was financially stable with approximately \$45,000 deposited in various bank accounts, owned two units in the Eastern Suburbs, one on Anzac Parade Kensington that he owned outright (later sold for \$150,000) and the unit he lived in, on Addison Street (later sold for \$255,000 with \$63,000 owing). ROSE also owned a motor vehicle worth about \$8,000 to \$10,000. As there were no signs of break and enter, fraud or any other clear motivators, it cannot be ruled out that sexuality or other bias may have been involved in the death of ROSE.</p>	

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> 	As no offender/s have been identified or charged in relation to the murder of ROSE and no firm motive established, it is unclear what, if anything, was associated with or motivated with the murder of ROSE. ROSE suffered two fractures to his skull, accompanied by severe bruising. The head fractures were consistent with numerous heavy blows to the head with a blunt object ultimately proving fatal. There was no indication of sexual trauma. The level of violence displayed towards ROSE is substantial however there is no indication that the fatal assault on ROSE was pre mediated.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Weapons of opportunity are used in the incident</i> 	It is unclear if any weapons were used during the fatal bashing of ROSE.
<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> 	It is unclear how many persons were involved in the murder of ROSE.
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GENERAL COMMENT

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Indicator: Insufficient Information (II)

Comment: The murder of ROSE remains unsolved. A number of suspects were identified but no charges were laid. As such, the offender's sexual orientation or identity is unknown. ROSE was described as 'asexual' having no sexual attraction to either females or males. ROSE lived his life as transgender, dressing in women's clothes from the age of 18. ROSE had never had a sexual relationship with a male or female and from the early age of five or six had wanted to be female. No bias related drawings, markings, symbols or graffiti were depicted in photographs reviewed of ROSE or the scene. There was an apparent lack of evidence of any forced entry into ROSE'S unit suggesting that he knew his assailant. As there were no signs of break and enter, fraud or any other clear motivators, it cannot be ruled that sexuality or other bias may have been involved in the death of ROSE. ROSE suffered two fractures to his skull, accompanied by severe bruising. The head fractures were consistent with numerous heavy blows to the head with a blunt object ultimately proving fatal. There was no indication of sexual trauma. The level of violence displayed towards ROSE is substantial however there is no indication that the fatal assault on ROSE was pre mediated.