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ISSUE:

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes – Summons for NSWPF to produce documents – NSWPF46.

BACKGROUND:

The NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes is undertaking inquiries into the death of Wendy Waine (formally Wayne Kerry Brennan) on the 29 or 30 April, 1985.

The Commission has issued Summons NSWPF46 (attached), which seeks the production of personnel and firearms issue records related to persons believed to be former NSWPF officers;

1. [NP177]
2. [NP179] (born [REDACTED] 1963)

The return date of the summons is the 17 January, 2023.

CURRENT POSITION:

The Police Armoury has conducted detailed searches of historic firearms card index issue records under these names, which has resulted in the following;

Firearms issue card record for Constable [NP177] (**note: different spelling of surname to name listed in the summons**). This record showed that Constable [NP177] had Probationary Constable Registered Number [REDACTED]. This registered number would have changed to their permanent registered number when the officer was confirmed after his probationary period. The Armoury records do not indicate the officer's permanent registered number.

The firearm issue records showed that Constable [NP177] was issued a model 10 .38 special Smith and Wesson revolver that had the NSWPF serial number of NSWP6360. Through other records the Armoury was able to confirm that the revolver on issue to Constable [NP177] also had a manufacturers serial number of D166311.

Attached to this report is a copy of the Armoury card index file related to the firearm issued to Constable [NP177]. Also attached are photographs of a NSWPF .38 Special Smith and Wesson revolver that would be identical to the firearm on issue to this officer.

A search of the Armoury card index records under the name [NP179] did not identify any officer listed under this name. This may be due to the index card being missing from the Armoury card index file, or there being no officer of this name recorded.

RECOMMENDATION:

That approval be given for the Armoury records to be forwarded to the Special Commission of Inquiry.

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A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'R Steinborn', written in a cursive style.

R Steinborn,
Chief Inspector,
Officer in Charge,
POLICE ARMOURY,
16 January, 2023.

1. ACT. COMMANDER, NSW FIREARMS REGISTRY.

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