

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

2 May 2023

MSS Security
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By email:

To whom it may concern,

NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

I assist the Honourable Justice John Sackar in the NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes ("the Inquiry").

Request for formal statement

I refer to summons MSS1 issued on 24 March 2023, requesting records held by the MSS Security in relation to NP179 DOB: 1963), and to the email of 4 April 2023 from Ms Joanne Boles on behalf of MSS Security to Ms Caitlin Healey-Nash, Senior Solicitor assisting the Inquiry, advising that MSS Security does not hold any records for NP179 as your payroll system dates back to 1993 and records are retained for 7 years (each enclosed).

NP179 is a person of interest in relation to the death of Wendy Waine (formerly Wayne Kerry Brennan) (DOB 26/7/1949). Ms Waine's body was found in her unit in Darlinghurst on 30 April 1985. The autopsy report recorded the cause of her death as "bullet wounds of the neck and thorax". An inquest was conducted into Wendy's death in September 1986. However, to date, no persons have been arrested in connection with Wendy's death.

It would be of assistance to the Inquiry if the appropriate staff member of MSS Security could prepare a formal statement addressing in detail, the following matters as at 1985:

- What firearms were typically issued to Licensed Private Inquiry Agents by MSS Security;
- What records were kept about firearms issued to employees, including their type, calibre, discharge and return;
- How long these records were kept; and
- What examinations (if any) would have been undertaken to determine whether a firearm had been fired.

It is anticipated that such a statement would be formally admitted into evidence before the Inquiry and assist shape any findings and/or recommendations the Commissioner may make in relation to Ms Waine's death.

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Timeframe for provision of statement

Ms Waine's matter is fixed for a public hearing in late May 2023. We would be grateful if you could provide that statement by no later than **Friday 12 May 2023**. In the event that you anticipate any difficulty with this timeframe, please advise me in writing as soon as possible noting the reasons why further time is required and when it is anticipated that the statement will be completed. I would also be grateful if you could please keep the Inquiry updated as to your progress.

Thank you for your assistance to the Inquiry.

Please do not hesitate to contact Rhys Carvosso at

or on

if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully

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Rhys Carvosso Solicitor

For Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry

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