

DRAG QUEEN DEATH HUNT

POLICE are mystified by the execution-style murder of one of Sydney's well-known drag queens.

Transvestite Wayne Kerry Brennan, 35, also known as Wendy Wayne or Wendy Brennan, was knocked unconscious in his Kings Cross flat before he was

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MURDERED: Transvestite Wayne (Wendy) Brennan, 35, in drag

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INQUIRY: Police question Brennan's friends outside his flat



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 shot twice in the back with a heavy calibre weapon, possibly a .45, then covered with a leopard skin.

Police have not found the hand-gun, the cartridges or the bullets which passed through Brennan's naked body.

Friends have told police that Brennan, well known as a female entertainer, did not have any enemies.

Detectives believe the murder was sex-related and are checking Brennan's clients. They fear he was killed by a man he had picked up.

Police have questioned other male prostitutes to try to trace Brennan's last movements and his clients.

Brennan worked as an entertainer at a Darlinghurst gay bar known as Pete's Beat. He was last seen there on Sunday night and police believe he was murdered early Monday morning.

An autopsy held late last night showed he had been hit over the head with a blunt object, knocking him unconscious.

He was then shot at close range between the shoulder blades with the bullet exiting through the neck.

He was shot a second

DRAG QUEEN'S DEATH RIDDLE

time through the base of the skull with the bullet coming out through his chin.

But police have not found the bullets or the weapon.

A friend found his body lying face down in the bedroom of his small Darlinghurst Rd bedsitter flat at noon yesterday.

Heater on

The front door was open and the television and heater were still on.

The friend, Kenneth Beckham, of Bourke St, Darlinghurst, said: "Wendy was the nicest person you could ever meet.

"She was loved by her workmates and by all her friends.

"No one knew of any ill feeling between her or anyone else. She was just too kind."

In another Kings Cross incident today a man who had plunged

eight floors to his death at Roslyn Gardens was found to have knife wounds to his throat and wrists.

Police have not released the name of the man who was aged about 25. They said his flat had been locked from the inside.

And at Tweed Heads the body of a 71-year-

old man was recovered from the Tweed River.

Police believe Henry James Cook may have been murdered for the \$200 to \$400 he was seen carrying at the South Tweed Heads Bowls Club earlier in the night.

When his body was recovered police could not find his wallet.

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