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DARLING HARBOUR DEATH - APPEAL FOR INFORMATION

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Detectives investigating the death of a 21 year-old man at Darling Harbour, today appealed for witnesses to help piece together the last hours of his life.

The body of Scott Stuart Miller, of Orange, in central-western NSW, was found at 7.50am on Monday by passers-by at the foot of a seven-metre stone wall, at the northern end of Wharf 4, Hickson Road, Darling Harbour.

Detective Sergeant Phil Rogerson, of The Rocks, said a post-mortem examination showed Mr Miller had sustained head and internal injuries and fractured wrists.

"His death is being treated as suspicious - police inquiries are continuing into whether the injuries were caused by a fall or assault," he said.

Det Sgt Rogerson said police had established that Mr Miller had planned to enjoy Saturday night on the town with some friends.

"Mr Miller and three men went to the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras on Saturday night, then all four went drinking in The Rocks area," he said.

"He spoke with two women outside the Observer Hotel around 12.30 - 1am on Sunday, and we would like them to come forward to assist with inquiries. Mr Miller was last seen by a friend, outside the Orient Hotel in The Rocks at about 1.30am on Sunday."

Det Sgt Rogerson said Mr Miller was dressed casually - he was wearing a white Jag brand shirt, blue jeans, and brown belt and shoes.

His wallet, containing personal papers and bank keycard, was found in his clothing.

"Someone must have seen him, or spoken with him, between 1.30am on Sunday and 7.50am on Monday," Det Sgt Rogerson said.

"Anyone who has any information which might assist police - no matter how minor it might seem - is urged to contact The Rocks detectives on (02) ████████, or Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**. All information will be treated confidentially."

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