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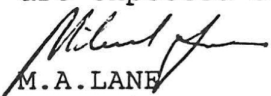
Suspicious death of Scott Stuart MILLER (27.7.75) of [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Orange.

BACKGROUND; Further to sitrep 97/6 on Monday 3.3.97.....
 The investigation into this death has been moving steadily. Statements have been obtained from the male persons that were drinking with the deceased during the night prior to his death. A complete canvas has been completed in the surrounding area of Munn Reserve and the cliff area where the deceased was found. No pertinent information has been obtained at this stage. There were two ships moored at the docks at the time of deceased death. a Russian ship was canvassed and the Captain spoken to with neg result. The other ship 'Ranginui' a New Zealand ship is due to come back to Sydney in 2 weeks time and the crew will be interviewed then. Details are also being obtained to interview dock workers which number some 50.

Extensive enquires were made to locate a missing Commonwealth Master card that is believed the deceased had on him. The card could not be located and a stop and warning has been put on the card. (There has been no transactions made since death.) There has been negotiation between police and Australia's Most Wanted Program and they will be interviewing the family in Orange on Monday 10.3.97. The program will also attend The Rocks area on Tuesday 11.3.97 to film and interview police and witnesses. There also has been some media coverage in the newspapers and a media conference which included the parents of the deceased and was conducted at Police Headquarters on Tuesday 4.3.97.

Local Hotels have also been canvassed and enquiries are continuing in relation to obtaining statements from witnesses. The strongest lead so far which has come to light is from a young women who stated that she saw a male closely fitting the description of the deceased walking near Observatory Hill which is approximately half way from where the deceased was last seen to where his body was located. The male was alone and appeared not to be in distress and this sighting explains the theory that the deceased may have walked to the location of his death and possibly fell by accident. Witnesses have stated that the deceased was well intoxicated.

Enquires are continuing and local Detectives are being assisted by S/Sgt LAIDLAW of MCSS Homicide Squad. Reports from GMO re autopsy are expected soon.


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