

# CRIME AGENCIES PROGRESS REPORT

To be submitted fortnightly unless otherwise directed  
 Period ends Saturday - to be lodged with Operations Coordination by C.O.B. Monday

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Strike Force Name	CORONE	CAC No	97-0440	Review Date	12/1/97	Report Period	10/1/98	to	24/1/98
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No of Staff	1	Staff Changes (Y/N)	N	No of Vehicles	1	Vehicle Changes (Y/N)	N	Investigative Hours	45
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(If there are changes to staff &/or vehicles please attach a 'Notification of Resource Alteration' form)

## BACKGROUND

This investigation was initiated from a letter received at the Office of the State Coroner from the parents of Scott Stuart MILLER who was found deceased in suspicious circumstances on the 3/3/97 at the bottom of a cliff face within the confines Patricks The Australian Stevedore container terminal, Darling Harbour. This letter accompanied by a covering report, dated 11/11/97 under the hand of the Senior Deputy State Coroner Mr. J B Abernethy was received at Crime Agencies. Mr. Abernethy in his letter requests an officer be appointed to address a number of concerns raised in the MILLER letter, which in effect is seeking a further investigation to be undertaken into the death of their son.

The covering letter also makes reference that Mr. Abernathy conducted an inquest into the death of Scott Stuart MILLER and concluded on the evidence that MILLER was the victim of a homicide by person or persons unknown (open finding).

The MILLER family in their letter raised several issues which are:-

- interview certain witnesses (security guards) from the container terminal
- interview ship crews
- canvass an interview staff of Hotels in the vicinity of 'The Rocks'
- and examine Police and Taxi records.




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ACTIONS PERFORMED SINCE LAST REPORT	PROPOSED ACTIONS
INTERVIEWED SECURITY STAFF AT DARLING HARBOUR  INQUIRIES WITH LOCAL HOTELS  INQUIRIES CONDUCTED CONCERNING LOGS AND CREW OF THE VESSEL 'RANGINU'  ENSURING THE SHIRT OF THE DECEASED IS FORWARDED FOR SCIENTIFIC EXAMINATION TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THE BLOOD THEREON IS ONLY THE BLOOD OF THE DECEASED.  MEDIA RELEASE CONCERNING RECENT INFORMATION FROM A LOCAL RESIDENT AT MILLERS POINT  CONTINUALLY CONVERSE WITH MILLER FAMILY ON A REGULAR BASIS RE THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION.	FURTHER INQUIRIES WITH HOTELS  ON RECEIPT OF RADIO LOGS, EXAMINE SAME  INTERVIEW A SECURITY OFFICER, DAVID HUE WHO MAY ON THE NIGHT DECLINED ENTRY TO THE DECEASED TO THE ORIENT HOTEL.  INTERVIEW SECURITY STAFF AT THE WAR OF FORTUNE HOTEL  A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT FOR A GOVERNMENT REWARD  CONTINUE TO CONVERSE WITH THE MILLER FAMILY ON A REGULAR BASIS ON THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION  <u>BE IT NOTED, THESE ISSUES CAN NOT BE ADDRESSED FOR ANOTHER 4 WEEKS DUE TO COURT AND HOLIDAY COMMITMENTS.</u>

Signature		Name & Rank	K J DESMOND	DET SGT	Date	23/1/98
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TO BE SUSPENDED TILL 23/2/98 INVESTIGATED ON ANNUAL  
 LEAVE AND INVOLVED IN OTHER COURT PROCEEDINGS

 T. J. STARR  
 DE C/INSP. 27/1/98.