

24/3/98

# CRIME AGENCIES PROGRESS REPORT

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

Strike Force Name	COLONE.	CAC No	97-0440	Review Date	12/1/97	Report Period	22/2/98	to	7/3/98
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No of Staff	1	Staff Changes (Y/N)	N	No of Vehicles	1	Vehicle Changes (Y/N)	N	Investigative Hours	25
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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. Abernethy 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:-

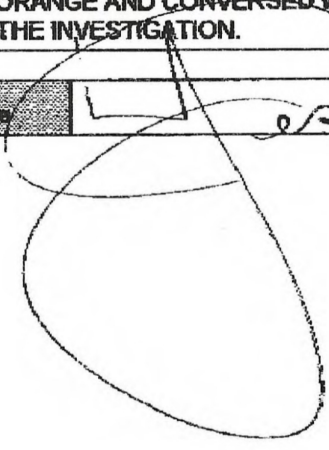
- interview certain witnesses (security guards) from the container terminal
- interview ship crews
- canvass an interview staff of Hotels in the vicinity of 'The Rocks'
- and examine Police and Taxi records.



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ACTIONS PERFORMED SINCE LAST REPORT	PROPOSED ACTIONS
<p>INTERVIEWED DAVID HAU, FORMER SECURITY OFFICER AT ORIENT HOTEL, THE ROCKS</p> <p>INTERVIEWED RANGA TIPENE, FORMER SECURITY OFFICER OF THE WAR OF FORTUNE HOTEL, THE ROCKS</p> <p>CONTINUING TO MONITOR POSITION AS TO THE SCIENTIFIC EXAMINATION OF THE DECEASED SHIRT</p> <p>EXAMINATION OF RADIO AND SIDS LOGS</p> <p>CONVERSE WITH ROY HAHAS RE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE DEATH OF HIS SON MITCHELL HAHAS AND SCOTT MILLER</p> <p>ENQUIRIES WITH COMBINED TAXIS AS TO ANY EVIDENCE OF THE DECEASED SEEKING THE SERVICES OF A TAXI</p> <p>TRAVEL TO ORANGE AND CONVERSED WITH MILLER FAMILY RE THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION.</p>	<p>CONTINUE ENQUIRIES WITH TAXI COMBINED RE ANY EVIDENCE OF DECEASED SEEKING THE SERVICES OF A TAXI</p> <p>FURTHER ENQUIRIES AT HOTELS</p> <p>A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT FOR A GOVERNMENT REWARD</p> <p>CONTINUE TO CONVERSE WITH THE MILLER FAMILY ON A REGULAR BASIS ON THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION</p>

Signature		Name & Rank	K J DESMOND DET SGT	Date	6/3/98
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