

SOUTH REGION - SITUATION REPORT

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INITIATING LOC : SURRY HILLS DETECTIVES

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DISTRICT : SYDNEY

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SITREP NO. : 10

3pm, 12 July, 1995

ISSUE:

Murder of James William MEEK, 51 old, at Surry Hills on Wednesday 8 March, 1995.

BACKGROUND:

Refer to previous 'Situation Reports'.

CURRENT POSITION:

- \* Inquiries have now established that the victim was murdered between 7.30am and 11am on Tuesday the 7th March, 1995. The sighting of the victim by the witness, Jorge RUA, at 8.30pm that evening has all but been discounted at this stage due to the overwhelming evidence which suggests that the victim was dead inside his flat at 11am that morning. This follows a further statement provided by neighbour Brian KANE and other related inquiries. The suspect Michael Alan HEATLEY has admitted to leaving the victim at 9am on Tuesday the 7th March, 1995. The ring stolen by the suspect from the victim was sold at the Kings Loan Office, Merrylands at 1.30pm that afternoon, with the assistance of Roger GRIFFITHS, a relative of the suspect. A statement has been obtained from GRIFFITHS who confirms this information and also states that the suspect was in possession of other jewellery items which may have belonged to the victim.
- \* The suspect maintains that he went to the victim's flat in the late afternoon of Monday the 6th March, 1995. However the suspect can be placed with the victim in the early morning of that day. The victim did know the suspect who had on occasion stayed overnight at the flat. The suspect denied having a homosexual relationship with the victim but this can be challenged by a conversation the victim had with his neighbour Brian KANE on the afternoon of the 6th March, 1995 when the victim admitted committing sexual acts with the suspect on the preceding days.

FURTHER ACTION:

- \* Inquiries are continuing to locate the other jewellery items taken from the victim. The suspect was drifting between family and friends at the time of the murder. Inquiries are being made with all persons who may have had contact with the suspect around this time to seek out any further evidence to assist the inquiry. Further canvasses are being made with homosexual haunts to determine whether the suspect is known in those circles. At this stage the investigation is focussing on obtaining any further evidence which may prove that the suspect was responsible for the murder, even though a circumstantial brief may now exist. It is expected that an advising may sought from the DPP at a later stage on the available evidence.

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