

Case 68 - Basic Overview of MEEK

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Brief Description: Murder of James MEEK (DOB: 05/08/1943) at Surry Hills on 7 March 1995

Michael HEATLEY (DOB: [REDACTED]) was charged with the murder of MEEK.

About 3:35pm on Wednesday 8 March 1995 MEEK was located deceased in his apartment. Initial inquiries concluded that the death was not suspicious. No signs of violence were evident to the body, nor did there appear to be any obvious disruption to the interior of the flat. A post mortem was conducted on the deceased. The doctor concluded that the death was occasioned by blunt force injuries to the head. Detectives have commenced an immediate investigation following advice that the death was now deemed suspicious.

On Thursday 28 September 1995, HEATLEY was arrested in Tasmania and extradited to NSW where he was formally charged with the murder of MEEK. MEEK denied having involvement in his murder.

The deceased resided alone in housing commission units at Surry Hills. He was a divorced father of three. He was a known homosexual and had contracted HIV some ten years ago.

HEATLEY was charged with murder but found not guilty.