

Crime Agencies Strike Force Investigation Progress Report

CAC Number: 97/0043
 Strike Force Name: **Monardia**
 Report Number:
 Service Type: Full CA investigation
 Date Commenced: 20.10.97
 Matter Under Investigation: Unsolved Murder of Kenneth BRENNAN on 11.6.95
 Strike Force Commander: Detective Sergeant Warren LEE (City Central)
 Telephone Number: [REDACTED] Eagle [REDACTED]
 Location: City Central Detectives
 Report for Period Ending: 2 May, 1999
 Proposed Termination Date: As soon as results are received from Lidcome Forensic Lab.

Operation Summary: *(for period of reporting only & include all COPS entry No's generated - Indicate any related action by the NSWCC or ODPP. Indicate any executions of search warrants, installations of listening devices and/or telephone intercepts, persons of interest arrested or of significant interest, drug seizures or assets seized. If applicable, attach search warrant, listening device, telephone intercept, person of interest, assets, drug seizure data collection forms) Do not delete this prompt*

Search Warrant Executed	No	L.D Installed	No	T.I. Commenced	No
P.O.I Arrested or of Significance	No	Drugs Seized	No	Assets Seized	No

Investigative Hours =	24
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Future Directions: *(planned/likely operational focus, principal lines of investigation for next reporting period) do not delete this prompt*

Following information from a Crime Stoppers file, detectives identified **NP200** as a person of interest in the BRENNAN murder inquiry.

On 11th March, 1999 Detectives LEE and O'BRIEN interviewed **NP200** at Junee Police Station. **NP200** freely answered all police questions and stated he did not know BRENNAN, nor was he aware of the murder or able to assist with the investigation.

NP200 agreed to supply police with a sample of his blood, hair and saliva. These samples were taken by Doctor BAGLEY at the Junee Correctional Centre. These samples were convey to Lidcombe Laboratories on 12th March, 1999.

A pair of underpants located at the scene of the murder, that did not belong to the deceased have also been conveyed to the Lidcombe Laboratories for forensic examination.

Any further inquiries in relation to this investigation hinge upon results from DNA testing of the samples supplied by the nominated suspect, **NP200**. If the results are negative, Strike Force Monardia can be suspended, pending any new information being forthcoming.

Significant Issues: do not delete prompts, if nothing to report indicate N/A (may include)

▶ **Operational Management** - includes issues arising with clients, eg. LAC, Region
 Although Detective Sergeant LEE is no longer attached to Crime Agencies, it was requested and supported that he still maintain carriage of the current line of inquiry regarding the person of interest, **NP200** due to his knowledge of investigative inquiries that need to be made.

▶ **Operational Practice**
 On 10.3.99 Detectives LEE and O'BRIEN travelled to Wagga Wagga and on 11.3.99 interviewed the nominated person of interest at Junee Police Station. Blood, hair and saliva samples are currently being examined at the Lidcombe Laboratories and pending results, the person of interest **NP200** can be eliminated from this inquiry as there are no other issues arising to consider him a suspect.

▶ **Administration**
 I have given the Lidcombe Laboratory permission to carry out DNA testing on the samples that **NP200** has supplied, to compare them to blood located at the scene. Each test costs \$200 and it is envisaged that several tests will be required. These costs will be met by Crime Agencies.

▶ **Impact** N/A

▶ **Corruption/EMS**
 All enquires and exhibits handled ethically and with accountability.

▶ **Policy** N/A

▶ **Judicial** N/A

▶ **Performance Review** N/A

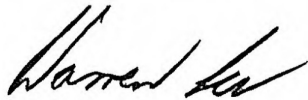
▶ **changes in staff/motor vehicles**

In consultation between Crime Agencies and the City Central LAC, it has been agreed that Detective Sergeant LEE will finalise inquiries to the point where Strike Force Monardia may be suspended.

▶ **Recommendations**

That pending on forensic results, Strike Force Monardia be suspended in relation to these current inquiries.

Strike Force Commander's signature/name/rank/date



Warren LEE
 Detective Sergeant
 City Central Detectives
 2 May, 1999

Certification (by Program/Agency Commander, where appropriate: 'I certify that the above Progress Report is accurate and critical issues are identified.' Signature/name/rank/date. In appropriate cases a Program/Agency Commander should comment.

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 KID HEWELIN
 5.5.99

MATTER TO BE SUSPENDED