



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Cochrane

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I refer to the above Inquiry, and to the conference between staff of the Inquiry and the Forensic and Analytical Science Service (“FASS”) on 30 January 2023 regarding the death of Anthony Cawsey.

Death of Anthony Cawsey

Anthony Cawsey (DOB: 26/01/1972; case number FS097769) was found deceased in Centennial Park on 26 September 2009 as a result of hemopericardium due to a single stab wound to the left chest.

A number of exhibits were forensically tested by FASS as part of the initial NSW Police Force investigation into Mr Cawsey’s death.

Exhibits for re-testing

The Inquiry requests that further forensic analysis be conducted on the exhibits listed below, as appropriate. (In respect of exhibits 4 and 14, we understand that some further analysis has already been conducted by FASS.)

We would be grateful if any unknown profile be compared to profiles in any relevant database available to FASS, including the National Criminal Investigation DNA Database.

- **Exhibit 4 – Section of “rollie” cigarette butt**

During the crime scene examination, two cigarette butts and a cigarette lighter were located next to the deceased. A sample was removed from the end of the “rollie” cigarette butt for DNA examination.

Previous testing revealed that the DNA recovered was a mixture from two unknown males (“A” and “B”).

- **Exhibit 14 – Black underpants**

The deceased was found at the crime scene located partially facedown on a dirt track. He was wearing a short-sleeved shirt, with a black mid-drift top underneath, as well as a black G-string with a pair of women’s lace underwear on top of them.

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Previous testing revealed that the DNA recovered was a mixture that appeared to have originated from two individuals, Anthony Cawsey and an unknown male (“C”).

- ***Exhibit 16 – Penis swab***

A penis swab sample was taken from Mr Cawsey post-mortem.

Previous testing revealed that a partial DNA profile recovered had the same profile as Anthony Cawsey.

- ***Exhibit 46 – Black hood; Exhibit 47 – Black glove***

On 17 October 2009, Police seized several items of clothing from Moses Kellie’s campsite along the southern shoreline of Busby Pond, about 70 metres east of where Mr Cawsey was found. Among these were a black hood (Exhibit 46), and a black glove (Exhibit 47).

Blood was not detected on either exhibit. DNA testing was not carried out.

Trace DNA would be of forensic utility to the investigation of Mr Cawsey’s death.

- ***Exhibit 50 – Left ‘Puma’ shoe of Moses Kellie; Exhibit 51 – Right ‘Puma’ shoe of Moses Kellie***

On 17 October 2009, Puma shoes were seized by Police from Mr Kellie’s campsite on the southern edge of Busby Pond in Centennial Park. Mr Kellie admitted to wearing the shoes on the day of Mr Cawsey’s murder.

Previous testing of Exhibit 50 recovered a partial DNA profile. Due to the low level of DNA, further interpretation was not carried out. DNA testing was unsuccessful in relation to Exhibit 51.

Trace DNA would be of forensic utility to the investigation of Mr Cawsey’s death.

- ***Exhibit 66 – swabs of wallet – Anthony Cawsey***

During the crime scene examination, a small wallet containing Mr Cawsey’s driver’s license was located in the trackpants worn by Mr Cawsey.

Blood was not detected on the wallet. The DNA recovered has the same profile as Mr Cawsey. Trace DNA from at least one other individual was also recovered by at levels too low for further interpretation.

Request for expert certificate

The Inquiry seeks an expert certificate setting out the results of any testing of these exhibits. Where particular tests and/or analysis cannot be undertaken, or are considered to be of no utility, please refer to this in the certificate.

It would be of assistance if this expert certificate could be provided to the Inquiry by **26 April 2023**. In the event that there is any difficulty with this timeline, please do not hesitate to contact Claudia Hill on [REDACTED]

Thank you in advance for your assistance to the Inquiry.

Please do not hesitate to contact Claudia Hill on [REDACTED] if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,



Claudia Hill
Solicitor

Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry