

MURDER FILE 1976/55

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MANIAC KILLER POLICE THEORY CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM

Police believe the murderer of Peter Walasik at Belmore on Sunday night could be the maniac who hacked a man to death at Five Dock in September.

Detectives examining this theory point to clues common to both cases.

And veteran policemen today were comparing the cases with the terror-filled days of 1961 when William McDonald murdered and mutilated four Sydney men.

Battered

McDonald, the mutilator, was caught and convicted. He is now in an institution for the insane.

Facts in the present investigations point to

the work of an insane person.

Walasik, 26, was a bachelor, conscientious worker and an inoffensive man. He was stabbed, shot and battered in Leylands Avenue while walking home to Reginald Ave, Belmore, from the Lakemba RSL Club.

The Five Dock victim was Barry Jones, 41, of Wake Street, Haberfield. He left the Western Suburbs Soccer Club on September 27 for home but his body was found next day in the grandstand of Five Dock Oval. It had

Murdered



Barry Jones

Murdered



Peter Walasik

60 stab wounds.

The frenzied attack was a feature common to both murders.

Walasik could have died from either the knifing, battering or shooting. He had been stabbed 15 times, once through the heart.

Jones's wounds included a knife thrust through the heart. The killer left the knife embedded in his chest.

Walasik was employed at a workshop for the disabled and Jones was a

street sweeper.

Police had never heard of them before they became murder victims.

In neither case could police find any motive.

Robbery was ruled out because both men had their cash on them and Walasik had his watch.

Detectives described both as most unlikely murder victims.

Police have established that Walasik was seen talking and walking with a man in Leylands Ave after he left the club.

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