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# Report of Death to Coroner

Local Area Command: Eastern Suburbs Local Area Command  
 Phone No: [REDACTED] Report Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 COPS Event No: E 909939200037 Morgue Register/Book No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Police Body Tag No: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Coroner, Glebe

Death of: Baumann (Surname) Peter Karl (Given Names)  
 Age: 25 (at time of disappearance) DOB: 20/4/1957  
 Marital Status: Divorced Sex: Male  
 Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: Formerly of [REDACTED] Cross Street, Waverley  
 Date & time of death: Unknown on or @ 26/10/83  
 Place of death: Unknown last seen @ [REDACTED] Cross St Waverley  
 Date & time found: Still Missing  
 By whom found: N/A Address: N/A  
 Report to police by: Ruth Binney Address: [REDACTED]  
 Last seen alive by: Alan Smythe Address: [REDACTED]  
 When last seen alive: 1983  
 Date & time reported: 27/10/1983  
 Country of birth: Germany Torres Strait Islander/Aboriginal: No  
 Pension Type: N/A Military/Invalid Disability: N/A  
 Govt. Authority informed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Next of Kin (Title): Anna Baumann Address: [REDACTED]  
 Relationship to dec'd: Sister Phone: [REDACTED]  
 Identifying person: N/A Address: N/A  
 Phone: N/A  
 Deceased's doctor: N/A Address: N/A  
 Phone: N/A

Method of Id (Visual, Dental, F/prints): Missing  
 Chain of ID – e.g. Relative or Friend (name) to Police (name) to other Police (name): Reported missing in 1983  
 Criminal charges preferred?  Yes  No  
 Details:  
 Was Circumstances of death suspicious?  Yes  No  
 Did Detective/s attend?  Yes  No  
 Detective/s & LAC:  
 Did Crime Scene Investigator/s attend?  Yes  No  
 Investigator/s & Region:  
 Did Crash Investigator/s attend?  Yes  No  
 Investigator/s & Region: \_\_\_\_\_


Property/Clothing found on deceased:	N/A- Missing Person	
Property Book Ref:	N/A	
Any relative object to clothing being cut from body?	N/A	Phone: _____
Any objection to Post Mortem by Next of Kin?	N/A	Phone: _____
Coroner's Pamphlet handed to:	_____	
Hospital advised to forward medical records?	N/A	

**NOTES:**

(1) This form should be prepared in quadruplicate in all cases where a death is reported to the Coroner. The original and two copies should be forwarded to the Coroner. All statements in duplicate should be lodged with the Coroner no later than **28 days** after receipt of inquest notice.

(2) The name and address of all persons and the registered number of all motor vehicles concerned should be indicated.

<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Simon FIELD	<b>Investigating Officer:</b>	Simon FIELD
<b>Rank:</b>	P.C S/C	<b>Rank:</b>	P.C S/C
<b>Station:</b>	Eastern Suburbs LAC	<b>Station:</b>	Eastern Suburbs LAC
<b>Annual Leave:</b>	_____		

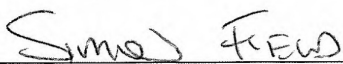
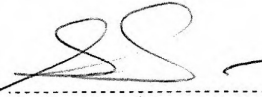
**Signature:**  .....

If any previous illness, and deceased seen by doctor, particulars should be given, where treated by a doctor a note should be obtained giving particulars of treatment of such doctor. If died within 24 hours of Anesthetic - Form A and B required from hospital and indicate at the start of narrative.

**Narrative of Circumstances under which death took place:**

On 29 November 1983, Peter Baumann, Date of Birth 20 April 1957, a German national, was reported missing to Waverley Police Station. The person reporting was Baumann's landlord at the time of his disappearance. Baumann was residing at [redacted] Cross Street, Waverley when he was last seen. There are no records available indicating any investigation into Baumann's disappearance in 1983. In June 1982 the Missing Person was married to a prostitute, Cherie Foster, who he met in Byron Bay, so that he could obtain permanent residency in Australia. In June or July 1983, Miss Foster states that they filed for divorce. There are indications that the missing person had an arrangement with Miss Foster where he would provide money to her on a weekly basis. Foster denies that this arrangement was in place. The Missing Person was in a homosexual relationship prior to his disappearance. Statement obtained from his partner, Alan Smythe contradicts Miss Foster. Smythe reported that the Missing Person informed him that unknown persons were attempting to blackmail him for \$30,000, stemming from this arrangement with Miss Foster. Mr Smythe stated that the Missing Person paid Miss Foster \$20,000 to marry him. There is nothing to support this version of Mr Smythe's.

The Missing Person was employed at the ABC at the time of his disappearance and on 9 November 1983, a letter was forwarded by the ABC's welfare officer to the Missing Person as he had not attended work for 2 weeks.

Name:		Signature:	
Rank:	P.C S/C	Registered No:	[redacted]
		Date:	25/6/08



In 1992 the matter was investigated by Senior Constable Gribble from the Missing Person's unit where a number of statements were obtained from various witnesses and acquaintances of Baumann, including Sharmalie Seneviratne, Alan Smythe, and Cherie Foster.



A statement obtained from an ex-girlfriend, Sharmalie Seneviratne, detailed how she was on the phone to Baumann around October 1983 when they had an argument then the phone line went dead. Baumann was at his residence at Cross Street when speaking to Seneviratne on the phone. Seneviratne attempted to call Baumann back but the phone was disconnected. Sharmalie and her cousin, Hamish Pears travelled to Cross Street to check on Baumann. Sharmalie stated that Hamish remained inside the car whilst she attended Baumann's unit. The unit door was wide open and the furniture was turned upside down and his clothing thrown around the unit. She observed that a cushion had been burnt and was left in the bathroom. Baumann's musical instruments were still inside the unit. Sharmalie left the unit without reporting what she saw to Police at the time. Sharmalie contacted the landlady of the block of units the next morning, Ruth Binney, and informed her of what occurred the previous evening. Binney attended the unit and observed the unit in the condition as Sharmalie described it. Binney then contacted Police. Police attended and obtained details. This report has since been destroyed and there is no record of the report being made.

In 1993 enquiries were made with the Department of Immigration which indicated that the missing person had not left the country. In 2002 the Missing Persons Unit made enquiries with the Financial Institutions which indicated that he had no accounts in any of the major banks. On 25 May 1994, Baumann's sister, Anna, flew from Germany to Australia and made her own enquiries and met with the Missing Person's Unit. Anna returned to Germany on 4 June 1994. There has been no further investigation into the matter until 2007. In 2008, Police made further enquiries with Centrelink, the Telecommunication Carriers, NSW Electoral Commission, Medicare and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and there is no information to assist in locating the Missing Person.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2008, the Missing Persons unit conducted a search of the Unidentified Bodies Data Base. This search failed to locate a match for Peter Baumann.



The contents of this document are based on the initial information obtained when Police attend a death. Because of this, inaccuracies may come to light at a later date.

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 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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