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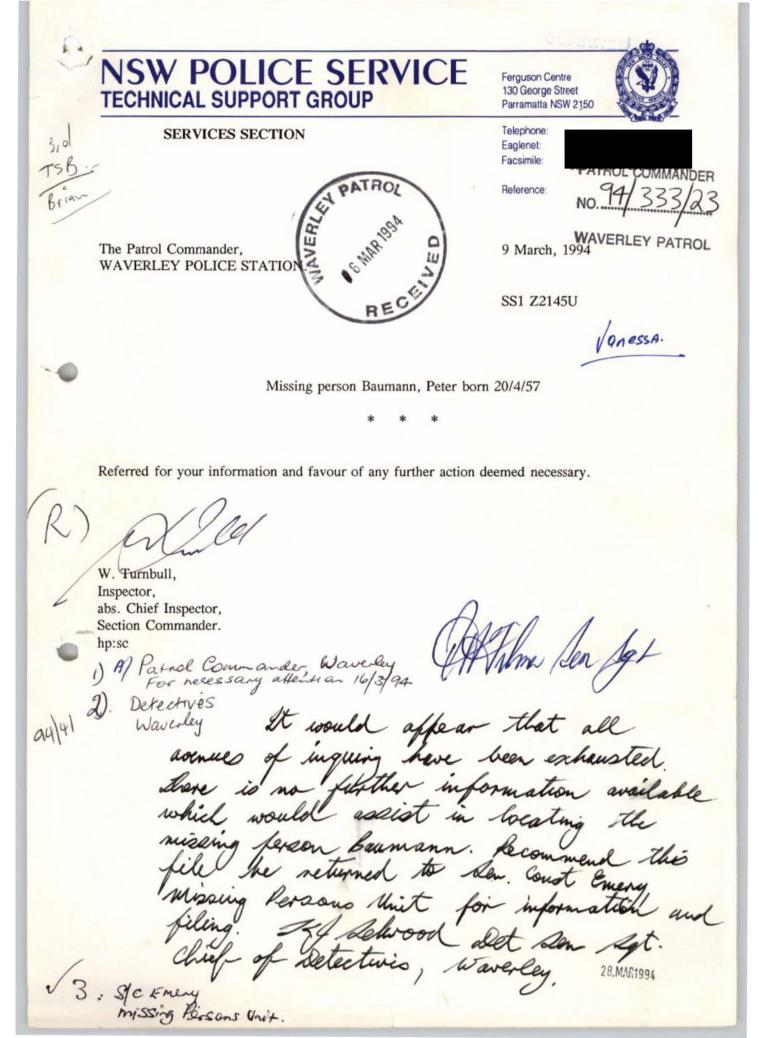
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Missing Person BAUMANN, Peter born: 20/04/57.

Please find the attached file concerning missing person Peter BAUMANN, who disappeared in the Waverley area in 1983. Senior Constable John GRIBBLE has carried out extensive inquiries to locate the above person. With the information now on hand, could the Detectives peruse the file and decide if follow-up action is necessary.

Forwarded for information.

P. Emery Senior Constable Abs. Unit Leader Missing Persons Unit



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Peter Karl Josef BAUMANN aka ANN aka MOLTZEN born 20/4/57 in State of Baden/Wurtemburg in Germany. Family then resided in Black Forest, near Munich, BAVARIA, GERMANY. Eldest of seven children (four brothers and two sisters) Father factory worker Heinrich BAUMANN and mother Anneliese Matthilde BAUMANN (nee SPECK)

OBERKIRCH, GERMANY.

Strict catholic upbringing, studied music at Conservatory in MUNICH. According to Sister Frau Anna-Christa BAUMANN-SERR of

only family dispute was over strict catholic upbringing. MP had resided with her in flat in Munich prior to BAUMANN travelling to AUSTRALIA Had no knowledge of any homosexual/bisexual tendencies. Believed brother was heterosexual. Said he was wnelligible for military service on medical grounds (<u>AWAITING ANSWER TO TELEXES TO GERMANY</u>) Had sold a number of musical pieces in Germany but wanted to travel to AUSTRALIA to further musical career as composer.

IN AUSTRALIA

Arrived in Australia at Mascot Aerodrome via flight SQ21A (Singapore Airlines) on 11/12/81. Unknown what was first address but is believed to have been Bennett Street, BONDI. Had approached Mrs Ingrid DANIELS of When she was attempting to rent that flat out in late 1981 or early 1982 but did not rent flat (DANIELS German National of thirty years status). DANIELS saw MP approximately 3 times prior wedding on 12/6/82 which she witnessed at his request and no further contact after that date. DANIELS had no knowledge of his friends, only knew him as lonely, musician, strong desire to stay in AUSTRALIA, worked for A.B.C. Suspected he was bisexual/homosexual as he had "pretty appearance" (her discription).

M.P. began relationship with Sharmalie Natalie SENEVIRATNE around December 1981, approaching her at Colonnade Gift Shop, , CITY. Relationship last approximately months. Met MP on a daily basis for lunch, and used to regularly socialise at King George's Tavern in King Street, City and unknown restaurant in M.L.C. Centre. At time. MP working at Conservatorium of Music. Miss SENEVIRATNE describes MP as heterosexual, generally stable, but occasionally aggressive over things such as service at restaurants. Also very demanding and possessive, would not allow her to have social life with friends or that was separate from him. He made all social arrangements. After about three months MP asked her to marry him and she refused, reasons being that she 17 years at time and ALSO SHE BELIEVED HE WAS USING A MARRIAGE TO GAIN PERMANENT RESIDENCY STATUS. Relationship continued for approximately another two to three months and he continued to ask her to marry him until she ended relationship sometime prior to July 1982. No further contact until telephone call around September/ October 1983.

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MP also began relationship with Alan SMYTH around same time. According to SMYTH he met BAUMANN in Summer of 1981 when he was walking his dog in Centennial Park. Homosexual relationship began from that day and lasted until MP disappearance. Used to see MP two to three times per week. MP did not move in with SMYTH. SMYTH resided in terraced house at Artlett St, EDGECLIFFE with Mervin Oliver (Oliver) KEASBERRY born 50. KEASBERRY allegedly straight and highly moral (according to SMYTH), and had little contact with BAUMANN. SMYTH at the time leased vacant land adjacent to his house and built pool on land and according to neighbours and had had frequent homosexual pool parties of extremely ribald nature. SMYTH is very overtly homosexual in his manner and dress and very forthcoming in discussing homosexual aspect of relationship.

According to SMYTH MP told him that his father was a composer in GERMANY and he had a very severe dispute with his father and there was great animosity between them. Also that BAUMANN had a very strong desire to stay in AUSTRALIA to avoid compulsary military service in GERMANY. To avoid this return, the MP told him that he had arranged with **xith** a prostitute he had located at Kings Cross to marry him for \$20,000.00. The marriage took place somet ime in the middle of 1982. SMYTH was not aware of the marriage until after it had occurred. A short time before he disappeared the MP became very nervous about allegedly being approached by two 'pimps' of his 'wife' who demanded another \$30,000.00 from him. The MP did not tell SMYTH what the threat was, but he felt that it was physical violence. SMYTH had no knowledge about any other relationships and believed that the MP was exclusively homosexual.

The last time SMYTH saw the MP was on a Sunday in the later part of 1983. He went to the MP flat at the Cross Street, WAVERLEY and spent the afternoon with him until a unknown male companion of the MP turned up and these two went to an unknown concert in the City. The MP was supposed to see SMYTH the next day but didn't turn up, so the next day he went around to his flat. He found the front door open, the MP gone, the flat untidy, but no sign of struggle or that he had taken any clothing or possessions with him. He did not report the matter to Police as he believed that the MP had met up with another homosexual and left with him which is common amongst homosexuals, although he did not believe that BAUMANN had any friends that were not known to him and he believed that BAUMANN did not participate in the Gay scene (i.e. attend various pubs, restaurants, go to parties apart from his own.)

BAUMANN's wife met him in Byron Bay in March 1982 whilst walking around the Byron Bay Markets when she was running a stall. Her details are Cherie Kim FOSTER born 63 of 63 of 64 . During that conversation he told her he was looking for an Australian girl to marry so he could obtain permanent residency status. He asked her if he could marry her indicating that he would pay her money for the marriage. They parted company and agreed to meet in SYDNEY to discuss the matter further. They met at her place at the statistic of German parentage). BAUMANN offered her \$70.00 per week for the marriage which was equivalent to her loss of dole. According to FOSTER, she married BAUMANN because of her sympathetic nature and not for the money.

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The marriage took place on the 12/6/82 at the Glebe Point Road, GLEBE before a marriage celebrant. BAUMANN supplied the two witnesses. One being a German girl and her 9 year old daughter, and the owner of the house who was either english or german and she suspected was homosexual. (REGISTRY OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES shows marriage between BAUMANN occupation musician and FOSTLR occupation lyracist occurring on that date at that address, witnesses being Kevin Anthony SMITH (unable to be located) and Ingrid Dora Lorne DANIELS born 1000 40. FOSTER then moved to a squat in and used to BAUMANN on a weekly basis with the agreed \$70.00. He allegedly approached her on a number of occasions to have sex with him but she refused. FOSTER then moved to 1000 and 1000 After their first anniversary they discussed getting a divorce as his residence had been granted and wouldn't be affected. GRANTED ON THE 29/4/83

According to FOSTER, BAUMANN was very depressive, paranoid about jews and bureaucracy, stating his reason for not wanting to return to GERMANY was because of the Jews and the weather which was too cold for him. From bout March 1983 BAUMANN started becoming irrational with FOSTER accusing her of putting him into the Department of Immigration, She last saw BAUMANN in July 1983 when arranging for their divorce but made no further contact until around June 1984 which proved negative. Strongly denied any involvement in prostitution and denies being paid \$20,000.00 to marry BAUMANN. FOSTER says that prior to their last meeting BAUMANN continually wore a black leather jacket in which he carried a diary and documented everything in that diary. Around the later period he started developing a very aggressive attitude towards women in general.

During the period of living atthe flat at Cross Street, WAVERLEY BAUMANN requested that the land-lady Mrs Ruth VAN DUYN always make out the rent receipts in the name of Peter ANN. Although she was aware that his real name was BAUMANN. She was not aware of his sexual preferences but refers to him in her statement as being 'Pretty'.

BAUMANN kept regular contact with his sister Anna-Christa on a monthly basis ussually by telephone. However, she was not aware of his private life. She only became aware of his marriage when he told her of the first anniversary, and was not aware of the circumstances. The last contact she had with her brother was a telephone call from him in September 1983. During that conversation he told her that he was travelling to BALI with a young girl 16 to 18 years old, but he wouldn't give any further details. He also said he had problems but wouldn't expand further except to say that he was unlucky in love. She had no further contact with her brother and so she telephoned his flat at the end of 1983. She spoke to a voice(male) which she didn't recognise and cannot identify the accent who simply told her he didn't live there anymore and refused to supply any more details and wouldn't answer any questions. In early 1984, she again telephoned her brother's flat and the phone was answered by the same male voice who simply said " FUCK OFF ".

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BAUMANN contacted SENEVIRATNE on an unknown date in the latter part of 1983 (date unknown but she maintains that it was a Friday evening around 7.00pm). He sounded very relaxed, enquired how she was, told her he was working at the A.B.C. and wanted to meet her the next day. Arranged to meet at the Compass Centre at Bankstown in a cafe. Conversation lasted about 30 to 40 minutes, general conversation but would not say where he was currently living. Seh became suspicious and found his telephone number under the name of Peter K.J. ANN (This name was used professionally by the MP) She was suspicious as he just telephoned her out of the blue and wouldn't tell her where he lived. She telephoned him to cancel next day's meeting, but when he answered the telephone, he was very abusive about how she found his telephone number and they proceeded to argue. Then the telephone went dead in his mid sentence. Seh attempted to ring a number of times but the phone line was dead. She then got in contact with her cousin Hamish PEARS who drove her over to the flat. They arrived around nine to nine thirty found the sliding door to his bedsitter, she entered the room and it looked as though there had been signs of a struggle in that room. She then walked further into the bedsitter into the bathroom and found that a pillow had been burnt in the shower. She became frightened and left via the front sliding door, shutting the door behind her. She then saw a letter sticking out from the letterbox with his name on it. She took the letter and saw the address Artlett St, EDGECLIFFE on the back but no name of the sender. She and her cousin then drove around to that address and spoke to a male person through the front gatedescribed as 173cm tall, medium build, thirtyish, balding, dressed all in black and spoke with a german accent. She asked where Peter was and man said he didn't know and enquired as to where she had got the address. She told him about the letter and he became worried and asked where that letter was and she told him that it was back at the flat. He then said that he would jog over to the flat and see if he was there. She then left and went home.

Later that same evening she read the letter(not kept) it said

" Dear Peter,

I have finally told Oliver about us. I have told him how much I love you and that I want to be with you. I have also told him that I I want to sell the house, but (this part unreadable) was giving him a hard tim about selling the house."She couldn't recall the rest in the first person but it basically said how much he cared for Peter and how much he wants to be with him. The signature said either William or Dillian. She then made enquiries with clubs and hospitals in the local which proved negative.

She then returned to his flat with her sister the next day and spoke to another tenant, japanese national Hyumi HOSHI who only told her that he didn't know where he was, all he knew was that BAUMANN had a fight over the telephone with a girl and burnt a cushion and HOSHI then slammed the door and would discuss the matter any further.

SENEVIRATNE didn't make any further enquiries until approximately a fortnight later she rang the landlady and asked if she had heard anything further. She said that she hadn't seen him for about a fortnight, but had reported the matter to Waverley Police and that two uniformed Constables had come to the flats and collected his passport www.www.www.come. His wallet and his other personal effects

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were stored at the landlady's house at _____. SENEVIRATNE allegedly kept regular contact with the landlady on an annual basis enquiring as any knowledge about BAUMANN. She said that Mrs BINNEY would tell her no and that she believed also that there had been astruggle in the room and that SENEVIRATNE should not get involved as she believed BAUMANN had been murdered and she could be in danger if she became involved. Whilst speaking to her in 1992 she found out from the landlady that she believed that the family had not been told anything about he disappearance. SENEVIRATNE then contacted S/Cst EMERY in April 1992.

SENEVIRATNE then made enquiries at Artlett Street, EDGECLIFFE and obtained the telephone number of the previous occupier SMYTH. She telephoned that number and spoke to a male person who identified himself as SMYTH who said " No, sorry love, I haven't heard from him for years. " She made a later telephone call on that same number and spoke to a male person who answered to the name 'Dillian' She asked him if he knew where Peter and said he didn't know and asked who was calling. She then said that she knew about the letter and that he was going to leave Oliver. He became upset and said he would find out who she was as he was in the Security business.

SMYTH denies any meeting with any person fitting SENEVIRATNE's description or any discussion about any letter or receiving any telephone call last year from any female. He says that he was at home about a fortnight after the last time he saw BAUMANN when he was approached by a male and female whom he could only describe as being both white, male overweight, and female medium height and fair. They told him they had made enquiries at his home and work and were concerned for his welfare. He felt that they seemed reluctant to leave and soe he told them he would contact them is he heard anything. They supplied christian names which he forgot. SMYTH said he was suspicious as he had never heard any mention from BAUMANN about either person.

INCONSISTENCIES

1. SMYTH states that BAUMANN did not want to return to GERMANY because of fear of compulsory military service, yet sister maintains that he was exempt on medical grounds (awaiting confirmation from GERMANY)

2. SMYTH states that BAUMANN located a prostitute at Kings Cross and paid her \$20,000.00 for the marriage. Wife FOSTER located at KANDOS and denies any involvement in prostitution or being paid \$20,000.00 for marriage. Paid \$70.00 per week by BAUMANN in lieu of lost dole. Only record for FOSTER is a number of outstanding parking warrants. Seems unlikely that FOSTER could have operated as a prostitute at Kings Cross without ever being arrested for 'soliciting' Also BAUMANN's sister spoken to and said brother did not have funds of this nature and had never approached the family for any large sums of money whilst in Australia.



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3. SMYTH states that BMUMANN had been approached by two males(no details supplied) who were 'pimps' of FOSTER's and demanded \$30,000.00 from him. SMYTH states that he doesn't know what the threat was but believed that it was physical violence. BAUMANN's sister denies any approach to the family for any monies and FOSTER denies any know-ledge of any approach and denies any involvement in prostitution.

4. SMYTH informed Police that he was the only person involved with BAUMANN apart from the arranged marriage an that BAUMANN was not a traveller amongst the homosexual society (only associated with SMYTH's friends and did not attend any pubs or clubs etc) Did not believe that BAUMANN was involved with any other persons yet when he found BAUMANN missing did not make any enquiries or report the matter to P_0 lice as he believed that he had met another boyfriend and left for that relationship and that transient relationships are common amongst homosexuals, even though he states that BAUMANN had no interest in that lifestyle.

5. SMYTH has shared a house for at least 12 years with Mervyn Oliver (Oliver) KEASBERRY born born 100/50 holder of a Class 1A, B & E security licence and SMYTH is a director for the security firm of of CHATSWOOD. He denies any knowledge of any male person known as Dillian or William living in that house at any period. Denies any knowledge of KEASBERRY being involved in any homosexual relationship and describes him as a very straight heterosexual who has no involvement in SMYTH's homosexual lifestyle and said that KEASBERRY had barely any contact with BAUMANN. Does not want Police to interview KEASBERRY as he says he would no knowledge of the incident.

6. SENEVIRATNE alleges that the landlady regularly warned her not to get involved in the matter as she believed it was a murder involving homosexuals and she would be at risk. Mrs BINNEY made no mention of this view when spoken to by Police (although allegation not put to her at time).

7. SENEVIRATNE alleges that after approximately a fortnight she contacted the landlady Mrs BINNEY and asked if she hd seen EAUMANN. She told her no and informed her that she had contacted WAVERLEY Police because she was concerned as he was very regular in paying his rent. BINNEY alleges that she was telephoned very soon after the disappearance because if was mid rent week(rent paid weekly) by SENEVIRATNE who told her of the open door and signs of a struggle. She then went over the next day and found the bedroom sliding door open and the room in disarray. She then informed WAVERLEY Police of the disappearance.

8. The landlady alleges she informed Waverley Police and two uniformed Police attended and took a photograph of BAUMANN? There is no trace of any record of any matter involving BAUMANN including Historical C.I.I.s under all three names. ARCHIVES have no records and according to WAVERLEY Police all the Occ Pads and T.P. Messages for 1983 were accidently burnt. Unknown if diaries are still available.

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SENEVIRATNE alleges that her cousin Hamish PEARS and her sister Dilania SENEVIRATNE accompanied her on both her visits to the Cross Street flat but does not want either person interviewed by Police, as she feels that they couldn't anything further. She still maintains this view when told that they are needed to corroborate her versions.

10. On the 15/10/93 SMYTH contacted the Missing Persons Office enquiring as to the current level of the file. Informed that FOSTER had been interviewed and the result of that interview. SMYTH still maintained the view that FOSTER was a prostitute and that her 'Pimps' had been studint over BAUMANN for \$30,000.00 even after being informed that no approachs had been made to the BAUMANN for this sum of money. When informed that he had at least one heterosexual relationship, SMYTH totally refuted this information saying that BAUMANN was exclusively homosexual, had no other boyfriends besides himself and did not participate in the 'Gay' scene. Yet when questioned about why he never reported the disappearance, he again offered the view that BAUMANN simply moved off in a transient manner into another relationship. When it was put to him that this view was contrary to his description of BAUMANN could not satisfactorily answer the question, SMYTH then offered the comment "YOU KNOW JOHN, I TELL WHAT I THINK HAPPENED. I THINK YOU'LL FIND HIS BODY IN THE BUSH. THERE WAS PROBABLY AN ARGUEMENT YOU KNOW. THEY DIDN'T MEAN TO KILL HIM BUT IT WAS AN ACCIDENT AND THE SITUATION GOT OUT OF HAND AND HE WAS ACCIDENTLY KILLED AND DUMPED IN THE BUSH. I asked him who he thought the offenders were, he said "I DON'T KNOW, I DON'T WANT TO TALK OVER THE TELEPHONE. I'LL RING YOU LATER. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU PRIVATELY ABOUT THIS."

11. At the time of interview Mrs BINNEY alleges that she observed the word AIDS written on the bathroom mirror when she attended the flat. SENEVIRATNE has no knowledge of this. Mrs BINNEY also stated that she found a chef style knife in his leather jacket pocket. Same jacket as continually worn by BAUMANN.

CURRENT SITUATION

R.T.A. C.I.I.s and Historical C.I.I.s negative Waverley Police negative. Interstate indices negative. Nil reply to Interpol enquiry in Germany but matter believed to be handled by Herr STEINBAUER of the Munich City equivilent of Missing Persons Unit. A.B.C. currently locating BAUMANN's employment record from ARCHIVES and current details of his supervisor (no longer employed at A.B.C.) who made enquiries into his disappearance D_partment of Immegration retrieving BAUMANN file from ARCHIVES. """ attempting to locate last details for Hyuma HOSHI and arrange for interview by Japanese Police.



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Enquiries being made by Police Gay Liason Unit as to any information from Gay Community about disappearance, and any information about 'Dillian'.

SMYTH to be reinterviewed about inconsistencies. KEASBERRY to be interviewed. Hamish PEARS and Dilania SENEVIRATNE to be interviewed.

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X.J.S. Gribble Senior Constable No Police Station PENRITH 3 December 1993

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aBC. have BAUMANN'S employment file and will allowing viewing at affice. Contact Mrs Val RIMANDI Brue SHEPHERD, contacted ad maky erquine about gay security guad

FURTHER INFO

Bruce SHEPHERD says he has never heard any information about **EAMANN** BAUMANN but this would be probable as Gay Scene is highly fragmented and secretive and was particularly so in 1983. Said there were five major groups depending on your preferences (Leather, fems,roughtrades, etc) These groups were further fragmented into the particular sex party group you belonged to. Sex parties very prevelent at that time and only exclusive to members of that particular group. Parties very secretive as to members due to numbers of prominent persons (judges, politicians etc present). Further problems are that groups have changed through the years and extremely hard to identify any associates of any nominated persons. Has also made enquiries with A.I.D.S. groups. No knowledge of BAUMANN.

Bruce SHEPHERD offered view of another difficulty. Said that most homosexuals have tendency to dramatise and exaggerate and are compulsive liars.

SEX WORKERS OUTREACH PROJECT contacted 17/12/93, nil knowledge on any aspect of BAUMANN or possibly FOSTER and arranged marriages.

Message left with Kings Cross Dets for contact from Det Sgt SCULIION 17/12/93. 1.00pm contact with Det Sgt SCULLION, will make enquiries amongst prostitutes re FOSTER.

Enquiries to be made with Fred HOWARD 'Urban Ranger Patrols Ph No

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GAY COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Police Gay Liaison Unit Sue THOMPSON 55511

Bruce SHEPHERD (ex copper) EASTSIDE SECURITIES Ph module

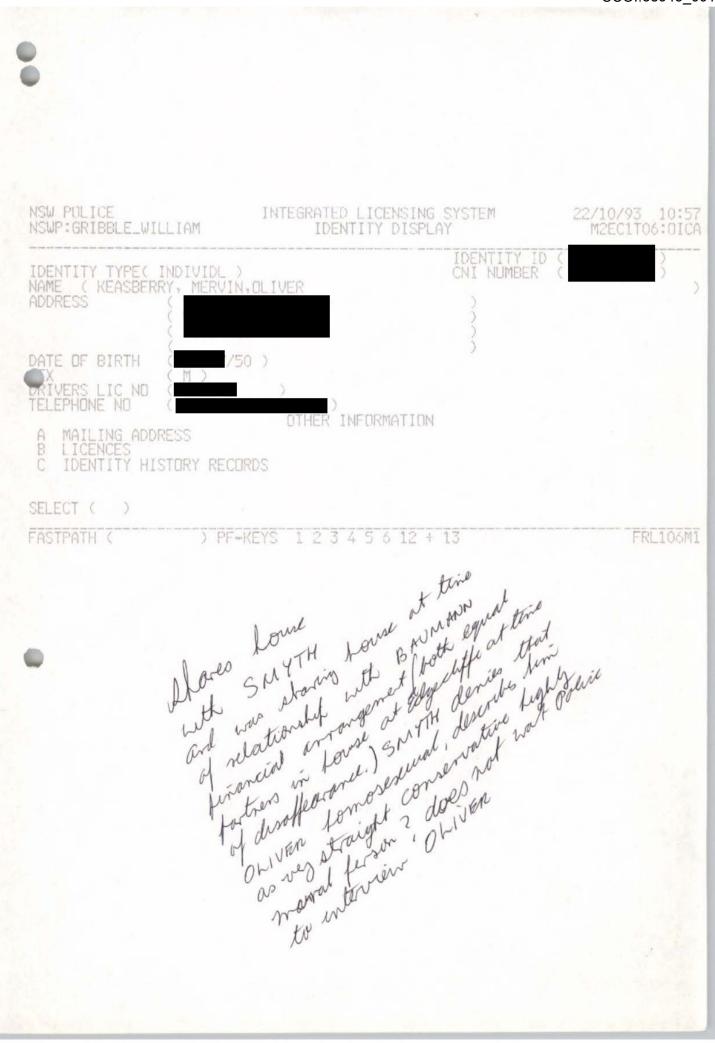
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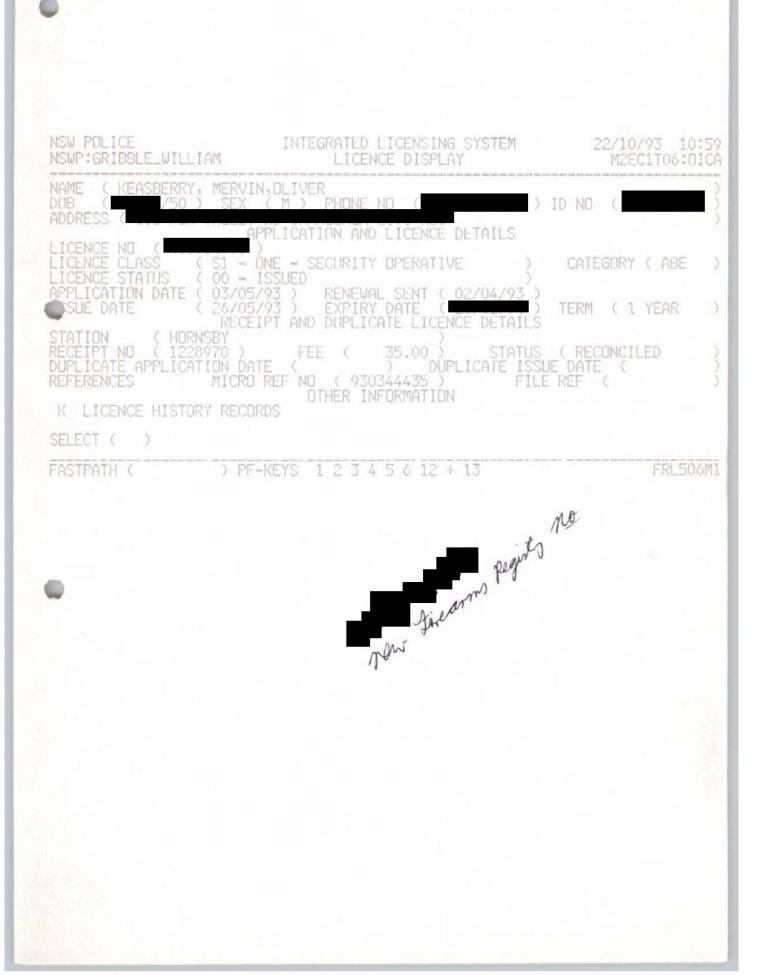
Capital 'Q' (gay newspaper) ask for editor Ph

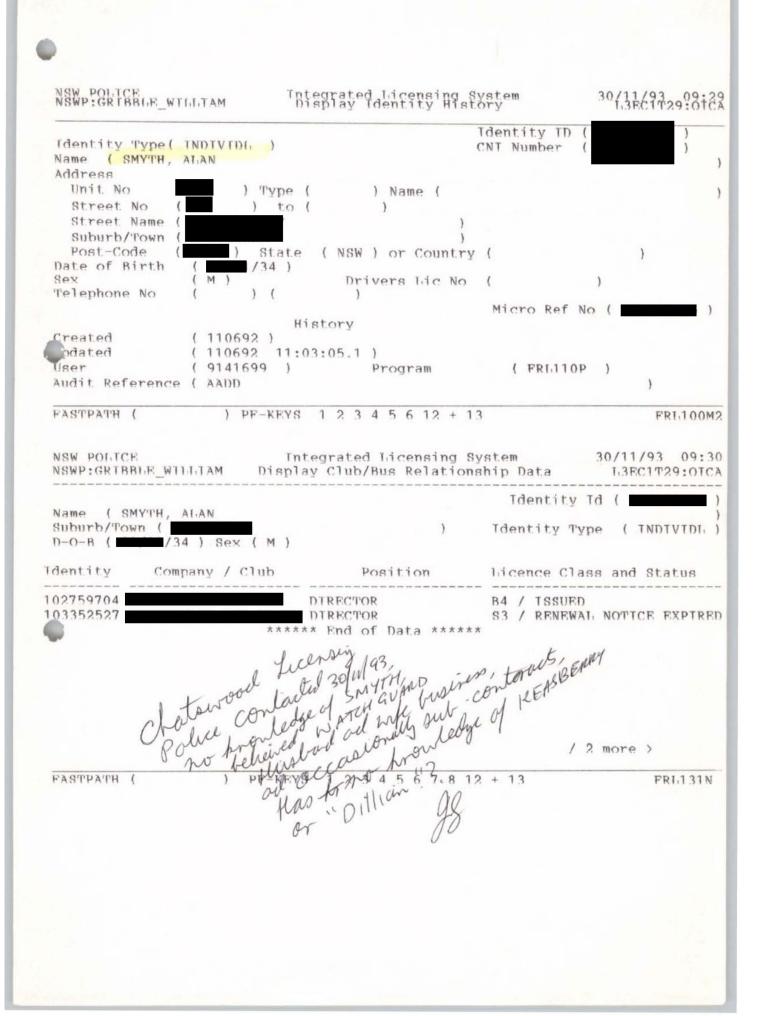
Prostitutes

Robin SVENDJARYD (male prostitute) contact via Sex Workers Outreach Project Ph

IN ALL CASES QUOTE Sue THOMPSON as your source of contact in particular with the prostitutes.







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