

Inquiries re Missing Person Peter Baumann 25/5/94 to 1/6/94

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INQUIRIES RE MISSING PERSON PETER BAUMANN

26/5/94

Spoke to Anna BAUMANN and Franz BAUMANN sister and brother of missing person Peter BAUMANN, who arrived in Australia from Germany on 25/5/94.

Sgt Marcon and Cst Emery spoke to BAUMANNS at length at the Missing Persons Unit Office. They were informed of the possibilities concerning their missing brother. A positive approach was used as in all missing person cases. They were informed that Sharmalie Seneviratne did not wish to speak to them. Mr Alan Smyth was unable to be contacted as to this date. All indices available to Missing Persons Unit have been checked to locate Smyth, excluding a check at the Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Cherie Foster had been located and wished to speak to the Baumanns at the Missing Persons Unit on Monday 30 May 1994 at 10am. Emery contacted Sen/Cst Gribble at Penrith Police Station on the 26 May 1994. Gribble was asked if would like to talk to the Baumanns. Gribble stated that he would and the most suitable time would be 3pm on the 27 May 1994. The Baumanns were informed of the location for Gribble. The Baumanns were conveyed to Parramatta Police Station where they collected property No.91/A400194. Property was a guitar and a carving knife that belonged to Peter Baumann. The Baumanns were then conveyed to Parramatta Railway Station.

30/5/94

Anna and Franz Baumann attended the Missing Persons Unit. Cherie FOSTER. attended the Missing persons Unit.

Anna and Franz Baumann appeared to be distressed regarding there missing brother. Cherie Foster and the Baumanns had lunch together and returned to the Missing Persons Unit office. Cherie Foster spoke to Cst Turner and stated that she wished for a copy of the Police File. Ms Foster was informed to speak to Cst Emery as he was making inquiries in relation to another m/ps case.

2pm Emery spoke to the Baumanns and Foster who stated that they wished for a copy of the file. Foster asked if she could apply for the file through Freedom of Information. Emery informed them that this was possible however it was up to the FOI section as to what they would receive. The Baumanns appeared to be distressed as to the lack of Police action taken. Inquiries to contact a Barry O'Reilly proved negative. no date of birth. Telephone numbers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] obtained to locate Smythe RESULT...NEGATIVE. The Baumanns were informed to contact this office on Wednesday the 1/6/94 re location of Smythe

1/6/94

Spoke to Cst Gribble of Penrith Police Station. Gribble stated to Emery that he did not inform relatives of all the circumstances surrounding the missing person Baumann and why he advised the Baumanns to go to Freedom of Information. Emery informed Gribble the following:

- * The Missing Persons Unit has always used a positive approach in relation to the disappearance of missing persons.
- * The File had been forwarded to Sen Sgt Sellwood Chief of Detectives at Waverley for there perusal and to decide if follow-up action is necessary.
- * Waverley Dets were satisfied that all avenues of inquiry have been exhausted and Waverley Dets would not make any further inquiries.
- * The Commander of the Major Crime Squad was contacted by Cst Turner MPU. Emery informed Major Crime of events. Major Crime stated that if Sgt Sellwood was satisfied the matter does not need further attention.
- * Friends of Baumann had been in contact where possible.
- * Cherie Foster suggested Freedom of Information.

Gribble became very aggressive and stated that there was not enough being done and Cst Emery had not told the relatives about the disappearance.

- * Cst Gribble was informed that Sgt Marcon was in attendance with Cst Emery on the 26/5/94 and that the Baumanns were very satisfied with the Police Service until they meet Gribble at Penrith Police Station on the 27/5/94.
- * Cst Emery asked Gribble if he had portrayed the Police Service in a negative light and Gribble did not reply to the question. Gribble continually became more aggressive then Emery informed him that the call was terminated.

* Major Crime Squad - South Region - chief of Dets
Brian Barker.

1/6/94

Emery spoke to Franz Baumann at 12 midday. Emery stated that he had no result in trying to locate Allan Smyth. Emery stated that he would ring back within the hour.

- * Emery contacted the Bayside Hotel [REDACTED]. The Baumanns were unable to be contacted. Message left 12.30pm message left 3pm message left 6pm.
- * Possible number for Allan Smyth [REDACTED] no person home 8am to 6pm several calls made during business hours.
- * Franz Baumann returned call to Emery approx. 6pm Emery and Marcon to meet with Baumann. 2/6/94.