

ISSUE:

State Crime Command Request for Assistance received from Eastern Suburbs LAC regarding missing person Peter Karl Baumann. Missing since 1983.

BACKGROUND:

Attached is a report received in support of a request for assistance from Eastern Beaches LAC. It requests State Crime Command to lead an investigation into the disappearance in 1983 from Waverly of Peter Alex Baumann born 20 April 1957.

COMMENT:

From all the records available it would appear that the disappearance of Peter Baumann has never been reported to the New South Wales State Coroner. Without pre-empting the State Coroner there does not appear, from the information provided, that the disappearance of Peter Baumann is a homicide and as such should not be investigated by State Crime Command.

If a State Coroner, after an inquest into a missing person returns an 'Open Finding' as to the cause and manner of death, it may then be consider for review by the Unsolved Homicide Team.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Eastern Suburbs LAC be advised that a Coronial Brief of Evidence should be submitted concerning the disappearance of Peter Baumann in 1983 to the New South Wales Coroner.

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