

Family Statement Peter Baumann Munich 25.06.23

This statement was written by Peters brothers and sisters, Franz Baumann, Klaus Baumann , Ulrike Nußbaumer, Thomas Baumann , Winfried Baumann and Anna Stiller Baumann-Serr.

Peter Baumann was a musician and composer. In December 8, 1981 Peter took a flight from Zurich to Australia hoping to find a successful and fulfilling way of living as a musician and composer in Australia. He played the guitar and the piano and composed his own songs.

He settled down in Sydney near Bondie Beach where he worked as a music consultant at the radio station ABC Sydney. Until October 1983 we had contact per telephone and per written mail.

It was somewhere in the middle of October in 1983 when our efforts to contact him per telephone or per written mail were no longer successful.

For the following 10 years Anna Stiller (Baumann-Serr) tried to get hold of some kind of information and support as to Peter's whereabouts. The Red Cross Tracing Service as well as the Salvation Army Tracing Service were involved and started own investigations.

Some years passed by with continuous efforts.

In early 1994 we received a message from Sergeant C of the Sidney Police that Peter had been reported missing since 1983 and that it would be of great help if some family member could come to Sidney himself. Thus Anna and Franz took a flight to Sydney on 23 May 1994 to meet Sergeant C at the Sydney Police and to meet the persons he had contact with before he disappeared. Unfortunately in the meantime Sergeant C. had to change to another police department because – this is what we were told - he tended to suspect a crime behind some missing person reports . We could thus not talk to Sgt. C anymore. Instead we spoke with Sgt E who tried to help us meet for example J.K.F and S.S. – the persons who had reported Peter missing

We, too spoke to Peters landlady in Bondie Beach and learnt that in 1983 Peter had disappeared leaving all his belongings especially his much valued guitar.

According to his landlady in Bondie Beach, Peter had owed her a monthly rent, whereupon she had called the police. The police had looked at Peter's flat but could not see any evidence of violence or even a crime despite of the flat being in complete disarray.

We too, spoke to ABC Radio and learned that he never picked up his last salary amounting to \$ 2.000.

Through a hint from S.S. we were able to get in contact with and to talk to A. S. on the phone, who, according to his own statements, had had an affair with Peter. By then we didn't really know anything about Peter's homosexual tendencies.

When meeting A. S. at Eastwood station, A.S. had confirmed Peters and A.S. sexual relationship to Franz personally.

After this meeting with A.S. the Missing Persons Unit received a call from A. S's friend and partner at that time (name?....) asking us with vigor to refrain from further enquiries and contacts with A.S. regarding Peter's disappearance. He threatened taking up legal actions if we would not stop. Sergeant E. told us to stop contacting A.S. furthermore since the A.S. partner worked in the security business.....whatever that had meant.

On June 4, 1994 we returned to Munich – exhausted and completely disenchanted. For the following years we repeatedly gave saliva samples to the local police for comparison.

With many sorrows about Peter's fate our parents died in 2010 and 2019 respectively.

We all would be very grateful to hear about further results in your investigations and above all maybe some day we would learn what happened to our brother Peter.