

**SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO LGBTIQ HATE CRIMES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

8.	Giles MATTAINI #19	Date of Death 15/09/1985	Unsolved [Undetermined]	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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GILLES MATTAINI

Giles MATTAINI identified as a homosexual. In 1983 he moved to Australia with his partner Jacques MUSY. At the time of his death MATTAINI had overstayed his visa which was causing him a degree of distress. MATTAINI was known to take long walks along the Marks Park walking track. Whilst the location was well known as a 'gay beat' MATTAINI did not frequent the area for this reason. He was last seen walking on the track at Bondi on or about 15 September 1985. One of his friends engaged in the original search believed the other had reported MATTAINI 'missing' to the Police. This report could be found. No police investigation was undertaken at the time. It wasn't until 3 August 2002 that the death of MATTAINI was reported to Police following media attention for Strike Force Taradale. As

a result the former partner of MATTAINI, MUSY made a missing person report. The assumption surrounding MUSY'S report was that it was sparked by a belief that MATTAINI met his death in the same or similar fashion to that of other homosexual men that were murdered in the Sydney Region in the years following MATTAINI'S disappearance. In 2005 the Deputy State Coroner declared MATTAINI formally deceased, but where and how he died remains unknown stating only that "...there is a strong possibility that he died in similar circumstances to the other men (WARREN and RUSSELL). Strike Force Taradale identified a number of youth gangs which were involved in assault and robbery offences targeting homosexuals around Marks Park and Tamarama in the period 1989/1990. There was no direct evidence linking the same group to the earlier death of MATTAINI. No person/s have been identified as being involved in the death of MATTAINI nor has the body of MATTAINI ever been found. In 2005 Senior Deputy State Coroner Jacqueline MILLEDGE came to the following determination; "Giles Jacques Mattaini died on or about 15 September 1985 in Sydney, "the cause and manner of death are undetermined as the evidence before me does not enable me to say." It must be noted that MILLEDGE also concluded that "the persons of interest that may have been responsible for the deaths of Mr WARREN and Mr RUSSELL would have been far too young at the time of Mr MATTAINI'S disappearance in August 1985."

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information (lack of information).

**STATUS** The suspicious death was re-investigated by UHU in 2017 SF Neiwand, all avenues of investigation were exhausted, POA completed. The MATTAINI disappearance was not documented by NSWPF 1985 and there was not an investigation until 2002. All MATTAINI'S personal property was returned to France prior to the police investigation and anything remaining in Sydney was destroyed.

**SF NEIWAND:** MATTIANI'S partner, Jacque MUSY provided Detective Sergeant PAGE with a statement in 2002. The statement outlined two suicide attempts by MATTIANI whilst he was in France but failed to outline prior suicidal ideation despite MUSY raising it with PAGE. In 2017, MUSY provided French Police with a statement which clearly outlined MATTAINI'S suicidal ideation and multiple attempts at suicide. PAGE'S failure to include all the information about MATTAINI'S suicidal ideation in MUSY'S 2002 statement was a key factor in the coroner not considering suicide as a possibility in MATTIANI'S disappearance. There are no further lines of inquiry for the MATTIANI matter. There is no forensic evidence, no identified suspect and/or witnesses that can provided a timeline for his last movements. MATTIANI'S disappearance – cause and manner of death remain 'undetermined'. It is recommended that this investigation be listed as inactive and only reactivated if new and compelling evidence becomes available.