

NSW Police  
**INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE**

**Investigation:** Strike Force Neiwand – Murder of Ross WARREN  
**Title of Note:** Contact with **198**

**Narrative:**

On 22/7/1989 Ross WARREN was last seen leaving Oxford Street, Sydney and driving toward the Bondi area. WARREN's vehicle was later located parked on Kenneth St, Bondi, near Marks Park. WARREN has not been seen since and he is believed to have been murdered.

On 25/03/2001 Inspector Mark MURDOCH completed a statement in relation to his investigative involvement in the disappearance of Ross WARREN. (e@glei re: ST-10)

Insp MURDOCH states on the 24/05/1994 he was attached to the Homicide Unit, Major Crime Squad South. During the course of his shift he received a phone call from **198**, **198**, who provided Insp MURDOCH with information into the disappearance of WARREN.

At 10am on 1/07/1994 Insp MURDOCH states he met with **198** at his home at [REDACTED], Balmain. During this meeting **198** explained to Insp MURDOCH his friendship with WARREN and provided his opinion on WARREN's disappearance. Insp MURDOCH states **198** nominated a person of interest to be **1409**, a Qantas flight attendant and former partner of WARREN. **198** informs Insp MURDOCH that **1409** is known to lie and had reason to be angry at WARREN for ending their relationship. **198** described **1409**'s reaction to WARREN's disappearance as 'understated' when informed.

Insp MURDOCH conducted checks with Qantas Security Management and confirmed that **1409** was out of the country from the morning of 20/07/1989 to 24/07/1989.

About 8:45am Detective Senior Constable's CHEBL and TIERNEY attended [REDACTED], Balmain to conduct further inquiries into the information provided to Police by **198**. Due **198**'s residence being used as a home office, **198** elected to sit and speak with investigators at nearby Elkington Park.

During this time investigators discussed a background into who Ross WARREN was, **198**'s association with WARREN, the basis for him contacting Police in 1994 and electing **1409** **1409** as a Person of Interest in WARREN's disappearance and the activities that took place at Marks Park, Bondi.

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**Background into Ross WARREN**

[ 198 ] described WARREN as being a private person who kept his sexuality to himself. [ 198 ] referred to WARREN as a quiet 'Country boy'. [ 198 ] further stated that WARREN would not purport to others that he was a homosexual and did not act in a feminine manner. Investigators put to [ 198 ] if it was the case WARREN only socialised within the 'Gay Community fishbowl', [ 198 ] agreed stating that would be exactly the case, he elaborated that WARREN would only be known to be gay because of his associates.

[ 198 ] also stated although WARREN wasn't feminine in any way he found it strange WARREN wore or kept his studio make up (Pancake) on outside of work. [ 198 ] was of the opinion that WARREN's family wouldn't have known he was gay. [ 198 ] stated he did not believe WARREN had come out to his family as being gay. [ 198 ] also stated he did not believe WARREN committed suicide and if in fact he did he would have not done it at a known gay beat.

[ 198 ] stated he did fancy WARREN and the pair did have '1 or 2' intimate encounters WARREN wasn't interested in pursuing a relationship with [ 198 ]. In stating this [ 198 ] did surmise that although he was a friend of WARREN's the pair were not close. [ 198 ] believed although the pair didn't have a committed relationship they did maintain their friendship, whereby WARREN would regularly visit [ 198 ]'s residence in Balmain and have dinner parties.

**Association with Ross WARREN**

[ 198 ] stated he met WARREN around 1987. [ 198 ] is of the belief he would have met WARREN through his association with [ 1409 ] (e@glei ref: ST-17). The basis of this association was they were both flight attendants with QANTAS.

[ 198 ] explained in 1988/1989 he was in a relationship with a male named [ 1145 ] (died 1989/1990 – HIV/Aids related). During this same period WARREN was in a relationship with a male named [ 1413 ]. [ 198 ] described his relationship with [ 1145 ] as one of many troubles, due mostly to [ 1145 ] being "promiscuous, as most of the Gay community was back then." [ 198 ] explained at one point or another each member in his group had a relationship with one another, e.g [ 1413 ] and [ 1145 ] dated before WARREN dated [ 1413 ] and [ 1145 ] commenced dating [ 198 ].

[ 198 ] further explained after the break-up between WARREN and [ 1413 ], [ 1413 ] went back to seeing [ 1145 ] and WARREN commenced relationship with [ 1409 ].

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**198** explained to investigators that during this period of time, within the group of friends it was quite the norm for them to have been intimate with each other's current partners at some point in time.

In relation to **1413**, **198** stated he was a former NSW Police Officer who left the force to become a flight attendant. **198** described WARREN as being infatuated with **1413** both during their relationship and after it had ended. **198** felt that WARREN struggled to accept his relationship with **1413** was over.

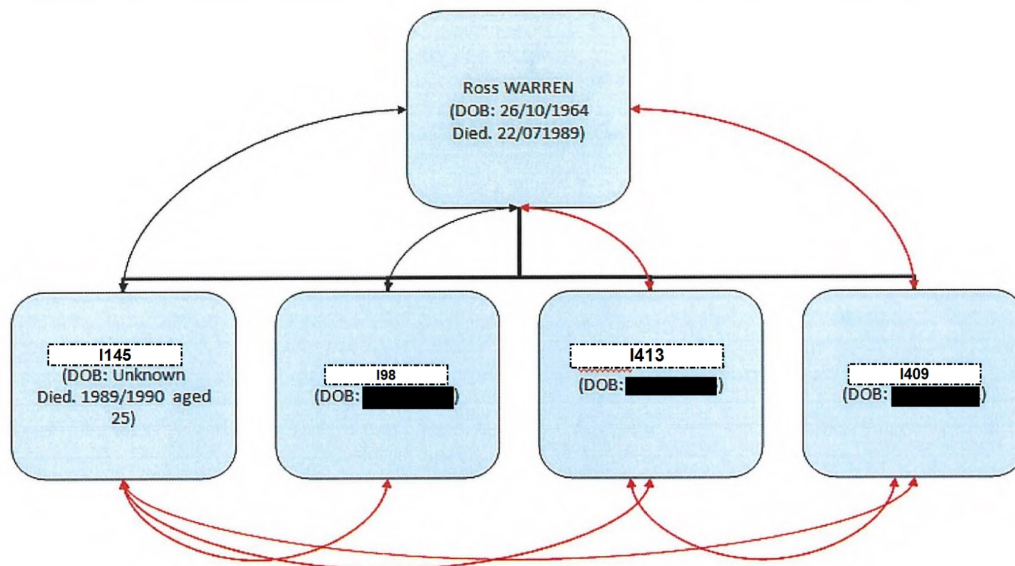
**198** explained the events that led him and WARREN to be close were as a result of **1413** and **1145** having a sexual relationship. **198** recollected a time when WARREN approached him and stated he had read **1413**'s personal diary where an entry read 'I had the best sex with **1145** since we broke up.' As a result **198** states he encountered further commitment issues with **1145**.

**198** stated as both he and WARREN were in relationships with **1413** and **1145** respectively they became close, although **198** wanted to pursue a relationship with WARREN and the pair had 1 or 2 sexual encounters, but this did not eventuate into a committed relationship.

**198** explained that he believed the only associates WARREN had in the gay community was the circle of friends he shared with him. **198** advised investigators he will go through old photographs and put together a list of associates who WARREN knew.

The below chart shows the relationship and friendships in this group as understood by investigators. Investigators have requested **198** draw his own chart showing the link between each individual.

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**Red** arrows indicate Relationships

**Black** arrows indicate Friends

**Greg FERGUSON**

**I198** described **I409** as a liar and a psychopath. The examples **I198** provided about **I409** would not constitute **I409** to be a 'psychopath'. **I198** stated **I409** portrayed a manner of being friendly and helpful, who was involved in Christian groups, but was only in gay relationships.

**I198** further stated **I409** would 'bounce from group to group', this was due to **I409** causing dramas within a group or overstepping his place within his social groups. **I198** also stated that he has never known **I409** to have been a heterosexual. **I409** was also one to purport to be heterosexual outside his circle of homosexual friends.

**I198** states his suspicions of **I409** started shortly after WARREN's disappearance. **I198** states he recalled not long after WARREN disappeared **I409** came to his home and expressed his worries about the Police wanting to speak with him. **I198** found this to be strange as during the conversation **I409** did not express any concerns for WARREN's well being. **I198** surmised that **I409**'s worries about the Police speaking with him to be excessive. **I198** believed **I409** lived near Marks Park.

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[198] stated although he had a bitter falling out with [1409], after he learnt of [1409] and [1145] having sex whilst [198] and [1145] were still in a relationship, he was still providing this information to investigators based on [1409]'s behaviour following WARREN's disappearance. .

**Activities at Marks Park, Bondi**

[198] states he was introduced to gay beats by his ex-partner, [1145]. [198] states it was during their relationship [198] felt [1145] was being unfaithful and questioned him about this. [1145] disclosed to [198] he has been attending gay beats, in particularly the beat at Marks Park.

Following this [198] commenced going to Marks Parks. [198] explained he attended the Marks Park gay beat 'at least once a week for 2 years between 1987 and 1989. [198] stated even after WARREN's disappearance he continued to attend Marks Park. [198] stated he would be at Marks Park for at least 3 to 4 hours until he found someone 'nice'.

Of interest [198] stated the following:

- [198] did not see or encounter any violence or gangs during these times at Marks Park.
- [198] noticed that if something wasn't right he would see numerous men walking away from Marks Park, he interpreted this to be 'not right to be there.'
- [198] had heard of violence towards gay men at beats (which was around the 1960's and 1970's), because of this [198] carried nun chucks (ninja weapon).
- [198] stated there were two types or people who he and others like him were scared of, groups and Police.
- [198] states he would walk the costal path and generally if sexual encounters occur it would be on the rock ledge just off the walk path. [198] further stated it was unlikely to occur at the rock shelf, although he did have one encounter at the rock shelf near Tamarama beach.
- [198] stated he did mention to WARREN about attending Marks Park gay beat, [198] found WARREN to be judgemental of him for engaging in such an act. [198] felt that he had possibly exposed this world to WARREN.
- [198] stated when attending these beats he didn't know or expect to know anyone there.

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- [198] stated when attending Marks Park he would park his vehicle either North of Marks Park (possibly Knox St) and near Marks Park (Possibly Marks Lane and Kenneth Street).

Nearing the end of the meeting [198] was asked a number of questions in relation to WARREN's associates, in relation to whether or not WARREN had any associates of Pacific Islander appearance (this was in reference to Kingi MARSH); [198] stated he did not know of anyone like that.

[198] was asked if he knew a Craig ELLIS, [198] stated although the name was familiar to him in the Airline industry, he did not know this person to be an associate of WARREN's.

The below photograph was shown to [198] who was only able to identify the male in the far left as being [1413]



Circled male is identified by [198] as being [1413]

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