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Strands of hair may hold vital clue to men's deaths

John Russell was in a celebratory mood as he soaked up the view at Bondi and drank with friends after news he had a big inheritance coming his way.

So when his body was found at the base of a cliff the next morning, in November 1989, police ruled out suicide.

The suspected murder of Mr Russell, 31, and the disappearance four months earlier of Wollongong television newsreader Ross Warren, 25, has baffled police for almost 12 years. Yesterday, police reopened the case, drawing links between the two deaths and hoping DNA from strands of hair may lead them to a killer.

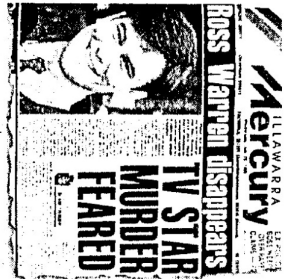
Both men were gay and it's believed they may have been targeted in gay hate crimes. Both apparently died near Marks Park in Tamarama.

Mr Warren's body has never been found but his car was found near Marks Park and his keys were found on a rock shelf below the Tamarama Reserve.

Police hope DNA tests on hairs found in Mr Russell's hand may provide vital clues.

Yesterday, police dropped a weighted dummy from the Tamarama cliff to simulate Mr Russell's death and to assess the angle at which it landed.

It was dressed in clothes similar to those Mr Russell was wear-



ing on the night he was last seen.

"The hair is a crucial factor to the investigators currently and they believe it could well identify the offender," Rose Bay Detective Inspector Terry Dalton said.

Police did not reveal if Mr Russell's bank accounts were accessed after his death or the amount of the inheritance.

"Earlier that night, before [his body was discovered], John Russell had been seen at a Bondi hotel. He was in good spirits having just learnt he was the recipient of quite a large inheritance," Inspector Dalton said.

"So the police involved in this investigation have disregarded suicide."

Police said there may have been unreported attacks against gay men in the area and urged anyone with information to contact them.

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