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Exclusive: Six gay men disappear. Police believe their killers are gang members...

LINKED BY HATE

By ANGELA KAMPER
Crime Reporter

POLICE have linked the disappearance and murders of six Sydney men to gay-hate gangs which prowled the eastern suburbs a decade ago.

For the first time, *The Daily Telegraph* today can reveal that members of three gangs — the *Bomb Boys*, the *Part Time Killers* and one without a name — and two other groups, based in Tanarua and Alexandria, are expected to be called to give evidence at a coronial inquiry.

A first grade rugby league player has also been questioned by police over the murders, which include the disappearance of television presenter Ross Warren.

After an exhaustive, two-year investigation during which dozens of people were interviewed and more than 400 statements taken, police last week presented their link to Deputy State Coroner Jacquelin Milledge.

Head of the investigation, Detective Sergeant Stephen Page, told *The Daily Telegraph* there were similarities in a spate of murders, which had originally been dismissed as suicides and one-off attacks.

"We've found that these were gangs involved in gay bashings and similarities in a spate of

Catalogue of crime

1. **January 1987:** Raymond Koam Bashed to death at Alison Park, Randwick
2. **December 1988:** Wilkom Allen Bashed to death at Alexandria Park, Alexandria
3. **July 1989:** Ross Warren disappears, his belongings are found at Marks Park South Bondi
4. **November 1989:** John Russell His body is found at the bottom of cliffs in South Bondi
5. **January 1990:** Richard Johnson is bashed to death at Alexandria Park
6. **July 1990:** Krichikom Rattanajaturapom is found dead at the bottom of cliffs at Marks Park

of hatred by some youths who would form gangs and target the gay community.

"Using a pack mentality they lay low, gangs would target people that were unable to defend themselves against the numbers of offenders and there was a lot of violence inflicted against the victims."

"People who were victims of bashing, robberies and rape in the area (South Bondi) have come forward."

Police reopened the cases in 2000 after pleas from the families of Ross Warren and John Russell, who went missing within four months of each other in 1988.

Mr Warren's body has never been found, but his personal belongings were discovered on a

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