

ASHFIELD LAC

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**ISSUE:**

Request inventory of all unsolved homicide exhibits on hand at Ashfield Local Area Command.

**BACKGROUND:**

In August 2014, the Ashfield Exhibit Centre completed the transfer of all exhibits on hand across from the Old Exhibit Books to the new EFIMS system. This included all long term exhibits which in itself, included exhibits relating to unsolved homicide events.

The Ashfield Exhibit Centre does not hold any exhibits that are not on EFIMS.

**COMMENT:**

As a direct result of the Metropolitan Exhibit and Property Centre (MEPC) not being able to hold and safely store firearms and ammunition, those exhibits that are long term storage directly relating to Serious Indictable matters like Homicide events continue to be stored at local exhibit centres. The Ashfield Exhibit Centre has a number of firearms and ammunition exhibits on hand that relate to unsolved homicide incidents, however I would imagine that the UHT would be well aware of this and managing these exhibits via their current processes and procedures on EFIMS.

EFIMS is unable to produce reports for exhibits on hand that relate to particular crime categories, however a manual search of Firearms/ammunition exhibits on hand at the Ashfield Exhibit Centre reveal the following Event references that relate to unsolved murders:

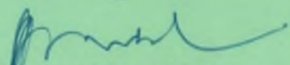
Event No.: E 19250263 (Murder of [REDACTED]) – 4 exhibits.

Event No.: E 900209201363 (Missing Person/Murder – [REDACTED]) – 1 exhibit.

There may possibly be other exhibits on hand that have not been recorded correctly and therefore may not be captured in a cursory search of unsolved murder exhibits on hand on EFIMS. Nonetheless, known incidents of this kind would already be under management by the UHT.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Forwarded for attention and notation.

  
Michael Considine  
Sergeant  
Ashfield Exhibit Centre,  
Ashfield Local Area Command  
18<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

1. Commander - ASHFIELD LOCAL AREA COMMAND

*abled. Forwarded for attention of the UHT.*

*Johnson.*

SUPT. DAVID JOHNSON  
COMMANDER, ASHFIELD LAC

*18/10/2016.*

2. Commander - HOMICIDE SQUAD

*noted*

Michael Willing APM  
Detective Superintendent  
Commander  
Homicide Squad  
NSW Police Force

*3. OCT Johnson - UHT*

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Unsolved Homicide Team (UHT), State Crime Command is embarking on a project to recover and centralise historical unsolved homicide case exhibits throughout New South Wales. There are approximately 650 unsolved homicide cases in NSW. Due to some poor exhibit management practices from years ago, the existence of many exhibits relating to those cases is not readily identifiable.

A limited search for exhibits by the UHT in recent years has located exhibits at a number of locations, the existence and whereabouts of which were previously unknown. Many of the exhibits have since been subjected to new forensic analysis and yielded important evidence such as DNA, proving significant in the solvability potential of the cases they belong to. The exhibits in questions are those taken into police possession prior to the advent of EFIMS and have not been converted onto this system.

**CURRENT POSITION:**

The UHT are now requesting that an inventory be conducted of all exhibits on hand relating to all homicide cases (not converted to EFIMS). Searching should include all sub stations within the LAC and premises used for exhibit storage. Details are to be provided and the file returned to the UHT for information. This should include copies of exhibit book entries pertaining to exhibits on hand, including entries that indicate the transfer or destruction of items. 'Nil Return' files are to be returned to the UHT.

If exhibits are located, the UHT should be contacted on eaglenet 28991 in order for arrangements to be made for the exhibits to be collected and transferred to the Metropolitan Exhibit and Property Centre [redacted] by UHT personnel.

The inventory should include scrutiny of exhibit books to ascertain the current or last location of exhibits in the event they have been transferred to other locations (eg. to FASS for scientific analysis). Once transferred to the MEPC, UHT personnel will maintain responsibility for each exhibit item to be entered onto EFIMS and kept for long term storage.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Forwarded for attention and reply.

John Lehmann  
Detective Chief Inspector  
Unsolved Homicide Team  
4 October 2016

- 1. Commander, Homicide Squad

Michael Willing APM  
Detective Superintendent  
Commander  
Homicide Squad  
NSW Police Force 12/10

- 2. Commander, Ashfield Local Area Command

*Noted. Please make enquiries as per request & report back the size & scope of this activity by 31.10.16.*

SUPT. DAVID JOHNSON  
COMMANDER, ASHFIELD LAC

17.10.16

- 3. Team leader, Exhibits