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SITUATION REPORT - HOMICIDE UNIT.

ISSUE: Murder of Robert Hart MALCOLM, 41 old, of [REDACTED] Jannali.

BACKGROUND: About 2.05am on Saturday, 11.1.92 Robert Hart MALCOLM was found unconscious in a derelict house situated on the south eastern corner of Holden and Eveleigh Streets, Redfern. MALCOLM was found in this location by [REDACTED] 1309 [REDACTED] 1309, 14 old, [REDACTED] 1310, 15 old, and [REDACTED] 1308 [REDACTED] 1308, 15 old, all of [REDACTED]. These persons made a brief examination of MALCOLM, saw that he was bleeding from the head and was unconscious. They then left the house, allegedly to get help. At the corner of Holden and Eveleigh Street they met Jason and Richard PHILLIPS, [REDACTED] Chippendale, whom they informed. They then went to 'The Factory', [REDACTED] Holden Street, Redfern, where they informed Kirk PHILLIPS, 31 old, of 'The Factory', Richard GREEN, 28 old, of 'The Factory', Richard GILMOUR, 28 old, of 'The Factory', and Garry Robert PHILLIPS, 39 old, of 'The Factory', that MALCOLM was in the derelict house, unconscious. All these persons then went to the derelict house and observed MALCOLM. C.D.A. was then summoned and arrived a short time later. MALCOLM was conveyed to R.P.A. in an unconscious condition where he died about 7.10pm on Wednesday, 29.1.92, without regaining consciousness.

When MALCOLM was found, from inquiries, it would appear that he was lying on his back, head towards the south, his shirt on, with his trousers down around his ankles and his underpants around his knees. His shoes and socks were off and some distance from the body. After being found, Jason PHILLIPS examined MALCOLM and found that he was bleeding from the head. He then rolled MALCOLM onto his left side (coma position) and propped him up in that position with a stick to his back. When attended to by C.D.A. MALCOLM had rolled onto his stomach, the position in which he was found.

CURRENT: On Friday, 31 January, 1992, a post mortem examination was carried out on the body of MALCOLM by Dr. Du Flou, G.M.O. From this examination, Dr. Du Flou is of the opinion that MALCOLM was struck about the face with a heavy weapon, e.g. baseball bat, brick or a piece of timber, whilst lying on the ground. This assault caused extensive fractures to the face and skull. There was extensive bleeding which

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had been ingested into the victim's lungs, causing respiratory failure and brain damage due to oxygen starvation. Dr. Du Flou is of the opinion that the deceased had been lying unconscious for at least one hour, ingesting blood from his wounds.

A large number of persons have been interviewed in relation to this assault with very little assistance being given by the indigenous people of Eveleigh Street.

Mrs. Joan Avril HONEYSETT, of [REDACTED] Redfern has been interviewed and stated that about 9.00pm on Friday 10 January, 1992 she was at the intersection of Lawson and Eveleigh Streets, Redfern when she saw a person she knows as Beaver HOOKEY in the company of a white male person. She stated that HOOKEY was talking to this male person who appeared very intoxicated and unsteady on his feet, with his head down on his chest. Mrs. HONEYSETT was shown a private photograph of the deceased and stated that that person was very similar to the one she had seen in the company of Beaver HOOKEY.

Mrs. Margaret Rose VINCENT, of [REDACTED] Redfern, has been interviewed and stated that about 9.00pm on Friday, 10 January, 1992 she was walking south (up) in Eveleigh Street when she saw a person she knows as Beaver HOOKEY walking north (down) in Eveleigh Street with a white male person whose description is very similar to that of the deceased. She was also shown the private photograph of the deceased and stated that that person was very similar to the person seen in the company of Beaver HOOKEY.

Mrs. Merle Joyce ROBERTS of [REDACTED] Waterloo has also been interviewed and stated that about 9.00pm on Friday, 10 January, 1992 she was walking south (up) in Eveleigh Street when she saw a person she knows only as Beaver walking north (down) in Eveleigh Street in company with a white male person. Mrs. ROBERTS described the white male person as being drunk, (he was staggering) and of similar appearance as the deceased.

Anthony Stanley HOOKEY, born [REDACTED].71, alias Beaver, was interviewed on the 11 January, 1992 prior to investigating Police receiving the above information. On 13 January, 1992 HOOKEY was again interviewed by way of statement in the presence of a person from the Aboriginal Legal Service. He has denied any involvement

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in the assault upon MALCOLM or that he was in fact in Eveleigh Street at the times mentioned by the three above witnesses. Inquiries in relation to HOOKEY are continuing.

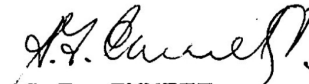
No other positive information has been forthcoming from the community in and around Eveleigh Street. In fact, investigating Police have met with a wall of silence and have received little or no assistance from the aboriginal community.

Investigating Police have been liaising closely with the Aboriginal Liaison Officers attached to Redfern Police Station, but to date nothing of significance has been achieved.

Investigating Police have found that persons interviewed tend to give fictitious addresses. This is creating enormous inconvenience when these persons are to be re-interviewed for the clarification of information.



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