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PARENTS' PLEA TO FIND SON'S KILLER

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The father of a murdered 41-year-old Jannali man has launched an emotional plea for anyone with information that could lead to the arrest of the killer or killers to come forward.

Robert MALCOLM senior today faced the media at Redfern, not far away from where his son Robert junior was severely bashed early last month.

Local youths found Mr Malcolm's unconscious body in a derelict house at the corner of Eveleigh and Holden Streets in the early hours of 11 January.

He had been bashed about the head with a baseball bat or something similar and died in Royal Prince Alfred Hospital 18 days later.

Detective Constable First Class Richard YANNAKIS of Redfern Police said investigators had canvassed the area heavily in a bid to turn up someone who saw something.

"We've drawn a blank but believe someone has vital information and is loathe to come forward," he said.

Beat Police from Redfern circulated hundreds of copies of a handbill to residents of the Eveleigh St area this morning, appealing for information on the dead man's family's behalf.

The handbill says informants can be anonymous and can use a toll-free number (008) 025-122 with a reward of up to \$1000 on offer, payable on arrest.

The number will be manned 24-hours a day, the handbill says.

It also says Mr Malcolm's parents are mourning their son's loss - a fact expected to touch the closely-knit Eveleigh St community's strong sense of family unity.

Mr Malcolm was last seen drinking with Australia Post workmates at the Menzies Hotel in the city on the evening of January 10.

He left the Menzies about 8.15 and was spotted at the top of Eveleigh Street, near the Railway Station, about 9pm.

Mr Malcolm was wearing a white long sleeved shirt and grey pants. He was of paunchy build, 180cm (5ft11in) tall with brown hair and a bushy moustache.

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"Someone must have seen Robert and the Police need to trace his last movements," said Mr Malcolm snr.

"Everyone is at a loss as to why he'd end up at Redfern.

"I'd urge anyone with any information, no matter how insignificant it might seem. to contact Police."

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