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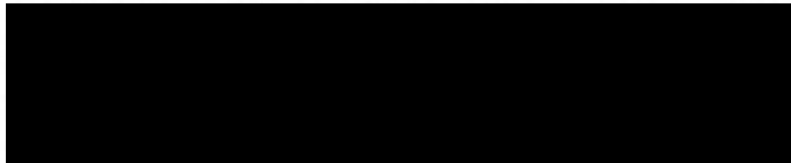
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63. Running sheets 7/59/1 and other re inquiry concerning NP226, 16 old, alleged to have indicated to a local businessman that he had some knowledge of the murder. Subsequently interviewed and eliminated.

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64. Running sheet 7/21/1 nominating NP128, born 27/12/75 as being similar in description to F.A.C.E. reproduction A.00005 a suspect for the assault and robbery on 1116, by Sergeant WALDRON of Kings Cross Police.
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73. Statement of [I321], re knowledge of movements of his grandson [NP128], and alleged loan of \$80 to him on 15th December, 1993. Includes the following annexure :-
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[NP128]
74. Statement of [I323], mother of [NP128] [NP128], re her recollection of sons arrival in Moree.
75. Request to Regional Commander, Long Bay Penitentiary, for inmate [NP128] to be conveyed to Surry Hills Police Station, for interview on 6th July, 1994.
76. Transcript of electronically recorded interview between Detective Sergeants KNIGHT and MULHERIN and [NP128], at Surry Hills on 6th July, 1994.

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 - * List of Employment Declaration Forms allegedly lost or stolen from [1325] [1325]
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 - * Photostats of TIME PAY & WAGES books from [1325] / [REDACTED] relevant to work record of Angus BINGE.
 - * Photostats of cheque butts relevant to [1325] / [REDACTED] account on A.N.Z. Bank, Moree.
78. Search warrant issued at Moree on 16th July, 1994, in respect of A.N.Z. cheques drawn on [1325] / [REDACTED] account for payment of wages, between October 1993 and February, 1994.
79. Original cheques No. 000650, 000721 and 000818, drawn on account of [1325] and [REDACTED], for payment to [NP128's alias] [NP128's alias], in amounts of \$140, \$350 and \$140 respectively.
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81. Statement of Clinton Lloyd WRIGHT, Field Officer for Moree Aboriginal Legal Service, re knowledge of [NP128].
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83. Photostat of Banking records of MOREE SERVICES CLUB, 7th and 8th January, 1994.
84. Photostat of Visitor's Register of MOREE SERVICES CLUB, for 7th January, 1994.
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94. Criminal record of [1325], born 30/05/55.