NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION FROM DETECTIVE SERGEANT G.J. MULHERIN FROM ROSE BAY DETECTIVES - RE AN INTERVIEW WITH STEVEN LEONARD (FATHER) ON THE 1/3/94 AT DEE WHY POLICE STATION ABOUT HIS SON RICHARD LEONARD.

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INVEST. MURDERS OF EZZEDINE BAHMAD AND STEPHEN DEMPSEY

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PERSON INTERVIEWED : Witness Name: MULHERIN, G.J. Chief of Detectives Date of Birth / / Sex X CNI No: 00000000 Occupation: Detective Sergeant of Police

Home Work Rose Bay Police Station Addr: Addr Rose Bay NSW Ph. 9999999

Attached hereto is a copy of a faxed report dated 12/4/94 from Detective Sergeant MULHERIN of Rose Bay Detectives. The report outlines an interview police (Attached to Task Force - "BARCOO") had with Steven LEONARD at Dee Why Police Station on the 1/3/94.

Originating Officer: Cst 1/C K.Urbaniak, Warringah S.O.G.S Date Created: 13/04/1995

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INFORMATION RE RICHARD WILLIAM LEONARD.

Narrative:

On 01/03/1994, Police attached to task force "BARCOO " (investigations into the murder of Crispin Wilson DYE, at 4.20am on Thursday 23 December, 1993 in Campbell Street, Surry Hills) attended the Dee Why Police Station and spoke with boat builder, Steven LEONARD, born 1947, of CROMER, phone (home) - (work) regarding his son, Richard William LEONARD, Born /1973, C.N.I. of .

Richard lives alone at the address mentioned. The house is second back from the corner and occasionally he has various people stay over. The premises are owned by the Baptist Church Ministry, Collaroy Plateau. Possible phone number

The inquiry had originally been initiated by the family Pastor, Fred PRATLEY (Baptist Ministry, Collaroy Plateau (wk) ()) who agreed to help his friend and parishioner Steve LEONARD who was not coping well with his son's behaviour and bizarre stories especially one relating to an alleged assault by Richard in Palmer Street East Sydney/Darlinghurst upon an unknown male. Richard told to his father that the person had died.

His son's stories were such over a long period that Mr LEONARD believed his son was unable to distinguish fact from fiction. As such Steve LEONARD indicated that his health had deteriorated and he was becoming paranoid about Richard which was causing him great concern. The situation had arrived at the point where Mr LEONARD contacted his local Pastor, Fred PRATLEY for support, consolation and out of fear that his son may act out his fantasies ending in trouble. In turn inquiries were made by Mr PRATLEY through Kings Cross Police in an attempt to corroborate Richard's claims.

At Dee Why Police Station Mr LEONARD expressed his concerns for both himself and his son. He indicated that his son had been a difficult child, a bragger, a person with an aggressive personality, who lent himself to fantasy. A person who had a fascination for hunting knifes, cross bows, killing animals, and watching violent videos. Steven was convinced that his son got a kick out of telling bizarre stories (believed to be fantasy) to him in an attempt to shock and distress him. It was alleged Richard indicated to his father that early in December, 1993 he assaulted a person one night in Palmer Street, Sydney. At the time of the attack he indicated he was stoned and experienced a "rush" from the incident.

In another account given by Mr LEONARD to PRATELY, his son allegedly attacked a "skin head" in George Street, Sydney, where he alleged another assault knocking his victim to the ground causing his eyes to roll. Richard thought the person was dead and told his father he subsequently read about it in a newspaper. This attack allegedly took place mid November early December, 1993.

Inquires conducted at all inner city Police Station had no report to prove either claim.

Mr. LEONARD further indicated that his son was eager movie goer, sometimes writing reviews for some local circulation. He possessed a cosh style weapon at home he called "waddy" (looks like a piece of water pipe with a telescopic action). Richard keeps company with a person named :-

> NP129 a person he describes as, having an Irish accent, about 5'6" tall, very skinny build, 7 stone in weight with dark brown hair protruding front teeth, stooped posture and a large forehead. Believed to be an asthma suffer and receiving sickness benefits.

> Fred PARTLEY indicated NP129 Jived with Richard at the describes him as an introvert person who possibly had a personality disorder.

Mr LEONARD described his son as:-

5'8" tall, 14 stone in weight, fit with solid build, dark brown hair, brushed back with pony tail, brown eyes, small mouth. Quite often wore a dark brown knee lenght trench coat, rode a motor bike and is the holder of a firearm/security licence but not working in the industry.

% J NULHERIN Chief of Detectives Rose Bay E/N 44315 12 April, 1995

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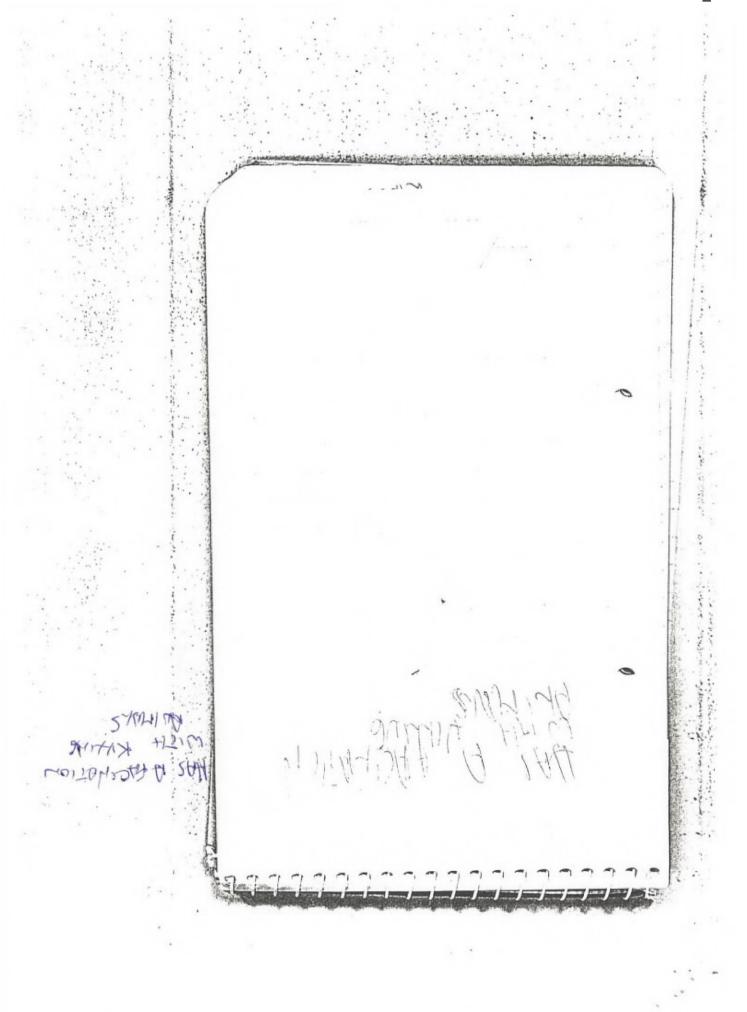
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