



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

7 June 2023

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Garaty,

NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes – William Allen

I refer to the above Inquiry, and to the death of William Emanuel Allen (DOB: 14 August 1940). Mr Allen died as a result of injuries sustained during an assault on the evening of 28 December 1988 in Alexandria Park.

Request for information: Fingerprint examination

The Inquiry seeks the assistance of the NSW Police Force Forensic Evidence and Technical Services (“FETS”) Command in relation to fingerprints recovered during the investigation into Mr Allen’s death.

Case details

Based on the material available to the Inquiry, it appears that fingerprints were lifted from items in Mr Allen’s home on 29 December 1988 (File No. 88/2603, Major Crime Ref No. MC 89/298, FCN 131959). The items included two wine carafes and a jar of coffee.

Email correspondence between the Unsolved Homicide Team (“UHT”) and Detective Sergeant Fiona West in 2016 suggests that at least one of the fingerprints recovered was searched on NAFIS and not identified. I **enclose** a copy of Detective Sergeant West’s email dated 23 December 2016.

However, the Triage Form completed by the UHT on 24 August 2021 states that “fingerprints located belonged to Allen” (page 11). I also **enclose** a copy of the Triage Form for ease of reference.

Request for information

To assist the Inquiry in considering any further investigative steps in this case and for clarity, please provide a statement from an appropriate officer addressing the following topics:

1. The fingerprints recovered in the course of the crime scene examination conducted at Mr Allen’s home (including in relation to his vehicle).
2. The results of any fingerprint comparisons conducted both in 1989 and in 2016.
3. Whether any fingerprints remain unidentified.

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Request for further examination

In the event that there are unidentified fingerprints, it would be of assistance to the Inquiry if you could please conduct a comparative examination of latent fingerprints obtained from the crime scene in relation to Mr Allen for a current re-run across the fingerprint database and advise whether any conclusive or inconclusive results are identified.

Please provide the result of any further examination in the form of an evidentiary certificate capable of being tendered in evidence. This information can be in the same statement or certificate as the requested information above.

Timeframe

We would be grateful if you could provide the requested statement or evidentiary certificate by **10am on Thursday, 15 June 2023**.

In the event that you anticipate any difficulty with the above timeframe, please forward a request for an extension of time in writing as soon as possible. To assist in considering the application for an extension, please provide a brief outline of the reasons an extension is sought and the date by which you anticipate being in a position to produce the material sought.

Thank you for your assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact Kate Lockery on (02) [REDACTED] if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,



Enzo Camporeale

Director

Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry