

Special Commission of inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes - Crispin Dye Documentary Tender

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**For information of the Director, Legal
Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry.**

Whilst I have somewhat limited recollection of all facets of the investigation into the murder of Crispin Dye in 1993, I can indicate that all the Police involved in Task Force Barcoo under my command acted with integrity and solely with the intention of, if possible, bringing to account any persons responsible in the death of this gentleman.

I have perused all the documentation provided, including the Submissions of Counsel Assisting the Inquiry and the Submissions on behalf of the Commissioner Of Police and would like to provide the following:-

I became aware from very early in the investigation that Mr. Dye was either bi or homosexual, and of course this was considered from the outset as being a possible motive, however I contend to this day that there was NO direct evidence that his sexuality had any relevance, although the gay community at the time alleged this to be the case on a very regular basis in their 'newspaper', I think called the Star Observer or similar.

Whilst of course being unable to be certain, I consider that the motive for the crime was most likely robbery. I have no knowledge as to whether his behaviour at the time of the assault was such that the assailant(s) may have been aware of his sexuality, however there was no evidence to that effect and in my opinion I could not conclude either then, or now that this attack might be considered what is now more commonly referred to as a 'Gay hate crime'. I can indicate without hesitation however, that whatever the perceived motive for his murder, those Police involved carried out their investigations completely without any prejudice in relation to Mr. Dye's sexuality, our aim being to make every effort to bring the offender(s) to justice if possible.

In relation to the general terms of the full investigation, as previously indicated, I have limited recollection due to not only the passage of time, but [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I therefore rely on the views expressed on behalf of the Commission in that regard.

I do however remain committed to the belief, as I did at the time, that the young man referred to as JF was responsible, either as the sole offender, as a participant with others, or at the very least a witness with specific knowledge of those responsible for the crime.

As may be seen from the statement of the Coroner at the time, Mr. Derek Hand, he had absolutely no confidence that either JF, or those providing his alibi at the relevant time were telling the truth. I also concur that following the inquest, Mr. Hand commented on the thoroughness of the investigation, and can also indicate that at that time, Mrs. Dye embraced me and personally thanked myself and my team for the efforts made to establish those responsible for her son's death.



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