

REVIEW OF AN UNSOLVED HOMICIDE CASE SCREENING FORM

You have been selected to undertake a review of an unsolved homicide. The review should be conducted in accordance with this 'Case Screening Form'. Once completed, the Case Screening Form will be forwarded to the Coordinator, Unsolved Homicide Review Team, Homicide Squad, State Crime Command. Your assessment of the available evidence and recommendation is necessary to assist in determining opportunities for re-investigation

1. Location of Brief of Evidence.

The original investigation documents must be located. The current location of these documents may depend upon the date of the murder you are reviewing and who conducted the inquiry. If the investigation is relatively recent, it may still be stored at the Local Area Command, which had carriage of the matter. Inquiries which were conducted by the former Major Crime Squads and investigations that are considerably more historical, will most likely be located at the Corporate Archives Records Repository, [REDACTED].

A manual inspection of the investigation records must be conducted as experience has shown that in older cases, exhibits are sometimes stored in the boxes along with the documents.

Many investigations will be voluminous and the transport of the entire investigation to an LAC office may not be viable. Facilities exist at the Archives for the documents to be inspected and an inventory conducted. Depending on the type of investigation management used during the inquiry, the investigation may be reviewed electronically. All former TIMS inquiries located by the Investigative Systems Support Unit have been converted into E@gle.i investigations. Secondary investigations into the same murder may also be recorded on E@gle.i. To obtain 'read only' access to the investigation contact should be made with the SSU on [REDACTED].

Victim:

Name:	Ernest Allan HEAD		
Gender	Male	D.OB	27/2/1932 (44 old)
Relative contact (if known)	Brothers - Arthur HEAD (born [REDACTED] 17) – deceased 4/8/2003 and William Douglas HEAD, then of [REDACTED] Singapore. Sister – Lillian Mabel TAN – then of [REDACTED] Malaysia and Beatrice Mildred OXLEY, [REDACTED] Malaysia. (No further information. Both mention in running sheet 33/1)		

Homicide Details:

Time & Date	6.05pm 17/6/1976. Body discovered 11.30pm 22/6/1976.
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Location:	█ 49 Grosvenor Cres, Summer Hill		
COPS Event/P40 No.	826835	Attached	Yes
Previous Investigation Name: (Strike Force/Task Force/Operation)	Nil		
Command in charge:	Ashfield assisted by Homicide Squad		

2. Cause of death

If the Post Mortem results are not contained within the investigation documents, contact may be made with the relevant Coroner's Court. A request in writing with NSW Police letterhead must be forwarded to the Registrar of the court, outlining the information required.

Post Mortem Results:	Yes		
Exhibits Retained:	?	Location:	
Further Examination:	Y/N		
Comment: Unable to locate any.			

3. Investigation Records

Investigation Records relate not only to the statements taken from witnesses etc; but to all documents generated during the investigation. For investigations conducted prior to 1990 the investigation will be recorded by way of running sheets typed on occurrence pad forms. From about 1990 onwards, the TIMS system of investigation management was used. In 1999 the conversion to E@gle.i began.

Investigation Records Located:	Yes
Comment: Murder brief 1976/37. Not previously been to archives, filed in office. Will be forwarded to archives at later date.	

During the 1960's, 1970's and early 1980's, 'Investigation Resumes' were formerly completed by the Officer in charge of a homicide investigation that was not solved. It was a summary of the investigation, highlighting suspects, significant inquiries and evidence and was forwarded to the Superintendent of the Criminal Investigation Branch.

Investigation Resume:	No
Comment:	

Progress Reports have been used by the former Crime Agencies since 1997 and the State Crime Command since 2002. They are a monthly report submitted by the officer in charge of an investigation, detailing the progress of the inquiry and significant events. Copies are maintained by Operations Co-ordination, State Crime Command.

Progress Reports:	No
Comment:	

Post Operational Assessments are the current replacement for an Investigation Resume. They are submitted by the Officer in Charge of the investigation to Operations Co-ordination, State Crime Command, at the completion of an investigation.

Post Operational Assessment:	No
Comment:	

4. Coroner's Inquest

Details of Coroner's Inquests, including Coroner's Findings, may be obtained from the Registrar of the relevant Coroner's Court by submitting a request in writing with NSW Police letterhead.

Coroner's Inquest Held:	Yes	Date: 16/12/77
Court: Glebe	Coroner:	
Inquest Brief Located	Not looked for at Coroners Court. Brief in with filed records.	
Findings: Stabbed to death by person(s) unknown.		

5. Original Case Officer

Attempts should be made to locate and interview the original Case Officer even if they are no longer employed by the NSW Police Department. In the event that they are not located, another senior investigator from the inquiry should be approached. A list of investigators significantly involved in the investigation should be compiled.

OIC Name:	D/Sgt 1/c Fagan	Interviewed:	No
Serving Member:	No	Location:	
<p>Comment: Investigating police not interviewed. Const 1/c (now Snr Sgt) Steven Horn, Scientific Branch spoken to. Involved in Crime Scene investigation.</p> <p>No suspects identified (other than those who have been eliminated). Not considered necessary to consult with original investigators.</p>			

Other Investigators:

Name:	Current Location:
SC Robert Henry MUNDAY	Scientific

6. Weapons

The Ballistics Unit, Sydney Police Centre has a large store of firearms, ballistic material and exhibits with ballistic damage held in their office from historical murders. For other weapons see point 7.

Type:	Knife – sharp, approx 18cm in length, 2cm wide at the base of the blade and 1.2cm wide at a point approx half way along the length of the blade. Possibly similar to a butchers boning knife.		
Recovered:	No	Location:	
Further Examination	No.		
Action:			
<p>Comment: Two knives (kitchen variety) recovered at crime scene. Not certain that they are the murder weapons but may have been.</p>			

7. Exhibits

The original Exhibit Book is obviously the best place to begin to track the movement and location of exhibits. Many homicide exhibits however were never entered into Station exhibit books as they were recovered from crime scenes by Crime Scene Officers and entered into Registers at the particular office at which the Officer was attached. From there, many were forwarded to DAL and other experts. Inquiries have revealed that there is still a large store of exhibits held at the CSU Satellite Offices. DAL are in possession of thousands of samples taken from exhibits for the period 1986 –1997. These samples were not analysed and a DNA sample placed on the data-base. From 1997, all DNA profiles obtained from samples were placed on the database.

Attempts should be made to locate all exhibits and determine what examinations have already taken place. The table below should be completed.

Exhibits located

Exhibit	Location (exhibit No.)	Previous Examinations	Status
Cigarette butts (unfiltered)	Some found in brief in sealed envelopes	Saliva located and grouped to different blood group to that of deceased	Forwarded to DAL on 29/7/2005. FS 055959
Cigarette butts from ashtray in lounge room	As above	As above	Forwarded to DAL on 29/7/2005. FS 055959
Swabs of blood stains throughout unit	Not located	As per attached certificate of Paul Connellan	
LP record from radio gram	Not located	As per attached certificate of Paul Connellan	
Clothing located in bathroom	Not located	As per attached certificate of Paul Connellan	
Hairs located in bed	Not located	As per attached certificate of Paul Connellan	
Hairs located in bathroom	Not located	As per attached certificate of Paul Connellan	
Gerber brand "Shorty" knife	Not located	As per attached certificate of Paul Connellan	
Gerber brand "French" knife	Not located	As per attached certificate of Paul Connellan	
Men's underpants found in kitchen	Not located	As per attached certificate of Paul Connellan	
Handkerchief found on deceased	Not located	As per attached certificate of Paul Connellan	
Blankets and bed linen	Not located	As per attached certificate of Paul Connellan	

8. Fingerprints

There was no electronic fingerprint database in existence prior to 1986 when N.A.F.I.S. (National Automated Fingerprint Identification System) was established. All fingerprints were categorised and searched manually. When N.A.F.I.S. was established this enabled the capability of searching fingerprints electronically rather than by manual means. Palm prints for serious crime were back-captured on N.A.F.I.S. Fingerprints retrieved from homicide crime scenes were collected and filed in unsolved homicide files at the Fingerprint Latent Unit – Major Crime. All historical Fingerprint Major Crime Files are held with the Records Unit on Level 1, Tower B of Police Headquarters. (A list of these case files are in possession of the Commander, Latent Print Section, Fingerprint Operations, Criminal Identification Specialist Branch (C.I.S.B.)). Contact can be made with staff at the Major Crime Response Section on [REDACTED]. For cases occurring after 1986 results can be viewed through FCSR. In May 2001 N.A.F.I.S. was upgraded (N.A.F.I.S. 2) which allowed the capability of searching palm print impressions. It would appear that there are no archived records dating back to prior to 1971.

Fingerprints Available:	Yes
Fingerprint Case Number:	
Major Crime Reference Number:	Major Crime 76/48
Person Identified:	No
<p>Comment: Case file indicates that there is a palm print in blood above the body. The print was not matched to anyone, despite at least 60 sets of elimination prints being taken. Spoke to S/Sgt Fiona West of Fingerprints on 29/7/05. Case file located and review conducted. 200 elimination prints in file. Palm print in blood confirmed but not identified. Results of review attached.</p>	

9. Witnesses

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE WITNESSES TO BE CONTACTED AS PART OF THE REVIEW PROCESS

Witnesses are not to be contacted during this process, as the relationship between witnesses and suspects is not always known. The relationship between them may have changed over time and there is the possibility that the suspect may be alerted to a renewed investigation.

Also, it will not be desirable to raise the hopes of relatives, secondary victim's etc; that their matter will be re-investigated when it may be the case that nothing further can be done.

Witness lists must be extensive however inquiries will only need to relate to witnesses who provide significant evidence. Inquiries regarding witnesses should be confined to COPS, Intelligence Reports, RTA, Electoral Roll, Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages etc.

Witness:	Location:	How Located:	Relevance
Sydney Trevor Moore (aged 44)	(Then of [REDACTED])	Not searched	Discovered body

		for	
I454 (aged 53)	(Then of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED])	Not searched for	Discovered body
Margaret Mary McEVOY (aged 40)	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Not searched for	Friend of deceased, hadn't heard from him for a week so contacted I454 and Moore.
SC Donald Noel Charles HUMPHREYS	Left police as Inspector in 1998	Not searched for	Off duty police officer and neighbour at no. [REDACTED] (Walsh). Heard sounds of argument from deceased's flat on 17/6/76 and inquired if everything OK. A male voice said it was. No further investigation by him
Elaine Mary WALSH		Not searched for	Neighbour at no. [REDACTED]

10. Suspect/s

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE SUSPECTS TO BE CONTACTED AS PART OF THE REVIEW PROCESS

Inquiries regarding the location and status of suspects should be confined to those listed above. Of particular importance to the Review is the fact whether suspects have been charged with other offences since the original investigation (particularly sexually related offences). If suspects are identified, a current profile is to be completed listing address, phone number, intelligence reports, marital status, associates, employment and any other relevant information. Checks should be confined to COPS, Intelligence Reports, RTA, Electoral Roll, Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages etc.

Suspect Identified:	No	Profile attached:	Y/N:
Name:	DOB:	CNI:	Status:
Comment:			

11. Synopsis:

A synopsis of your review should be completed detailing the circumstances of the murder, lines of inquiry and any known suspects.

Synopsis:

About 11.55pm on Tuesday, 22 June 1976, Sydney MOORE (then 44 old) and [1454] (then 53 old) went to the home of Ernest HEAD, in response to an inquiry from Margaret Mary McEVOY, a female friend of Head, who was concerned that she had not heard from him for a week. Moore was in possession of keys to the flat. He opened the door and found the deceased. At the time a lamp in the lounge room was lit and all other lights were out.

[1454] and MOORE went to the neighbouring flat, no. [REDACTED], and spoke to Elaine WALSH. A short time later Senior Constable Donald HUMPHREYS (off duty), a friend of Walsh, arrived. Police were then called and Detective Sergeant PETER and Det 'Doc' HALLIDAY arrived soon after.

[1454] told police that he had seen the deceased at the Bank Hotel, Newtown on Thursday, 17/6/1976 (the presumed day of the murder); [1454] to police that he left the hotel about 6.05pm, leaving HEAD alone. After leaving the hotel it appears that HEAD went to the Summer Hill TAB as he had possession of a TAB ticket bought at 6.24pm.

On the night the body was found S/C HUMPHREYS (off duty), who lived next door with Elaine WALSH, told investigators that about 7pm that evening he heard arguing and HEAD calling for help from his flat and possibly calling out "don't hurt me". Elaine WALSH told police she heard a noise like something was being thrown around Head's flat and then HEAD call out 5 times in a fearful voice, "Don't hurt me, help me, help me". HUMPHREYS went to his balcony and knocked on the kitchen window but received no answer. At the time the kitchen was in darkness. He then went to the front door of the flat and knocked and called out. HEAD said that he was alright and HUMPHREYS did not hear anything further. A little later HUMPHREYS telephoned HEAD and heard the phone ringing but it was not answered. About an hour later HUMPHREYS thought he heard noise of a conversation coming from HEAD's front door, a farewell, and thought he heard one person leave and HEAD return to his flat. HUMPHREYS again looked into HEAD's flat and saw it was in darkness. A short time later he saw a light burning in the flat and it remained on. On 19/6/1976 HUMPHREYS saw a note pushed into the door jamb of HEAD's flat. This note remained there until the body was discovered.

CRIME SCENE:

The premises at [REDACTED], Summer Hill is a two bedroom unit on the top floor of the block.

The deceased was found in the kitchen, naked, laying on his front with his head turned to the right and his left cheek resting on the floor. The deceased had been stabbed to the chest, face, back and abdomen, as well as the left arm, left side of buttock and on the inside of the left leg. There was also a large gash to the left knee. There was a trail of blood spots from the bedroom, down the hallway into the lounge room and kitchen where a large amount of blood was in the near vicinity of the body.

The top of his head was up against the bottom of the refrigerator where the kick plate normally fits. The deceased's fingers were resting on the kick plate which was situated near the kitchen door. A pair of underpants were on the floor near his head. There was a large amount of blood smears and splashes covering the kitchen floor around the body, on the deceased himself, and on the walls, refrigerator, stove, cupboards and the back of the kitchen door.

Further bloods splashes were located on the carpet, closet door and room divider in the lounge room; hall way carpet and wall; bathroom door; door and door jamb of the main bedroom; and the bed sheets and pillows of the bed and on the eastern wall and blankets on the floor in the main bedroom. Blood splashes were also found on the carpet underneath

where the blankets had fallen to the floor. A plastic bag with some blood spots on it was found in the second bedroom.

In the bathroom there was diluted blood smearing on the vanity unit, power point above the vanity and light switch. Some small blood splashes were found in the shower recess. Blood smearing was also found on a pair of men's trousers hanging on the bathroom door.

Vomit was found in the toilet pan although a sample does not appear to have been retained.

In the bath was a wet navy blue long sleeved men's shirt and a green plastic bucket filled with water and containing men's clothing. A pair of damp white men's buckled shoes were resting against the shower recess. The clothing and shoes were later identified as belonging to the deceased. A dishcloth was found in the shower recess and a towel was hanging over the shower recess.

Some blood smears were located around the knobs of the HMV radiogram in the dining room. A long playing record ("Mr Music" – Mantovani – Decca label) was still rotating on the turntable and the stylus had worn a large groove in it.

Knives in the kitchen were examined and it appeared that a Gerber brand "Shorty" knife and a "French" knife of the same brand had been cleaned.

A number of hair fibres were removed from the bed and from the bathroom (bath, shower and vanity unit) for further comparison. These are mentioned in the forensic report (FS76/173) from Paul CONNELLAN as being retained for further comparison should that be required, but they cannot be located.

The lock up garage was also examined and some tyre tracks were photographed. A scale plan of the unit was prepared and is located in the brief.

A handkerchief was also found at the scene (in the main bedroom) by Detective Sergeant Peter and was given to S/C Munday at the morgue.

Property stolen

An examination of the premises indicated that a number of items had been stolen, including a portable black and white TV, gents Seiko wrist watch, Hitachi brand radio cassette recorder, AIWA transistor radio, and suitcase with E A HEAD written on lid.

Also stolen was a gold dress ring with a green jade stone (with inscription "with love 27.2.62") and two pieces of light green jade, roughly cut in a triangular shape, roughly 1 inch by 3/8 inch by 1/4 inch thick.

Fingerprints:

On the western wall of the kitchen was a palm print in blood, above where the body was lying. Fingerprints case number 76/48 – review ordered as part of this case screening.

Running sheet 2/17 lists 60 people from whom palm prints were obtained for elimination purposes. The result of the review is copied below:

Inspector Rob JARRETT,

Please be advised of the result of the Major Crime Review Re: Murder of Ernest HEAD on 22.6.76.

If you require any further information please contact this office.

Regards,

Sgt Fiona West
 Latents - Major Crime
 EN [REDACTED] / Memo #FPMC

Results for fingerprint Major Crime 76/48. Head Murder [REDACTED]/49 Grosvenor Cres, Summer Hill 22/6/76. Requesting Officer Rod Jarrett - Unsolved Homicide.

Forensic Cases contained in folder: -

76/4365 - Examination of premises at [REDACTED]/49 Grosvenor Cres, Summer Hill at 11am on 2 July 1976 by Cst Stone and Money. Palmprint in blood located.

76/4175 - Examination of premises at [REDACTED]/49 Grosvenor Cres, Summer Hill at 2am on 24 June 1976 by Sgt Stone and Const Sandri. Fingerprints labelled B located in Kitchen, bathroom and bedroom.

76/4176 - Motor Vehicle [REDACTED] examined at Five Dock Police Station by Sgt Stone and Const Sandri. Fingerprints labelled G located on inside of rear offside window, inside of front nearside window, and inside of rear nearside window.

Persons identified from NAFIS computer searches.

[REDACTED] NP255 dob [REDACTED] cni [REDACTED] (police) identified to fingerprint labelled G on case 76/4176. (Appears to be on? a piece of paper)

[REDACTED] NP256 dob [REDACTED] cni [REDACTED]. Identified to fingerprints labelled G and G3. Prints located on motor vehicle [REDACTED].

Both persons identified compared to print in blood located at residence and not identified. Also compared all fingerprint comparison prints located in major crime folder (approx 200) to the palmprint in blood with a negative result.

Palm print researched and registered by two independent experts on NAFIS computer with a negative result. Job complete.

Damien Liddle
 D/Sgt
 Latent Print Section
 30 August 2005

Cigarette butts

A number of cigarette butts and partly used cigarettes were located on the floor and in an ashtray in the lounge room. A partly used cigarette (with staining thereon) was found on the floor of the main bedroom. Another cigarette butt was found on the floor of the second bedroom. These cigarettes were identified as being Benson and Hedges "plain" and are unfiltered. They were apparently only available at about 10% of cigarette outlets and were considered an unusual brand. Running sheet 120 and 120//1 indicated that there were about 5 cigarettes smoked in the unit (believed to be by the offender) and that a box of matches from the Mandarin Club, Pitt St, Sydney was located with them. This box was nearly full and it appeared that about 5 or 6 matches had been used from it (See later in narrative).

In the brief I located 3 labelled and sealed white envelopes contained in yellow envelope labelled "4 pkts, cigarette butts". The larger yellow envelope contained tobacco residue in the bottom. The labelled white envelopes indicated that they contained unfiltered cigarette butts.

Exhibits – analytical results

The exhibits (consisting of cigarette butts, blood swabs or scrapings, knives, clothing, bed linen and blankets, hairs and handkerchief) were submitted to the Division of Forensic Medicine for examination on 25/6/1976 by SC Munday and Con 1/c Horn of the Scientific Branch.

Reference is FS 76/178. A report dated 17/9/76 by Paul CONNELLAN was included in the brief. Head was blood grouped as B, Hp2-2, PGM 2-1. All of the blood samples tests were consistent with having originated from the deceased.

Blood was not detected on the knives.

Semen was present on the penile and anal swabs, although the sample was insufficient for grouping.

The handkerchief found at the scene by Detective Sergeant Peter (and handed to SC Munday) was extensively stained with semen. Grouping tests on the semen stained areas established the presence of blood group O, PGM 2-1 and blood group B. The group B substances possibly came from the deceased. It is also possible, although by no means certain, that the offender was of blood group O, PGM 2-1.

Saliva was detected on the cigarette butts and partly used cigarettes. Grouping tests on the saliva also established the presence of group O blood substances on the non-filtered cigarette butts. Testing by WD&HO Wills indicated that the cigarettes were Australian made.

The hairs were examined without any particular conclusion being reached, although running sheet 2/16 indicates that the hairs appear to be from the deceased. The report states that they have been retained for further examination at a later date if necessary.

Post mortem

Deceased stabbed 35 times to chest, back, head and abdomen, as well as the left arm, left side of buttock and on the inside of the left leg. There was also a large gash to the left knee. Blood swabs were taken from the deceased as well as penile and anal swabs.

Time of death was estimated to be about 6 days previously and was consistent with the last sighting of the deceased on the evening of 17/6/1976.

The deceased

Ernest Allan HEAD, born 27/2/1932 was a clerk with the Corporate Affairs Commission, Sydney and lived alone at the scene of the murder. He was an active homosexual. HEAD came to Australia in December 1960 from Malaysia (Eurasian heritage and appearance) where he had been a school teacher and associated with members of the military police. His entry into Australia was sponsored by William Francis McCALLUM, born [REDACTED]/28.

Inquiries were made at the Mandarin Club due to the location of a match box from that premises being located at the crime scene (see heading of cigarette butts). It was ascertained that the particular brand of cigarette found at the scene was sold in two vending machines at the club. Because the box had been barely used (the number of matches used was roughly equal to the number of cigarettes smoked in the unit) it was believed the cigarettes and match box may have been obtained from the Mandarin Club on the day of the murder (17/6/76). The membership books and visitors books were checked and all names recorded, however, the actual records in the brief indicate that it was probably only the visitors book (sign in register) that was so recorded. It should also be noted that the deceased also attended the Mandarin Club on occasions.

A large number of friends and/or associates of the deceased were identified and interviewed. It appears that the majority of them were eliminated on the basis of the palm print in blood

found at the crime scene.

12. Recommendation:

You must submit a recommendation on the potential for any further investigation, including the scope of any subsequent investigation eg; opportunity for DNA link, potential for Undercover Operative to be employed, witnesses to be reinterviewed due to change of circumstances. If you recommend that further investigation should take place, list the most appropriate contact person should be listed.

Recommendation:

Exhibits located in brief (cigarette butts) submitted to DAL (FS055959) – awaiting results of DNA analysis.

Fingerprint review conducted. Nothing arising, however, it would appear that the offender has left behind a good quality palm print, in blood. This has not been matched to anyone on NAFIS system (nationwide).

Consideration could be given to distributing the palm print overseas through Interpol. Malaysia and Singapore could be canvassed (as the victim was from Malaysia), as well as Commonwealth countries such as the United Kingdom and New Zealand (in consideration of the deceased's association with military personnel while living in Malaysia).

Further inquiries to locate exhibits

No further investigative inquiries can reasonably be made without the fingerprint or possible DNA evidence being linked to a particular person.

REVIEWER'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that the review has been conducted thoroughly and I have accessed all available documents and exhibits.

Signature:

Name: R Jarrett
Rank: Detective Inspector
Date: 30/08/2005

CO-ORDINATOR'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that sufficient time and opportunity has been provided to the case reviewer to conduct the attached review. I am satisfied that the reviewer has accessed available documentation and agree with their recommendations.

Signature:

Name:
Rank:
Position:
Date: