

QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE



MURDER OF UNIDENTIFIED BABY \$250,000 REWARD

REWARD: The Minister for Police and Corrective Services has approved a reward of \$250,000 be offered for information which leads to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of an unidentified newborn baby at Cairns on or about 4 May 1996.

INDEMNITY FROM PROSECUTION: In addition, an appropriate indemnity from prosecution will be recommended for any accomplice, not being the person who actually committed the crime, who first gives such information.

The allocation of the \$250 000 reward will be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of the Police Service.

<u>CIRCUMSTANCES</u>: At about 8.40am on Saturday, 4 May 1996 the upper torso of a newborn male baby was discovered on the driveway of a residence in Hayward Street, Mooroobool, a suburb of Cairns.

The body had been dragged a short distance to this location by two dogs. The baby was no more than 48 hours old and a Post Mortem revealed the probable cause of death as drowning.

Investigating police strongly suspect that the mother of the infant resides, or resided, in the immediate area of Mooroobool but inquiries to date have failed to identify her.

Any member of the public with information which could assist Police is asked to contact:

- the Homicide Investigation Group, Brisbane, Phone (07) 3364 6122;
- any Police Station; or
- Crime Stoppers, Phone 1800 333 000.

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