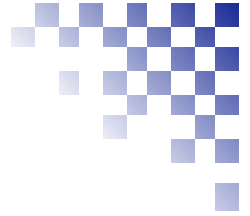




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QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE

MURDER OF OWEN EDWARD CRABBE ON 30 MAY 1982

\$500,000 REWARD

REWARD: The Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services has approved a reward of \$500,000 offered for information leading to the identification and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Owen Edward Crabbe, 57 years, at Surfers Paradise on or about 30 May 1982.

INDEMNITY FROM PROSECUTION: In the case of an offence being identified, 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 \$500,000 reward will be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of the Police Service.

CIRCUMSTANCES: On 28 May 1982, Owen Edward Crabbe known as 'Eddie' travelled from Brisbane to the Gold Coast via bus for a weekend visit. Eddie had booked a room for two at the Beachcomber Hotel, Hanlan Street Surfers Paradise but checked in alone at approximately 2:30pm. Eddie told friends he was meeting a friend 'Michael' for the weekend. The last confirmed sighting of Eddie was at a Surfers Paradise nightclub about 12:30am on Sunday 30 May 1982 at which time he was alone.

On 1 June 1982, Eddie was located deceased by hotel staff in his hotel room. Eddie was located naked and face down on the lounge room floor and had died of an apparent stab wound and significant head injuries. The scene suggested a struggle had occurred and that some injury was caused to the assailant.

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

- Homicide Investigation Unit, Brisbane
- Any Police Station; or
- Crime Stoppers,

Phone (07) 3364 4150;

Phone 1800 333 000



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