

CABINET MINUTE

BRISBANE, 8 / 8 / 1988

DECISION NO.

54832

SUBJECT:

Department of Police - Desirability of Offering a Reward for Information Which May Lead to the Apprehension of the Person or Persons Responsible for the Murder of Janet Phillips.

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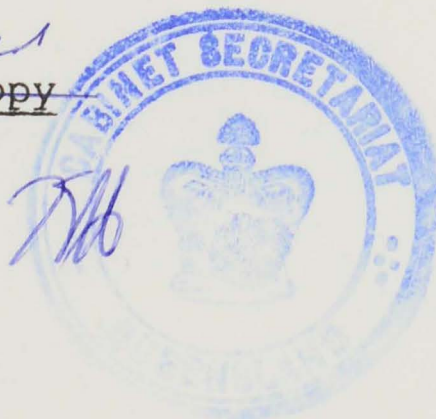
TITLE: Department of Police -
Desirability of Offering a Reward
for Information Which May Lead to
the Apprehension of the Person or
Persons Responsible for the Murder
of Janet Phillips.

CABINET decided:-

1. That a reward of \$50,000 be offered for such information as will lead to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Janet Phillips, and that advice be included in the printed reward notice to the effect that the Government will recommend to His Excellency the Governor that a free pardon be extended to any accomplice, not being the person who actually caused the death, who first gives such information.
2. That allocation of any reward monies paid be at the sole discretion of the Acting Commissioner of Police.

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Secretary to Cabinet.



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FOR CABINET

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

DESIRABILITY OF OFFERING A REWARD FOR INFORMATION WHICH
MAY LEAD TO THE APPREHENSION OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE MURDER OF JANET PHILLIPS

1. The Acting Commissioner of Police submits that a reward of \$50,000 be offered for information which may lead to the apprehension of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Janet Phillips at Mansfield on 19 July 1987.
2. Janet Phillips, 15 years of age, resided with her parents at 78 Whites Road, Lota.
3. At 6.45pm on 18 July 1987, she attended a birthday party at the Guardian Angels Convent School Hall, Bay Terrace, Wynnum.
4. She was last seen alive at 12.10am on 19 July 1987 walking from Chestnut Street, into The Esplanade, Wynnum.
5. At 4.15pm on 19 July 1987, her naked body was located in a culvert drain beside the Gateway Arterial Road, Mansfield, approximately 950 metres north of the Mount Gravatt-Capalaba Road and 3.7 kilometres south of the Old Cleveland Road intersection.
6. A Post Mortem examination revealed the cause of death to be multiple stab wounds. She had been sexually assaulted.
7. Police investigations have failed to establish the identity of the person or persons responsible.
8. Investigating police are of the opinion that the offering of a reward may be of value in eliciting information leading to the offender or offender's identity.
9. The Acting Commissioner of Police recommends that Cabinet authorise the publication of advice to the effect that a reward of \$50,000 will be paid for such information as will lead to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the crime.

10. The Acting Commissioner further recommends that the printed reward notice include advice to the effect that a free pardon will be extended to any accomplice not being the person who actually caused the death, who first gives such information.

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that a reward of \$50,000 be offered for such information as will lead to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Janet Phillips, and that advice be included in the printed reward notice to the effect that the Government will recommend to His Excellency the Governor that a free pardon be extended to any accomplice, not being the person who actually caused the death, who first gives such information.

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W.A.M. Gunn
Deputy Premier, Minister for
Public Works, Main Roads and Expo
and Minister for Police

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