

Report Concerning Death by Member of the Police Force

Name of deceased : Gwen Lorraine GROVER
 Age: 32 Occupation: Pensioner
 Place of residence : 2/177 Esplanade Cairns
 Date, time and place of death : 14/10/83 approx 12md, at the intersection of Lake and Rutherford St's Cairns (possibly death occurred earlier, cannot give accurate time.)
 When and where found (date, time and place) : 14/10/83 at approx 1pm at the intersection of Lake and Rutherford St's Cairns
 By whom identified (name, address, relationship to deceased, and for how long known) : Duncan Roy GROVE, 50 Murray St Cairns, Husband, 13 years.
 To whom identified (Police Officer) : Const E J KINBACHER
 Time death reported—
 To Coroner :
 To member of the Police Force : Approx 1pm 14/10/83
 Medical practitioner, if any, attending last illness and when last attended : Possibly Doc WESTAWAY or Doc PEAKE.
 ‡Medical practitioner certifying life extinct : Doc KEARNEY
 *Brief circumstances of death so far as ascertained : At some time on the morning of the 14/10/83 one Gwen Lorraine GROVER was shot in her vehicle at the intersection of Lake and Rutherford St's Cairns. Suicide is suspected. When she was last seen by her estranged husband the evening of the 13/10/83 at approximately 7.30pm she seemed to be in good spirits but was upset over the break-up of a relationship with her boyfriend, the two were contemplating marriage. The deceased had just moved into a new residence and had decided to start a new life away from her boyfriend. Inside the vehicle in which she was found was a number of empty stubbies also there was a large amount of cigarette ash on the floor of the vehicle suggesting she may have sat in the vehicle thinking some time prior to committing the act. Careful attention should be given to the angle of entry of the bullet as it may perhaps be critical to the direction of the investigation. Police attempted to interview her boyfriend however he could not be located. Inquiries are continuing.

†Remarks (including as to any Medical Certificate) : Post Mortem to be conducted

Next of Kin (Name and Address) : Duncan Roy GROVER 50 Murray St Cairns.

E. J. KINBACHER
Member of the Police Force

Date: 14/10/83 Station: CAIRNS

*Where no suspicious circumstances exist, state this fact.

†When any witness is permanently resident in another State but is temporarily in Queensland insert full name, address in that other State, temporary address in Queensland and date intending to leave Queensland, and bring this feature to the notice of the Coroner.

‡When a prescribed organ has been removed, TWO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, other than one concerned with the removal in question of the prescribed organ or organs are required to certify life extinct.