

INQUEST

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To Australia's Muslims, Christians,
Dreamtimers, Hindus, Jews,
Buddhists, Confucians,
Agnostics, Atheists, etc.

Proclaim that your Lord is Most Benevolent: Who taught
human beings through the pen that which they
previously did not know.

The Qur'an 96:3-5



As a memorial, glass cubes have been placed into the street.
at Martin Place, each with a hand-crafted flower.

Abstract

On December 15, 2014, Man Haron Monis told the manager, Tori Johnson, to lock the doors. Thus began the "siege" in which Australians were told of their first Islamic terrorist incident -- the holding of 18 hostages in the Lindt Cafe.

The fact that Islamic terrorism might be involved was conveyed in the gunman's demand for an ISIS flag, and the fact that he said "Australia is under attack." He claimed to have friends in three locations, including Circular Quay (near Opera House), with bombs ready to set off.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott went on TV to make the announcement "I can think of nothing more terrifying and distressing than to be caught up in such a situation."

When Australians went to bed that night, they were not aware that police had identified the terrorist as Man Haron Monis, a man who had been in the news over some letters he wrote to the parents of soldiers who had died in Afghanistan.

By 5pm, five hostages had escaped. Just after 2am, six more escaped as Monis shot a warning shot over their heads. He then reportedly killed the cafe's manager, Tori Johnson.

Police stormed in via the main door and a side door and shot Monis dead. Katrina Dawson, mother of three small children, died from stray bullets. Three others were wounded: Marcia Mikhael, Robin Hope, and her daughter Louisa Hope.

A Timeline can be found on page 256.

PREFACE to *Both Editions*

From the beginning of the Sydney siege, I had a vague feeling that Monis was not a terrorist but was doing someone's bidding by running this dramatic incident. When the official Inquest was announced, I attended it and wrote it up, piecemeal, for the Melbourne website GumshoeNews.com.

Exactly what did happen on that day? While it is not a coroner's job to establish guilt – indeed he is not allowed to do that – he can determine “the manner of death” of any person for whom the inquest is called. This could lead to some amazing discoveries that would help Australia and indeed the world.

Thanks and Praise. I'm grateful to photographers whose work I've used. I'm indebted to the very intelligent Gumshoe community for spurring me along with Comments, and of course to its editor, Dee McLachlan. I thank Malcolm Hughes for not accepting the gun testimony of the Inquest without a fight, and for writing Chapter 11 below.

Cheers to Craig for formatting this book. I am honored that Elias Davidsson wrote a Foreword. He runs the website juscogens.org. Elias has conducted very thorough research on terrorist incidents in Germany, France, India, and UK.

Mary W Maxwell, PhD, LLB Adelaide January 22, 2017

Preface to the Second Edition. It's now six years since this book came out. Worldcat.org shows that it is held in state libraries of NSW, Qld, Tas, Vic and NT, and the National Library of Australia -- and also a copy, donated by me, in the Queensland Police Academy library. The copy I sent to South Australian police academy came back to me with the note "We don't accept gifts." Four other police academies did not reply.

Aussies have the right to make submissions to a coroner before he/she writes up the findings. I sent Judge Barnes' office a list

of 99 things about the Sydney siege that "didn't add up." My submission was acknowledged, although it does not appear in the record. Note: this book starts out with me believing the government's narrative. I have not changed the original style of the book in which, as you will see, I came only slowly to realize that all was not cricket. At this point I am more or less jaded.

This book also covers the trial of Monis' partner, Amirah Droudis, for killing Monis' ex-wife. At Darlinghurst Court, the gallery was almost empty -- this book contains the only onsite reportage of Droudis' trial. I found the work by the prosecutor and also by the defense to be, how can I put it: not genuine.

Two Appendices have been added that were not in the 2017 edition of *Inquest: Siege in Sydney*. Namely, a more international look, by Ole Dammegard, and a very important letter to the Coroner suggesting that Monis was not the killer of Tori Johnson.

In the years after the Lindt Cafe Inquest, I ran for US Senate in 2017, and for Congress in 2022 from New Hampshire. I filed a RICO suit against the FBI in 2019, concerning the falsity of the 2015 Tsarnaev trial. Paul Craig Roberts praised my book, *Boston's Marathon Bombing*, as follows: "Any US citizen that believes the falsified case of the Boston Marathon bombing is a dangerous and direct threat to American civil liberty and to the lives of millions of people on planet Earth."

Other books followed, about Sandy Hook, Pizzagate, and 9/11. That last one includes work by Elias Davidsson who died in 2022. I'm ever on the lookout for judicial mishandling of crucial issues. Lately my attention switched back to Australia owing to the sad issue of child trafficking. My books on that subject are: *Reunion: Judging the Family Court*, and *Deliverance*, which chronicles the Royal Commission hearings, plus in 2023 *Society Is the Authority* and *Get up, Australia, Get Up*.

Mary W Maxwell Concord NH September 11, 2023

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Lindt Café at Martin Place, Sydney



Note: as you stand looking at this scene, your back is to the swinging doors that lead to the lift foyer, from which there are a few stairs leading out to Martin Place.

Ahead of you is the black partition, marked “Lindt,” beyond which you see the main entrance at the corner of

Martin Place and Philip Street.

The kitchen is behind the furthest-right pillar. From the kitchen you can pass to the candy sales area, which is near the fire exit.

The windows at far left, where the Islamic ‘flag’ was displayed, look out onto Martin Place and are high up off the ground. From them you see across to the Channel 7 studio.

The tables, small and undraped, are hard to hide under.

FOREWORD

BY ELIAS DAVIDSSON

This book demonstrates that the fear from terrorism did not skip Australia. But terrorism is not limited to what lonely or depressive individuals wish to impose on us. The most potent form of terrorism is that planned and executed by cool minds in comfortable offices for strategic reasons and profit, in short by governments.

The present book suggests that the incident at Café Lindt in Sydney belonged to the category of terrorism, often designated as “false-flag” terrorism, or simply covert state terrorism. False-flag operations are planned and executed covertly under the auspices of state agencies but staged to appear as authentic terror.

The purpose of false-flag operations is to generate public revulsion towards those who are presented as the perpetrators and their alleged cause. Such revulsion provides governments with popular legitimacy to proceed with foreign or domestic measures, that they would hardly be able to adopt otherwise.

During the Cold War in Europe, NATO organized and trained terrorist cells, operating under the code-name Gladio. They carried out bloody terrorist operations attributed publicly to leftist organisations – in order to diminish Communist parties.

The existence of the Gladio network was revealed by no less than Italy’s Prime Minister Andreotti in a speech to the Italian parliament in 1990. It was followed by a resolution of the European Parliament calling on all its members to dissolve these secret networks and reveal what they did during the Cold War. Only Switzerland, Italy, and Belgium complied, and only partly.

Creating and maintaining the perception of a fictional threat is thus a well-established method of governance.

The present study by Mary Maxwell raises two sets of questions. The first one is what motivated Monis, the accused, to carry out the reported operation, if he acted alone. The second is whether the police or other unidentified actors, were involved in facilitating this operation.

Mary Maxwell has ranged broadly, in her typical way, in attempting to tackle this forensic question. As state authorities do not relish disclosing all the evidence, she cannot prove beyond reasonable doubt the role of the State in staging the Sydney siege, but she provides sufficient evidence to *presume* such a role.

Her strong conviction is manifested by her courage to openly accuse her government for this criminal operation. I find her accusations justified and join myself to her accusations.

Was the Sydney siege a *sui generis* attack committed for domestic reasons (or private motives), or part of a global strategy that transcends Australia?

The 1990s were used to build up that enemy perception, including the promotion of icon Osama Bin Laden. American strategists realized however, that absent a traumatic event, akin to Pearl Harbor, it would be difficult to rally the population behind an aggressive and focused policy. That traumatic event is now known as 9/11, a brilliantly staged horror show that made US citizens support war and restrictions on their own liberties.

There are commonalities among the various terrorist operations carried out in recent years. Let me list some:

1. In virtually all major terrorist operations since 9/11 (outside zones of armed conflict), the alleged perpetrator(s) died. We are told that the suspect killed himself or was killed by police forces acting in self-defense. Typically, no independent person

witnessed the circumstances. We have only self-serving testimonies by anonymous police officials to go by.

Note: if these operations had been committed by authentic militants, one would expect public authorities to do all they could to capture the suspects alive in order to question them, describe their *modus operandi*, reveal financial sources, and explain their motives.

2. Despite police forces and commandos possessing a vast arsenal of non-lethal means (such as tear gas or smoke bombs) with which to neutralize dangerous individuals, these have not been employed. It follows that the death of the “terrorist” was desired.

3. Investigations are not done properly. For authorities striving to establish the truth about a terrorist incident, the death of the suspected perpetrator represents a loss. For authorities implicated in the crime, it is, however, a boon: The suspect cannot be brought to court and cannot, therefore, spill the beans or demonstrate that he had been framed. Also, relevant information becomes “classified”.

Even in those few cases where an investigation or inquest has taken place after a terrorist incident, it is marred by omissions, irregularities or worse. The work of the 9/11 Commission is a sorry case in point. None of these investigations were in any way impartial and independent.

4. Another similarity between many (though not all) of the terrorist operations is that the alleged perpetrators had been previously known by the police or by intelligence services, and were no pious Muslims. Personal and legal vulnerability makes individuals easy to recruit to serve as patsies.

5. A further common feature between numerous recent terrorist cases is that they were not claimed by any *bona fide* organisation nor accompanied by a clear political demand, both of

which are hallmarks of an authentic terrorist operation. Al Qaeda and the Islamic State are certainly not *bona fide* organisations:

Statements allegedly issued by these entities cannot be authenticated, their leaders cannot be questioned, they possess no physical address, telephone number, or website, they have no recognized manifesto or program that details their objectives.

There exists circumstantial evidence that statements and videos allegedly published by Al Qaeda and the Islamic State are actually produced by US and British corporations. These “jihadist” products may be distributed to media by Zionist outfits such as SITE Intelligence Group, Jihadology, and IntelCenter.

The Sydney siege appears to me, therefore, as a contribution by the Australian government to the aforementioned global strategy, namely the maintenance of the fiction of a global Islamic terrorist threat.

The Security Council of the United Nations claims periodically that international terrorism represents “one of the most serious threats to peace and security.” To the eminent members of the Security Council I bring some news. Had they examined global and regional statistics on terrorism, they would have discovered that the effects of terrorism outside zones of armed conflict – authentic and synthetic combined – are statistically very small.

While it cannot be excluded that occasionally a crazed person would kill someone and claim he acted in the name of Islam, such rare cases do not threaten peace and security. Their effects are even negligible in comparison to ordinary crime.

A last observation relates to citizens’ investigations, such as the one undertaken here by Dr Maxwell. Although it is tempting to dig into each case of a suspected false-flag operation, I argue that the case has been sufficiently made: Western governments

engage in a long-term policy of maintaining the fiction of a global Islamic terrorist threat.

Spending efforts to forensically examine each case of suspected false-flag attack, is therefore a waste of time. Identifying typical hallmarks of a false-flag operation should by now suffice for presuming state complicity. The onus must be on state authorities to debunk this presumption of guilt by proving their good faith.

While “presumptions” are not sufficient for a legal case, they are sufficient to put state authorities on notice as the main suspects.

Regarding the contrived justifications for wars and for establishing the infrastructure of an Orwellian state, citizens should name and shame those responsible for promoting the legend of 9/11 and the fiction of a global Islamic terrorist threat. They should demand the removal of such persons from positions of influence.

Note: Elias Davidsson died in April 2022. His last book in English was: *America's Betrayal Confirmed* – concerning 9/11. I have since authored a semi-biography of him, containing many of his essays. It is entitled “Elias Davidsson, Palestinian Jew and 9/11 Truther.” – *Mary Maxwell*

Questions A Citizen Might Ask

(If media has given an answer, I'll write it in parenthesis):

1. It is said that there was a CCTV camera inside the Café. Did it record the event of the siege day? Does Lindt have recordings of the prior few months, e.g., to see if Monis did a recky (i.e., cased the joint)?
2. Is there any evidence of his *planning* this dramatic event?
3. About that sawed-off shotgun – how did he acquire it?
4. For a short while, Monis joined a bikie gang – what was that in aid of? Will bikies be called to the Inquest?
5. On December 15, was he chauffeured to Martin Place?
6. On what basis was Monis granted refugee status in Oz? Regarding Monis' early background, we see in the Inquest documents that a man named Mr Miranda provided almost all the court's knowledge of Monis' life prior to 1996 in Iran. To my amazement he *was not called* to give sworn testimony!
7. How many of the 18 hostages were regulars in the Café? (Eight were café staff and seven were regulars, including three barristers and four Westpac employees. Three were 'new.')
8. One man was over age 80, two women were pregnant. Did anyone suggest that these persons be excused? (Yes, 19-year-old Jarrod suggested it to Monis.)
9. How were some, but not all, able to escape unharmed? Did all hostages know that the fire exit was usable?
10. How many hostages had cell phones? Were they asked to forfeit them? (Yes, he told them to put their phones and drivers' licences on the tables, said the *Daily Telegraph*.)

11. At this late date, how can we expect to get answers? Not from the media, as the hostages are reported to have signed deals with Channel 7 *not to talk with any other outlet!* (Exception: Louisa Hope says she won't sell her story.)

So it's essential that the Inquest provide this data.

12. What did police do? What procedures were in place?

13. Is it a matter for NSW only, or were the feds called in?

14. If feds, was it the AFP (Australian Police Force) or the ADF (Australian Defense Force), or both? Was SAS (Special Air Services) put on alert? When a hostage-taker mentions loyalty to another country, is there a protocol about involving the ADF, or Parliament? (Monis said "Australia is under attack.")

15. As the various hostages held the black banner up at the Martin Place windows, they did not appear to be looking around for help, or trying to mouth a message; why is that? Did Monis forbid them to communicate even with their eyes? (Yes, he did.) Could he monitor that?

16. Did any police outside try to get their attention? (Yes, one officer said at Inquest that he raised a finger to the person at the window as though to ask "Is there only one gunman?")

17. When the first three escaped, we see on the video that no helper from the police department, such as a social worker or doctor, seemed to approach them, despite their trauma. Those three persons must have revealed to police the general nature of what was happening as well as any hints as to how Monis could be tackled or tricked. Is that correct?

18. Was Monis listening to radio or Internet during the day, to learn the reaction of government or of the public? (Yes, and he asked hostages to research this, too, on their cell phones.)

19. Who informed Monis that his two requests wouldn't be granted, and when? (I learned from police testimony that Monis was not informed as to any official stance.)

20. How did he react to that? (Inquest: "With agitation.")

21. It was said (at a hearing that I attended) that one hostage had conveyed the message at 9:30pm that Monis demanded that the glaring lights of Martin Place be turned off or he would kill Selina. The negotiator said he did not know of this until 12:30am. Who *did* know of it?

22. How did that negotiator learn of it at 12:30am?

23. How did the plans for a termination of the siege, by police, progress during the 17 hours?

24. Could not a distractive technique (such as dogs or a smoke bomb) have been used to put Monis off guard and then police rush in?

25. At times during the day, some hostages reportedly accompanied one another to the toilets. Did they collude? Australians are entitled to know what the hostages did to save their own lives. It's hard to believe that 18 adults wouldn't have been able to find an escape, or to tackle the gunman.

Note: In regard to the trial of Monis's partner, Amirah Droudis, the curious citizen will likely ask:

1. How could it help Amirah Droudis to kill Monis's ex-wife?
2. How would Amirah expect to escape after setting a fire?
3. How is her defender, Mark Ierace, SC, not asking such questions?

WELCOME TO PART I

POLICE TESTIMONY AT LINDT CAFÉ INQUEST

Topics:

Police storming in
Ballistics expert
Shield bearer
Cath Burn
Negotiators
Monis shot
Loy speaks

1. 'Team Tango Charlie' Storms in, Via the Lift Lobby



*Aerial view of cops storming the 'lift lobby' at side entrance to Lindt Café. To get here you walk up a few stairs from Martin Place
Photo: lastdaily.com*

Today, July 11, 2016, the court was open from 10am to 4pm – “open” meaning not in private closed session. However, the six of us in the gallery were not able to view the cop in the witness box. We could see, on a screen, Miss Callan, the Counsel Assisting the Inquest, and hear her very sensible questioning, and the man’s replies.

We got to see a video of the police storming the side entrance on Martin Place. The Inquest calls this the firewell (or “the lift lobby” as it has elevators to other floors). A permanent surveillance camera in the ceiling of the firewell captured the action as shown above. (Don’t confuse “firewell” with “fire exit” located on Philip Street, through which hostage Paolo escaped.

Dennis Albrecht -- So To Speak

Today’s witness was given code name “Delta Alpha.” I will – capriciously -- translate that to “Dennis Albrecht,” as the word “alpha” also comes up frequently today meaning other things.

For instance, one of the assault teams is called Alpha Team. That team was standing at the nearby Jordan Library when the

call came to rush the Café. It was *their* men that fired all the shots including a shot of Monis that removed “a large part of the left side of his head” -- according to Dennis Albrecht.

I managed to transcribe every word today, but will choose only what I think were the most significant bits.

I am a little worried that the questions may have been aimed at showing that the ADF would have been a better handler of the crisis. That was *not* a theme that I picked up in court, yet I have just read the entire Yahoo.com.au article on today’s hearing (July 11) and that is what they emphasized!

In the morning, the questions were about what occurred on the siege day afternoon – December 15, 2013 -- up to, say, 5pm. Our man, Dennis, was made leader of the Charlie Team. He spent much of the day going around to his “guys” to keep them informed and to pick up information from them.

He also frequently traveled (not very far) to the Forward Command Post that got set up in the Leagues Club. Before that the FCP had been occupying a police bus.

Who Decided When To End the Siege?

The most interesting point of the session seemed to me -- and I think to Ms Callan -- to be Dennis’ revelation that there was someone higher than the Commander, a Canberra person who had to be obeyed. (Naturally I was all ears about that.)

Ms Callan focused on Dennis’ understanding of what would warrant a forcible entry to the Café. (Note: the Café is referred to in the Inquest as “the stronghold” and Monis is referred to as “the terrorist,” but I usually write “Café” and “Monis.”)

She asked him What are the Standard Triggers to end a hostage siege? He said “the death or serious injury of a hostage are well established as the standard triggers.” Then she extracted from

Dennis that early in the day the Tactical Commander (TC) and Deputy TC told him that **these would not be triggers for this siege.**

Ms Callan pumped Dennis as to “What were your thoughts on that oddity?” He kept coming back with generalities such as “It differs from how we learned it in training.” Dennis diplomatically stated: “I had complete faith that the Commander would do whatever was necessary to save the lives of the hostages.”

In short we never got to hear this team leader say “Naturally I was pissed off that they were changing the rules.” Or “How dare they use us in a situation that did not accord with all our training!” (Note: I am *unfairly* dropping those remarks into this reporting, but it did seem to me that they were there, unspoken.)

The Video of the Entry through “the Red Door”

Several times in today’s afternoon session, Ms Callan (who is part of the Inquest staff) and Mr Michael O’Connell, QC (who represents the Dawson family) asked Dennis to compare what his narrative is today with what he said at an investigatory “walk through” of the crime scene that took place on January 6, 2015.

Dennis several times admitted that his recollection today is colored a little bit by reports in the press, and by having seen, in this courtroom, a replay of the storming of the stronghold.

Galleristas, too, got to see the video of the storming that took place at 2.15am. I am referring to the area between the swinging doors and the red door. A ‘red’ door need not be of rouge hue; rather each of the four walls of the café is given a color code. Black, white, red and green are used for any crime scene. Martin Place is the café’s red wall.

The two points of entry after 2am were through the main door (for Alpha Team) and through the Martin Place side door (lift lobby), for Team Charlie as led by “Albrecht.”

Note: at one point in open court the witness, Dennis, inadvertently uttered an officer’s real surname. The police lawyer objected and the judge then made an immediate order for non-publication of the name. (The wildest of horses won’t be able to drag it out of me.)

The Termination of the Siege

A moment did arrive when the decision was made to storm the Café. It seems to have occurred after the last batch of hostages escaped at 2:03am. Note: of 18 original hostages 5 had escaped in the arvo, and now 6 more, leaving 7 inside. A shot was fired (upwards) by the terrorist as the six people ran.

Dennis noted that the shot demonstrated two things: One, that Monis had a functioning firearm, and Two that he had shot way above their heads into the glass panel, apparently not trying to kill anyone.

When Dennis entered the café he saw something that made him think “I must kill the terrorist.” But he cannot recall what it was. He cannot say for sure that he saw Monis holding a gun.

By the way, FWIW, we in the gallery could not see body language, but I took Dennis to be an honest bloke from his tone of voice. His honesty is also conveyed to me when he makes a long pause, not wanting to answer some particular question. I mean he didn’t have fake answers, spin, at the ready.

A Woman Is Not a Pillar Dennis described his first visual cognizance of the café as being in total darkness. He saw right in front of him what he thought was a pillar but then he used the torch on his gun to view the ‘pillar’ and saw that it was a woman dressed in black. (I believe this is hostage Louisa. She

was sitting in the gallery today and chuckled when she heard that.)

He told her “Get down, get down” but she did not move so he went around her. He saw Monis standing in back of her but facing the other way. The judge interjected a question How much distance between you and the woman? Answer: “Less than a meter.” How much distance between the woman and Monis? “Very close.”

Dennis got down on one knee to get out of the line of fire between Alpha Team and himself. But then it was all over. He used his torch to look at Monis – saw that Monis had fallen to the ground and was obviously deceased. Dennis called out “Cease fire, cease fire, cease fire.” The lights then went on.

Should Police Who Shoot Wear Ear Protection?

A new matter was broached by Mr O’Connell, on behalf of Katrina’s Dawson’s family. He suggested that the Charlie Team that entered via the firewell had first heard many moments of flash bangs (perhaps 21 seconds’ worth; the duration was disputed by the police lawyer). These came from a loud SF-9.

He implied that the noise could have hindered the police, as it can throw a man off balance. Team leader Dennis Albrecht (that is, today’s police witness, code-named ‘DA’) said he chose not to wear ear- protection and made it optional for his men to use it

Note: The coroner has stated that enormous investigating was done by NSW police. This is not sufficient, as the police were major players that day; they need independent inspection.

2. Lucas Van der Walt, an Expert on Wound Ballistics



Shotgun carried by Monis in a blue Woolworth's bag

Lucas Van der Walt was in the witness box on June 30, 2016. He testified as an expert witness in wound ballistics, to help the court understand where the various bullets went.

It seems that all parties at the Inquest accept that there were 22 police bullets fired: 17 from Officer A and 5 from Officer B. Also, two shots fired by Monis.

Do you think the expert could pick up a bullet in the Café and identify whose gun it came from? Sure, not a problem, he says.

In this article I experiment with using underlining to indicate that I'm paraphrasing. For example if Counsel says to Lucas

“May I take you to Tab B, paragraph 32, where you say you can differentiate a bullet that went through glass from one that went through wood. Is that correct?”

and he answers “Yes,” I will render that as: Lucas: I can tell whether a bullet went through glass or wood.

(Otherwise we'll be here all night.) And I may handle topics slightly out of order, to increase readability.

Background and Training

Lucas: I was in the police in South Africa for 9 years before joining the NSW police in 2001. I specialize in wound ballistics. I have attended at least 400 autopsies. At the Lindt Café I examined both the outside and inside of the crime scene within 24 hours of the shootings. Furniture had been moved around, of course.

Lucas: I have been trained to use international standards, for example I use IBIS -- International Bullet Standards Integrity.

Note: at a US Department of Justice website called [Crimesolutions.gov](http://crimesolutions.gov) we find the IBIS rated, as if by Yelp: IBIS: “An automated ballistics imaging and analysis system that populates a computerized database of digital ballistic images of bullets and casings from crime guns. The system assists forensic experts in making identifications for investigations and trials.” The program is rated Effective, based on one study.

Examining the Guns and Bullets

As to the means of determining whose weapon fired each shot, Lucas explained that this is made possible by the manufacturer of the guns. They put a unique mark in the barrel of each gun and as the bullet passes out the bullet gets “engraved” in a way that makes it identifiable as having come from that gun.

Lucas: I examined five cartridge cases microscopically using comparison microscopes. “How many test shots did you do?” Nine. We do test shots till we get similar results to what is on the crime scene material. That’s how we know the distance that must have been between the shooter and the target.

I also tested clothing items to see any bullet fragments or gun-shot propellant. I tested Monis’s backpack, pants, and waist-coat. “What conclusion did you reach as to his clothes?” Due to gravity [the shot?] was most likely on his back.

Note: that does not accord with evidence given later by the leader of Team Charlie, who saw Monis standing. However, as I understand it, witnesses, including expert witnesses, do not know what other testimony has been given to this court or what is in the written submissions.

Lucas: The police guns used were 223's, using copper bullets. (That is, 98% of the bullet is copper.) The bullet fragments into tiny pieces. I am confident of this. Monis's gun used lead pellets. [Next statement was blanked out for security reasons.]

The Chairs That Received Bullets

Lucas Van der Walt then gave a long talk on how to interpret the damage to the chairs. He believes the chair Katrina Dawson was sitting on had a bullet that hit at the rear of the chair near her shoulder. Lucas: I can tell it came from the rear to the front as an entrance looks different than an exit in the wood. I experimented with the M4 that Officer B used.

He also explained how he makes comparisons with bullets fired into human tissue. He uses a gel as the receiver of a bullet. He noted that IBS is a data base of all firearms in NSW.

"Was there a difference in the M4's used by different members of the Tactical Operations Unit?" Lucas: None at all.

Lucas said of Katrina "She was struck by fragments of a police bullet. Wood fragments from the chair were found in her." [Counsel interrupts to say "This is at the top of page 6 of 15."]

Lucas: We drew conclusion from the blood in the corner to position the most likely chair. "Test 18 of 42 in 678".

"What conclusion did you reach regarding distance?" Lucas: "That the victim was in close proximity to the chair when she sustained the wound. A distance of .5 of a meter to 1.5 meters.... It's safer to say approximately by a range."

Mr Van der Walt then described how he did testing with gel. (It's at page 40 of Tests 6-8.) He said "All 223 bonded bullets travel right through the gel." We recover 80-90% of a bullet. We got large and small fragments from her shoulder, equal to 80% of the weight.

"Was Officer B struck by pellets of Monis gun?" Lucas: That was never in our thoughts but I went back a month ago, May 2016, [but] I knew they were copper not lead.

At Katrina's post mortem (page 3586) the damage was in an oval shape, a ring of abrasions. It covered a 132x19 mm area.

"It was to the left shoulder and upper back and neck I focused on wound 2. There were no intact or stable bullets. The total weight of the fragment was 55 grains."

If she was stuck by fragments of a second bullet it can't be explained. "Very likely she was shot by only one bullet."

In the café one would expect to see more damage. There were 10 impacts on the northwest wall behind where Katrina sat. No account for strikes on the floor. "The pathologist cannot say in what order?" Lucas: Impossible. For the second one she has to be on her tummy; the trajectory is top to bottom. Pathologist will have to explain a person's ability to move.

"Look at all the six wounds when we come to a conclusion?" Lucas: I disagree. I focus on wound 2 and I don't assume she moved. Lucas: I disagree. I focus on wound 2 and I don't assume she moved. Page 15. (On methodology): "I'll shoot the test till I get the pattern."

"The path taken is your ballistics?" Lucas: "The Mr Ranieri "Would a bonded bullet have made a difference?" "I don't consider that a bonded bullet would have made a difference."

Avatar Snipers. The next day, we heard from another expert, Mr Ranieri of the NSW police. He specializes in measuring the direction of shots.

He showed us an animated video of two police snipers sitting upstairs in the Westpac building, which is diagonally across from the Lindt Café. These snipers appeared to have a direct line of fire (not used, though) into the café through one of the windows that faces onto Martin Place. In the video we see “avatars” rather than actual men.

Naturally we assumed they were sitting exactly where the real snipers had sat, as that is the basis of Mr Ranieri’s calculations of the feasibility of a shot. However, one of the lawyers bothered to ask how Ranieri knew where the snipers had sat. He said “They told me.” (That is, Ranieri had not watched, in real time, the position of the snipers)

I must say I did not get the point of the concern about the snipers having to lose some of the impact of their bullets from breaching the windows at Westpac before traveling to the Lindt Café window 45 meters away. Couldn’t the boys in Westpac have cut a hole in their own window first?

For this part of the Inquest, Lucas offered us a video of himself taken at the police firing range. He was wearing eye protection. He explained that this is because there is some backfire of bullet fragments when a shot is made through a window. Note: Personally, I did not feel satisfied by seeing experiments done at the firing range.

To wrap up the day’s expert-witness testimony by Lucas Van der Walt: There is evidence of 22 shots fired by police. Chairs and tables were hit, as was a glass panel in the café. Wounds suffered by Officer B (on the face and thigh) may have been from fragments of bullets that he himself shot. Tori Johnson was killed by a close-range shot in the back of the head. Katrina

Dawson was killed by fragments from one bullet or possibly two; these hit the back of her neck and upper back.

Undermined, Then Nothing Happened

Several times at the Sydney inquest, a witness has come on strong with information, yet this gets subsequently undermined when a key question is put to him. I am now referring to the expert, Domenic Ranieri.

Mr Ranieri was discussing, in a technical way, the 24 shots that were fired. Twenty-two came from police, and 2 came from Monis's gun. We in the courtroom would never have guessed that Ranieri's audio-interpretive equipment – or whatever it was – did not allow him to know *in what order* the shots were fired.

Fortunately, the question was put to him (I think it was by Mr O'Connell): "So, it's possible that the 22 police shots could have come *before* Monis's 2 shots, or *after* it, or in some other combination such as a few before and a few after?" Answer: "Yes, it is possible."

Also, after Mr Van der Walt had made his impressive-sounding calculation of the 55 grains of bullet fragments found in the female decedent, he was asked: But isn't it just as possible that those 55 grains were from 2 or more bullets, not just one? Answer: Yes. Really it was startling, as though he had just thrown out all the impressive stuff he had been lecturing us about!

The odd thing is that no one gasped or laughed or even asked what value the expertise had, given the range of possible interpretations.

Gumshoe Writer Mal Hughes Has Questions Mal Hughes is a Western Australian who takes a cautious view and wants us to consider that the person who shot Tori Johnson may have been someone other than Monis.

Hughes wrote to the coronial court asking for the transcripts of Lucas Van der Walt's testimony. He expected to receive the 2016 evidence but instead got material from 2015 that was even more fascinating. This cost him \$144.50 for 9 pages -- \$16 per page. I quote him, December 7, 2016:

Monis had numerous 12-gauge shotgun cartridges, 2 in the weapon and 21 in his pockets. There were also 5 cartridges that had been fired. For those that know about shotguns, this may be something of significance. Of the 2 cartridges recovered from the Monis gun, 1 was in the magazine and 1 in the feeding chamber, but not actually in the chamber yet.



From court questioning: “Q. That suggests that some action had occurred, which had ejected the previous used cartridge, but the new cartridge had not been fully loaded, is that so.

A. That might have been, or just the firearm falling, maybe, and the force of it striking the floor might have assisted in opening the mechanism and only partly feeding the next cartridge and not actually chambering it.”

The 12 gauge cartridges were of varying types of shot also made by different manufacturers and all about 20 years since manufacture. (1995 to 1999)

The above information should bring about several questions to any thinking person. Mr Monis arrived in Australia in 1996. First, why would a person planning a hostage situation choose a shotgun as the weapon. Why did he have cartridges produced

for different uses, for his purpose of possible indoor shootings? Why would that person carry 21 live cartridges in his pocket?

I don't imagine the large number of cartridges was meant to intimidate hostages, as these were hidden from view. Also, such a large number of cartridges could not possibly be used before the hostage taker would be overcome (had he started firing).

It is known -- or at least stated confidently by persons at the Inquest -- that at least one shot was fired from the shotgun. That occurred at 2.03am on December 16 just as a group of hostages escaped via the lift-lobby door. As for any additional shots, I don't know what forensic evidence exists to confirm that more than one shot was fired from the shotgun -- that is, apart from the number of empty cartridge cases.

Surely correct forensic investigations would be able to supply the actual number of cartridges fired by the number and size of shotgun pellets retrieved from the ceiling and walls, or the glass panels or embedded in the furniture and or in persons.

Why would a potential hostage taker bring with him, already used cartridge cases to the scene? As mentioned above, 5 empty cartridge cases were submitted to the inquiry but only one confirmed shot was fired to my knowledge. There is no mention in the evidence (I mean the evidence I have seen so far) where the 5 fired cartridges were retrieved from. That is, were they on Mr Monis' body, on a table or about the floor? The audiotape, not the expert's interpretation of it, is the evidence of record. The Inquest should treat it accordingly.

-- End of Mal Hughes' remarks

Update: Appendix B of this book carries a strong letter to the coroner by Hughes, questioning who killed Tori Johnson.

3. Rude Words from the Shield Bearer



'Shiieldie' on right:

Photo: skynews.com.au

Might as well use colorful language here, as there was plenty of it in the courtroom today. During the 2014 siege of the Café, cops waiting outside had their own way of referring to Monis - not as “the terrorist” or “the person of interest” (as the lawyers have been saying) -- but simply as “the cunt.”

Testimony on this day (July 13, 2016) was mainly given by a NSW policeman. It’s annoying that codenames for cops are used in court – this man is proud of what he did; he’d probably like to have his name shouted from the rooftops.

Speaking of those snipers who were on rooftops – or at least at a high window in the Channel 7 building and the Westpac building – they are code-named “Sierra 1, 2, 3” whatever. Beats me how it would not be OK to say “Sniper 1, 2, 3.”

As for the man with the strong language, today’s witness, he had the job of carrying the ballistics shield. So when the team went into the café – something he was on alert to do during the whole 16-hour siege – he was at the front, protecting the shooter who walked immediately behind him, Officer A.

I’ll call this guy “Shiieldie.” The judge put the brand name of his shield under a non-publication order, but its weight, 17 kilos (37 Seppo pounds) was bandied about in court.

Shieldie was unwilling to entertain any hypothesis that he was getting weary from carrying the shield all day. He said for a long time he was able to prop it up on 3 milk crates. He could look through the Perspex window of it, but during the main action (après 2:00am) he looked over it.

When the call for action finally came at 2.13am or so, Shieldie and his team were stationed down Philip St. That was the call that prompted him to say “Holy fuck, it’s turned real.”

Entering “White Door”

They – Alpha Team — made a beeline for the main door of the café, known as white door. Flash bangs were used galore, as the public could see on TV.

I have wondered, as a citizen, why so many cops, carrying guns, ran into the premises when it was known that there was only one target, Mr Monis. You’d think that would raise the risk of friendly fire, for no good reason.

The two main shooters were behind Shieldie. They are “Officer A” who fired 17 rounds, and “Officer B” who fired 5. After Monis was down, the lights came on and Shieldie then advised hostage Louisa Hope to move.

She said she could not move as her foot was wounded. Shieldie and his mate spent a short time dragging Monis’ body a few meters (I don’t know why) and then carried Ms Hope out the door. His words, if I heard correctly, were “Get some fucking medics in here.”

Did Officer B Sing? Officer B was wounded – not critically — and was taken to the ambulance. Shieldie went out to check on him. Ms Sophie Callan (Counsel assisting the Inquest) asked Shieldie if he had asked Officer B if he had fired his weapon. He denied having asked.

Apparently, cops are forbidden to converse about an operation that has just been completed. Ms Callan clearly did not believe that Shieldie and Officer B would feel constrained at a dramatic, historic moment like this. I myself can't imagine it.

(Note: without being able to see the witnesses on the screen at the Coroner's Court, I can't tell if the speaker is fidgeting, blushing, or whatever. But Shieldie's tone of voice – which we are allowed to hear — was as confident as could be, bordering on the pugnacious.)

The Use of the Vernacular

Shieldie said that when had he realized, in the Café, that Officer B was down, he shouted “Get the fuck up, get the fuck up.”

This caused Ms Callan to have to say – as she always repeats a remark for clarity – “When you said ‘Get the fuck up, get the fuck up,’ is that the standard way of putting it?” Shieldie said “No, that's just me being me.”

I can honestly say that the use of the vernacular, in this rather dry courtroom, put a dimension of reality back into the proceedings. Even Sophie let out a tiny smirk, in contrast to her impeccably calm and business-like demeanor.

Wishing It Happened Differently

As expected, the lawyers for the two bereaved families are asking questions that angle for a revelation of police error. The main errors being highlighted are the overall delay in initiating the EA (emergency action), and the slowness of Team Charlie in getting past the red door.

O'Connell, barrister for the Dawsons, can really think on his feet. When someone objects to a question he raises, he can rephrase it in milliseconds.

The most surreal witness remarks I have heard came from a cop trying to explain why it took so long to identify the terrorist in the Café. By noontime some homicide detectives, who had been involved in the prosecution of Monis for other crimes, relayed their belief that the man in the café was Man Haron Monis.

Nonetheless, the Intelligence leader, as best as I could discern, did not become aware of the identification until 6pm. Again, Ms Callan tried to wring out of this man what the cause of the delay was. The main response, I am paraphrasing here, was: “Duh.”

Excuse me, when the first batch of hostages escaped at 3:37pm, one of whom is a barrister (Balafoutis), all the police had to do was show them a few of the famous photos of Monis and ask “Is this the guy in there?”

Monis’ written threat was very clever. He says that there are 3 bombs: one in his backpack, one at Circular Quay (threatening the Opera House), and one in George St. This of course led to an evacuation of many offices. The bombs, said Monis, will be detonated by his two friends if his demands are not met.

Many terrorist operations (and lone-nutter shoot-outs) can be easily seen as false flags. The event is scripted to result in greater surveillance, fewer rights, and possibly martial law. Let’s listen to an intelligent journalist, Naomi Wolf.

In a YouTube video she is telling an audience how the Pentagon acts as a consultant to Hollywood (seriously!). She said:

“I’m skeptical of news events that seem more theatrical than the norm. So in Boston [regarding the Marathon bombing] we need to interview the doctors at the hospitals. We need to interview the victims. We need to, you know, get all the footage ourselves.”

Theatricality, by Naomi Wolf (transcribed from YouTube)

So, all over the world, we know, it's well established, the State Department [and] intelligence agencies engage in theater. They create spectacles and events that people may not realize are spectacles, like overthrow of Mossadeq in the '50s in Iran. They funnel money to protesters, and fly people in to infiltrate protesters, they create fake newspapers, and so on.

A law has been passed in the US, in the Defense Authorization Act [that] makes it "legal" to propagandize American citizens. As a journalist to say these words, I can't tell you with what a heavy heart I say them, but we've entered an era in which it is not crazy to assess news events to see if they're real. And, in fact, it's kind of crazy not to.

The police, the NYPD, they have been documented, and other police forces, dress up like people they are not and provoke violence. So why is it "unthinkable" that there might be spectacles that might drive an outcome in the news stream?

I [Naomi] have worked on two presidential campaigns. So, I recognize political talking points. And I wrote a piece saying this reads like the Pentagon signed off on the script because there were like chunks of political talking points identifiable to anyone who's worked in Washington. Right?"

The above was from a speech that Naomi Wolf gave in New Hampshire around 2014 at a meeting of Libertarians.

Note: Let's put every incident through the above paces, pro forma and mandatorily. Thus, no one will have to worry about the "sensitivity" of doing so in a particular case. Let's do it today for the siege incident just to show we're not afraid to do it. Yay!

4. The Job of Deputy Commissioner Cath Burn



Catherine Burn, the NSW Deputy Police Commissioner.

Photo: resources2.news.com.au

Yesterday (August 15, 2016), the witness at Inquest was Catherine Burn, the NSW Deputy Police Commissioner. Among the trivia the MSM pursued – indeed headlined -- was the fact that she erased her text messages. When asked why, she said “Because I always do.” That sounded OK to me.

One reason I don’t care about her texting is that there is a plethora of other paper-trail stuff by which we can learn what she was doing that day – such as emails, phone calls, and her own log. But the main reason why the text messages are irrelevant is that Ms Burn herself is irrelevant to this inquest. Don’t worry that she will be offended to read that. She will be amazed that at least one person understands her.

Fact: The Executive of the Police, of which she is a member, had no part to play, and is not supposed to have any part to play, in operations and no role in the decision-making by commanders who are, on paper, her underlings.

Sure, you may think it is reprehensible – even wicked — that such an arrangement exists. You may feel she should have intervened, say, to sharpen up the negotiating process with “the terrorist in the stronghold.”

Well, OK, but then your beef is not with her, as it is not herself that mandated the separation between Executive and commanders on the ground. I think it is a big clue. Actually it may be the biggest clue of all.

Ms Burn's testimony was preceded by that of the man who took over from her at 10pm on the day of the siege, December 15, 2014. He is Assistant Commissioner Jeff Loy.

Loy is not quite of equal rank to Burn, but once he was in position as of 10pm, he had the same amount of authority to intervene as she did. In other words, zilch, zip, nada, cipher, goose egg, how can I put it – not a whole lot.

The Counsel who did the “examination in chief” was Jeremy Gormly, followed by Jason Downing, a young and vigorous “counsel assisting the inquest.”

No amount of cleverness on the part of lawyers could get either Loy or Burn to provide us with exciting answers to such questions as:

Were you in favor of implementing a DA (direct action) plan? How dangerous did you think the terrorist (Monis) was? How about that nifty mock-up at Holsworthy? How much of a role did the defence forces play that day?

Not that they didn't try. The lawyer for the Johnsons, Ms Gabrielle Bashir, and Mr Philip Boulten for the Dawsons (in lieu of Mr Michael O'Connell) posed the questions at length.

At times they got knocked back by the ever-objecting police lawyer, Dr Ian Freckelton, but mostly they simply had a lack of success.

I took “Cath” to be dead honest. Time may prove me wrong but every answer Deputy Commissioner Burn gave seemed

correct and reasonable. She never blushed or squirmed. “Unflustered” is the word that best applies.

Wow, it was impressive to watch, and a large contingent of cops turned out for her, so at last the 30 or so gallery seats were filled. (Also, two hostages sat in the gallery today.)

Note: when I say Ms Burn spoke reasonably, I mean within the context of the present allocation of power. But that allocation is anything but reasonable.

The inquest will be over by the time you read this. However, Magistrate Michael Barnes did mention today that the lawyers could send more “submissions.” Luckily the coroner has no specific deadline (imposed on him) as to the writing up of his Findings.

The Independent DPP

If you think it is queer – and it is -- that Australia allows its cops to answer to a boss who is then not answerable to the politically appointed executive, wait till you hear about the DPP – Director of Public Prosecutions.

Since 1973 we have had in the Commonwealth, and later in all states, an official prosecutor who is not part of ... um...how can I say: government. If he wants to prosecute X, or spare Y, he does not have to answer to the Attorney General or to Parliament for that.

I can only think that this means he works for somebody else. And I bet I can guess whom. This is an outrageous set-up. Really it boggles the mind. This Inquest had better mention it.

5. Cross-Examining One of the Police Negotiators



*Hostages: (L) Selina Win Pe, (C) Fiona Ma, (R) Harriet Denny,
Photos: dailytelegraph.com.au*

This chapter is boring. You have leave to skim it or skip it! Partly my fault. It was my first day at the Inquest – June 1, 2016 -- and I wrote the notes leaving many words out. Below I say “DB” meaning **delayed basis**. I had hoped that I’d get the real transcripts later and correct my work

My Initiation to the Inquest

I got off the airport train at Museum Station and walked down the hill from Liverpool St to 88 Goulburn St. Tried to enter but was told I had to register.

I think the registering requirement is probably illegal, but anyway I walked back to 147 Liverpool St, this time uphill, and with heavy books (wouldn’t you think I would discover memory sticks?). “Registering” at the Downing Center meant only having to show photo ID, thank God.

Armed then with my ticket (which was put onto me by the clerk in the form of a hospital bracelet – no, seriously), I rolled down

the hill to Goulburn St and into the courtroom. Well, not exactly a courtroom. Maybe this is illegal, too — it was a room called the gallery, separated from the courtroom by a wall.

In every court case it is society that is adjudicating the case; the judge is just the one who carries out society's wishes. So there is no reason to keep "the public" out of any courtroom, is there?

(Also, the court is never on holiday and its 'trading hours' do not end at 5pm: "The court is always open." Trust me. Even if the door is closed there is a phone number....)

Still, I was happy to be in the gallery. The seats were comfortable and the wall had a huge screen, on which we could see the judge and the lawyers. When I arrived there were 6 people there (all wearing the hospital bracelet). One more came in after me, so 8 souls all up to watch this most important case. A uniformed guard kept watch over the gallery.

Today is June 2, 2016. I was flabbergasted that the siege negotiator said he had been unaware of the messages from hostages. What! He also said, without sounding embarrassed, that he did not know where the café's exits were located.

I shall limit this article to "raw reportage," saving analysis for a subsequent article. I have not abridged it.

What I have labeled "Part One" contains questions put to a member of the Police negotiating team, by a female lawyer who represents the families of decedents. (A coronial inquest is always about a death.)

In Part Two, the same witness is questioned by a male lawyer who represents the Police in general. The voice of the negotiator became much more upbeat when answering this lawyer's questions. I think the witness' codename is Darren.

Note: “The Stronghold” refers to the Lindt Café. Reference to “the lights” has to do with Monis’ demand that he did not want the lights from outside on Martin Place glaring into the Café.

As I said “DB” in the text means I’ll confirm it on a **d**elayed basis. My handwriting is bad and I’m afraid of misquoting testimony. (But you can spend \$16 per page to clarify it!)

Q. You thought Monis was not reacting, he was calm across deadlines, and that further escapes would not necessarily make him react? Three hostages had escaped by 4pm. You were told about it. “If anyone else tries to escape, one of us will die.” [You knew] the level of fear of the hostages. [You] understood the tension – it indicates the potential. Understood the need to try to resolve it as soon as possible.

A. I agree with you but whether it took 6 hrs, or 24 hrs, or 2 days – it didn’t give me the thought “We have to do this as soon as possible.” The longest one I’ve been involved in went for 5 days. It doesn’t push depending on the situation and the dynamic. [This guy loves to say “I agree with you.”]

Q. So you get information about what the dynamics are and what might trigger a change. It calls for intervention?

A. I do agree with what you say. But I must go to the Commander and say I don’t think it’s going to be an option.

Q. Tim, Peter, Matt, Reg, and Dr Bentley (a psychiatrist) are on the Negotiating team [Note: not real names]. You’re in the belief until 2am that it was calm in the Stronghold. If you found it wasn’t, you’d have taken action to beef up....

A. I don’t know about “beef up.” It might require a variation in strategy. At 1.00am there was nothing to indicate that things were escalating.

Q. You didn’t receive any information that it was escalating?

Part One: Questions to Negotiator by Lawyer Dr Peggy Dwyer, for Tori Johnson's Family

A. I agree with you that there was nothing to indicate that things were escalating. Reg had said: Monis had been calm [during the] escapes and none of hostages were distressed.

Q. From 8pm, calls were made into the Stronghold?

A. Yes but they didn't answer.

Q. 4:30pm was the last escape. If you had an understanding that frustration was building. Use of an [electronic?] or an alternate method

A. Yes I said the Elec is a method. We can talk about hypotheticals – but the information that was coming to me was from the calls and the listening device, (the LD).

Q. You might try an alternative tactic.

A. It's possible, yes.

Q. Page 8 access to report by Kim Ora [spelling?] at paragraph 15 you had access to the criminal history of Monis. That he was an accessory before and after the stabbing and setting alight of his ex-wife? And many sexual assaults. You would have learned about his letter-writing campaign to the families of deceased soldiers.

A. It says narcissistic personality type in the Kim Ora report.

Q. Dr Bentley was present at 11:50pm. Was there any discussion as to how such a man as Monis might be engaged? A. Appeal to his sense of grandiosity, point to his achievements.

-- INTERRUPTION by the Coroner's Court counsel (or possibly a lawyer for the Police): "The witness is about to give a strategy. His Honor has upheld confidentiality"

Q. I withdraw the question. Did you get approval to implement when he was asking to have the lights turned off on Martin Place?

A. Lights – get a message with him to work with the NC?

Q. At 11:50pm the briefing – does that accord with your memory? A. Not sure, but I thought it was after 12.

Q. At 11:44pm Peter placed a call to the Lindt landline; at 12:06am Peter sent a text to Monis to give him that number; at 12:30 call to Maia? DB. At 12.35 Selina Win Pe calls 000. At 12:47 she calls again, did you know?

A. I was unaware of any calls.

Q. Selina calls 000 again. Were you....

A. 12:53 Selina did get through to Matt on negotiator line.

Q. Your calling ends ... and 12:50. On page 7009 it says "Talk with Reg"...

You know two calls came from Selina to 000 and you DB too long? Can I suggest that an hour is inappropriate for the negotiating team?

A. No. I can't give you an answer why these calls went unanswered. In the room adjacent to the DB.

Q. You know that the calls Selina made were very significant re this incident at Lindt. It's been since 9:30pm the man has been asking that the lights be turned off. If this is not done soon he will [?] DB. The lights were a hook with which you could engage Monis. At 12:35 it would have been relevant?

A. I agree.

Q. At 12:48 Selina's calls can't get onto NC at 12.47. Do you have the number? I've got one number that's now answering. We ask for this. Selina: "He's going to shoot us." Does that give you the impression that it's not calm in the Stronghold? At 12:35am "We made this request 2 or 3 hours ago." In Selina's stress – her stress at not getting through.

Q. You were not told by the Primary Negotiator about emails?

A. Yes, I was not told.

Q. Your evidence is that the Stronghold was calm. Matt's evidence 12:53pm is that Selina was highly agitated. Re lights, one of the reasons for the delay is that Selina's call to 000 didn't DB Did you hear that?

A. No.

Q. Going to the text message, do you see he was getting [Matt or Reg] reasonably calm? He had a gun and possibly a bomb. You try to ... DB. You know it's dangerous. Every step that goes by with no victory is You knew when the lights demands were made. You knew more politically significant demands had not been met – the flag and to talk to the Prime Minister -- and yet no harm could come.

At 1.28am DB? What's happening if lights demand is not met?

A. Reaction of hostage takers. That's why Dr Bentley is there. Psychiatry has input on the behavioral issues.

Q. [Would it not] be a symbolic victory to let him have the lights? Could be he is to [settle]?

A. I didn't believe that it could be settled. Allowed our strategies to affect our DB.

Q. The lights are "important and positive"? Monis wants to let a hostage out as a step toward the resolution.

A. What use could be made, to appeal to Monis' personality?

Part Two. Questions to Negotiator by Dr Ian Freckelton, QC, Lawyer for NSW Police

Q. You took internal NSW police training and a graduate diploma in Negotiating, right?

A. Yes. It was a distance degree at Charles Sturt University. Assessment was by assignments and one exam. Subjects were: Communication Skills, Strategy Development Team Management High Risk, Practical Field Facts [?] Electronic [DB] –

Q. What did you do your elective in?

A. I did terrorism.

Q. What about psychology?

A. Also a course in psychology.

Q. Was it useful?

A. Yes.

Q. What made you choose Negotiating at Sturt, a 2-year diploma? You were made an Inspector in 2015. Did the course contribute?

A. It was certainly in-depth and required thought into the readings. To have an expanded training was beneficial.

Q. Did it assist you in formulating strategies? A. Yes, it certainly did.

Q. On Practical Mentoring, have you participated in Counter-Terrorism exercises?

A. Yes, in 2001 with a large number of hostages.

Q. Had you enacted scenarios?

A. Yes with a variety of hostages.

Q. You told His Honor about a session of briefings in the 15th RDBU2 Did you run a briefing with outside content [?]

A. Yes, Interstate tactical unit.

Q. Monis's antecedents. Dr Bentley said a murder and sexual assaults. Kim Ora?

A. No, at TOU [tactical operations unit] office is when I first learned of Kim.

Q. When did you first discuss it? Before Matt and DB.

A. After the 1:13am call with Dr Bentley. Dr Bentley and myself and Matt we discussed psychology issues of the hostage taking.

Q. Narcissistic personality type, was that discussed?

A. Grandiosity, lack of empathy, his sense of achievement.

Need ...DB. In 2014, I was the IC. I commissioned [?] Forensics to do a report on the DB.

Q. What did you instruct Matt to do in the room adjacent to the cell with participants from the Day Team?

A. [There is a non-publication order in effect regarding this answer, mentioned on the website of lindtinqwest.justice.nsw.gov.au.]

Q. How did you reconcile the calmness and Selina's messages?

A. These were certainly in contrast to each other.... Q. How did you put them together?

A. That for Selina it was self-preservation, trying to prod the negotiations.

Q. The 15-minute Ultimatum. By 2am a half-hour had passed. How did you interpret that?

A. There was some satisfaction for Monis that things were being done.

Q. Did you have an intention of needing to do

A. To get the lights turned off. Yes, it will be done, but it will take time. The Commander agrees.

Q. Did you extract any goodwill from Monis about the potential of a DB?

A. That he has treated them well. We can use this.

Q. Did you think of a Surrender Plan? A. Yes.

Q. So everyone indicated Monis understands what's going on. At 2:03am everything finally changed?

A. Yes, it did.

Q. What did you do after hearing there had been a shot and an escape of a hostage?

A. Told W To debrief the hostage. DB. I went in touch of the calls to see if he had made contact. It was a simple DB, that we had nothing to give him.

Q. A series of sms's coming to us?

A. Yes.

Q. Little by little to clarify the DB?

A. Yes they were coming from MICB. At 2:08am a loud smashing noise like furniture and glass. There was a 5-minute delay on the listening device. [Fathom it!]

Q. Only at 2:10 a shot fired into the roof – you got that DB?

A. Yes.

Q. Message deleted by Rob led to Mick explain what Rob had, and into which you were copied?

A. The 20U radio message from Rob, with me copied in. The same if it was TOU radio. [Tactical operations unit]

Q. When the ent^y of 2:13am accord with?

A. Yes. There was an exit onto Martin Place and a second exit at the corner of Martin Place and Philip St.

Q. Where did you get that information from?

A. The meeting with Andrew and Interstate tactical briefing — e.g., the entrances and exits.

Q. Did you get information about DB?

A. Not specifically, I was aware maybe another entrance existed. I was aware of that one by, on TV, before I was called in.

Dear Reader, there won't be any more "DBs" in this book. I got the hang of it.

6. “Officer A” Shoots Monis Dead



Main entrance post-breaching. On your right after 4th window is alcove with steps to lift lobby. Left, Philip St, girl in white top is near fire exit.

Photo: resources2.news.com.au

The cop who entered the Café for the “EA” (emergency action) after 2.13am is called “Officer A.” Put aside for now the earlier recounting of Team Charlie’s entrance through the firewell on Martin Place. Today’s witness is from Team Alpha, which entered the main customer entrance door, which is on the corner of Philip St and Martin Place. The two teams were meant to enter simultaneously, but Alpha got in a few seconds before.

Once again we have cops who had been on duty for many hours. Counsel Assisting -- Jeremy Gormly -- asked: “What bus did you catch to work that morning?” The 5:10 am. “What time did you wake up?” Around 4:40am. “Did you feel tired by the time of the event [22 hours thereafter]?” No.

Today’s (July 25th) witness, Officer A, is on that Alpha team; he fired 17 bullets. Officer B is his *senior* officer who fired 5 bullets -- but does not remember firing any. Officer B was wounded in the face and leg, by fragments (or possibly pellets). Team Alpha had mostly hung around all day in the vehicle bay (which is to the left of the Café on Philip St).

Interestingly, at the beginning of Officer A's talk, the coroner, Magistrate Michael Barnes, pointed out that some of this cop's testimony may be self-incriminating (after all, he did kill Monis). But the judge promised to **issue a certificate** that would allow him to speak freely today and not have the evidence used against him at a later prosecution or a lawsuit.

Editorial note: I am going to put Mr Gormly's questions in double quotes, and not use quotes around Officer A's replies. I have lightly edited both of them, and also shifted the order around to make it more chronological. But I have not changed any facts or tones of voice.

Officer A's Testimony, July 25, 2016

"Your background, please." I have been in NSW police force for 14 years, and in a TOU (tactical operations unit) since 2008.

"Were you 'stood to' in preparation for the EA?" Yes, many times on that day we were stood to, and many times we had a stand down, so I did get some rest.

"Were there any chairs there or did you sit on the ground?" We sat on the ground, but there were some milk crates to sit on.

"Have you ever been in such a lengthy action?" Yes, many times. "Have you ever been in a Counter-terrorism hostage incident before?" No, only domestic ones.

"You got a chance to look through the window, along with the shield bearer. What did you see?" I saw Monis walking around pointing a gun at the head of a hostage.

"Did you see the backpack?" Yes. I had heard that he might have a bomb in a backpack, so I looked at it carefully. I saw leads coming out of the bottom. "Were you aware during the day that information was coming in from snipers in the Reserve

Bank building?” Yes, that information came over the police radio.

“Was mention made of the ADF?” No.

Per *Wikipedia*, retrieved September, 2016: “Police Tactical Group (PTG), formerly known as ‘police assault group’, is an Australian police unit part of the Federal government National Anti-Terrorism Plan.

“Since 1978, the Plan has required **each state and territory police to maintain a specialised counter-terrorist and hostage rescue unit jointly funded** by the federal government and respective state/territory governments.”

The Australia-New Zealand Counter-Terrorism Committee (ANZCTC) defines a Police Tactical Group (PTG) as a highly trained police unit that tactically manages and resolves high-risk incidents, including terrorist incidents.” [Emphasis added]

“I understand you wore 25 kilos of kit. Were you kitted up as soon as the siege started in the morning?” Yes.

“The kit includes the following: a Taser, a standard issue Glock pistol worn in a holster, and a personal issue M4 rifle. Is that right?” Yes.

“You carried 3 SF9’s which you call “studdies,” and 3 magazines for your M4.” Yes.

“When did you load your gun?” I did so in the police van on the way to the site.

“I understand that your gun jammed while you loaded it.” Yes, the van hit a speed hump. At that point I had to take a round out of the magazine to un-jam it, and I put that one in my pocket.

“Does that mean 29 bullets were left in the gun?” Probably, but it could be 28. I am not sure if I started with 30 or 29.

“If I tell you that 17 bullet casings were found on the floor of the café, all of which came from your rifle, does that sound right?” Yes.

“Do you know that Officer B does not recall firing?” Yes. “Have you discussed it with him?” No, we make a point of not discussing it. “That is because to the rule of not talking about a major incident?” Yes.

“How did you enter the glass doors?” First our Breacher had to knock out the left panel of glass then we went in; he also then breached the right panel.

“Before he breached, could you see Monis through the glass door?” Yes. “How so in the dark?” By using the light source on my rifle.

“What did you do?” I entered the café leaning my gun on the shoulder of the shield bearer. Then I took too a few steps forward into the café.

“What else did you see beside Monis?” From the moment I saw him I never took my eyes off him.

“Did you see chairs and table between you and Monis?” No. I was fixed on him. “And the laser on your rifle?” It works well up to 25 meters.

“Describe the shooting.” I trained my laser on his chest to shoot at centre body mass. I shot several bullets. Then I put the red laser on his head and shot more.

“Were you aware how many bullets you shot?” No. Monis had his gun pointed at us. I believe he shot me because I know I flinched.

“Did you see him fall?” Yes, at first I thought he was falling to a kneeling position but I checked and saw that he was dead. A large piece of his head was missing.

“Did you worry about your bullet causing the backpack bomb to explode?” When we initiated the EA, I was 100% certain he had a bomb. But I believed the bullets I fired at him would stay within his body.

“Let me take you back to earlier in the day. Did you know that there was a DA (direct action plan) as well as an EA?” Yes.

“Which was created first?” There is always an EA; it comes first. “Did you know the specifics of the DA?” [I think he said yes but they are not to be publicized; I am not sure] “Would you have preferred to use a DA?” Of course. We always prefer to use a DA.

“Why?” It lets us go in at a time of our choosing. We may be able to distract him.

“Did you know throughout the day how the negotiations were going?” Yes. I heard they were not going well.

“At 3:30pm three persons escaped, including Paolo Vassalo. He escaped near where you were standing is that true?” Yes. “What did he say?” He said ‘You gotta go in; he’s going to kill everybody in there.’ “What are the triggers for an EA?” Death or imminent death of a hostage.

“Who would make the decision?” It wouldn’t be one of us. It would be at the PFC [Police Forward Command] or the POC. [Police Operations Centre].

“Were you provided earlier in the day with the layout of the stronghold?” Yes I was shown it in Officer B’s notebook.

“Did you have the opportunity to raise questions?” Yes. I am deemed reasonably senior so I could take it up with the superiors. “You heard the first shot. Then you heard a second and someone said maybe it’s a door slamming. Then you heard the third and assumed he was killing hostages, is that correct?”
Yes.

“Did you notice when Charlie Team came in?” I knew the plan was for three teams to come in simultaneously but I was concentrating on Monis.

“Can you tell us where you stood while shooting and where Officer B was?” [An objection by Freckelton here to the effect that A is not responsible for his officer brothers]

I am happy to tell you where I was, but am not sure of anyone else.

“You gave an account 6 days later.” When I did the walk-through I was emotional. The most important part of the EA I got correct.

“What was that?” I continued to shoot Monis until I deemed him no longer a threat. When he was falling down his shotgun was pointed at me the whole time. It was black in there but I had him well lit. It lit up his whole body.

“No one said ADF might be involved?” [Emphasis added] That wasn’t discussed. I believe there was an ADF advisor in the police center. No one told us that imminent death was a trigger.

Note from MM: As shown so far, the testimony of three men who were there at the height of the action has still not furnished us with answer to the big question: **Which person made the decision to go in?** And why didn’t they prevent the killing of Tori Johnson by going in earlier?

7. The Night Shift Police – Loy’s Laconic Testimony



(L) Mark Jenkins (R) Jeff Loy, Photos: smb.com.au

On August 15 and 16, 2016, I took 91 pages of notes at the Inquest. Let me share some miscellaneous items, and then provide Acting Deputy Commissioner Jeff Loy’s testimony.

First I learned that by 5:30pm, on December 15, 2015 (the day of the siege which began around 9.30am), the police had checked all 17 sites of which there had been suggestion of a bomb. Negative. In other words, they knew Monis was faking, as far as external bombs were concerned. Isn’t that interesting?

We also heard that Monis’ solicitor, Michael Klooster happened to be in the Lindt Café before the siege, having coffee, and spoke to Monis. Mr Klooster later called the Hotline (twice) to offer to negotiate with Monis.

That offer, from Klooster, was not taken up by the police.
Wow.

I pause to suggest that you skip this chapter, come back later. It is majorly soporific. Here’s the bottom line. Loy was asked sharp qq but gave dull answers. Overall he said “Call me Cath.”

A statement by Sophie Callan at the Inquest website says:

“The Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamed. [leads] the Australian Sunni Muslim Community. As far as the Grand Mufti is aware, Mr. Monis was not particularly known in the Sunni community. He said Mr. Monis’ actions did not reflect the message of Islam and the Islamic community rejects and condemns his behaviour.

“The other Australia Islamic leader – this time from the Shi’ite community, is Sheikh Kamal Mousselmani, who is the Australian representative of the Supreme Shi’ite Islamic Council. Upon looking at the Sheik Haron website, Sheikh Mousselmani considered that Mr. Monis’ behaviour and attitude was erratic, not like a real sheikh and he seemed to have an amateur knowledge of Islam. “I did not know of Mr. Monis attending any mosque.” [dated August 17, 2015, i.e., a year ago]

That’s all very on point as to Monis’ ‘religious devotion,’ isn’t it? I noted earlier that Michael Klooster’s offer to negotiate was declined. Muslim people called in, too, and said the Grand Mufti would negotiate. This, too, was ignored.

Government Offices Concerned with Terrorism

The term “Pioneer Protocols” came up during Cath Burn’s testimony. NSW has a protocol for handling any terrorist event. A visit to the government website tells us:

“The Anti Terrorism & Security Group has responsibilities in countering and responding to terrorism through investigative and intelligence operations.... The Terrorism Intelligence Unit provides strategic and tactical intelligence support to the Command ... The squad works in partnership with the AFP, ASIO, and the NSW Crime Commission to investigate all threats (or acts) of terrorism impacting on NSW.”

Yet I didn’t hear anything about that at the hearings, and never heard the word “ASIO.” I did hear that the police considered asking for help from Queensland PSG and the AFP.

One of the lawyers on August 16th asked what I thought was a pertinent question about the defence forces, but an objection was raised and the Coroner gave in to the objector. In regard to most other objections, he overruled the objection (by saying “I allow the question”).

And yes, Deputy Commissioner of NSW Police Catherine Burn did say that Holsworthy Army Base was doing a mock-up of the Café, and from the way she expressed it, it sounded like she meant they built it *after* the siege began.

Before the siege ended, Commissioner Andrew Scipione wrote to Acting DC Loy, suggesting that they “take down” a video on YouTube in which one of the hostages puts forth Monis’ demands. (I think they said it was Julie Taylor.)

That was made a lot of at the hearing as indicating that Scipione was interfering with operations! Damned if you do and damned if you don’t.

As I show below (only worth reading if you doubt my thesis that the Upper Levels are officially not supposed to control the guys in the field), the emphasis was on getting the Upper Level (Loy and Burn) to admit involvement!

Alphabet Soup The following abbreviations were used liberally:

POC – Police Operations Center

DA – Direct Action plan (unlike an EA emergency action)

C and N – the Contain and Negotiate strategy (I’d call it the Contain and *Don’t* Negotiate strategy, as that’s what they did.)

POI – person of interest. (I think this was used by the Dawson barrister, Phillip Boulten, SC, to describe Monis, but others used the terms perpetrator, offender, hostage taker.)

PFC – Police Forward Command DC – Deputy Commissioner
SCC -- State Crisis Committee

The SCC is where DC Cath Burn does much of her job. She is a conduit between the police and NSW political leaders. But she said she has another role at the same time: she is the Police's media spokesperson. Note: the Court was asked not to reveal the *location* of the SCC.

During the siege, Burn went on TV every few hours to update the public — with a load of pap, actually, like “We have extremely skilled negotiators.” (Makes you wonder what unskilled ones would have behaved like, doesn't it?)

At 10pm, she was ordered to go home and come back at 5:30am next day to do the 6am media briefing. The mainstream media are implying she went home in the sense of abandoning her duty. They have jumped on Burn in every way – surely this is part of a coordinated plan.

Note: the name Jenkins refers to Assistant Commissioner **Mark Jenkins** who, according to reports in the news in 2015, **was the commander at the siege.**

Now for some direct quotes. Where I'm unsure of a word I'll underline it. No other changes will be made except for *massive* abridgement. I'll keep it in sequence.

Loy's Testimony, August 15, 2016

Loy: I got a very short call, a hot briefing, that Monis had shot deliberately overhead. [That was at 2:06am, I think, after 6 hostages escaped.]

Counsel Assisting the Inquest, Jeremy Gormly, SC: At 2:10am Jenkins did not discuss DA or EA at all?

Loy: I got a text from Burn soon after the EA at 2:21am. We understood a hostage was dead and others injured.

Gormly: Did you know Monis was frustrated about his message not getting out? Loy: No.

Gormly: You've known Jenkins a long time?
Loy: Ten or fifteen years....

Gormly: If you thought things were not proceeding, could you say "Have you considered "X"?...

Loy: No, because the briefs he gave me were of very specific aspects.

Gormly: It didn't occur to you that it was necessary to pose alternatives? ... Loy: I accept that, yes.

Gormly: You think he was content or happy with C and N?
Loy: I don't recall the specifics of the C and N conversation.

Gormly: You, Burn, and Murdoch were of one mind. [Mark Murdoch is an Assistant Commissioner. I think he had handed over to Jenkins at 10pm.]

Dr Ian Freckelton, QC, lawyer for police: Your Honor, I object. This does not fall within the five areas that you have permitted for today's questioning....

Gormly: Did Murdoch or Jenkins say anything to you about Mr Monis being chauffeured? Loy: No.

Gormly: Was there discussion about possibility of community engagement?... Monis had met his barrister in the café... Around 3pm did you discuss engaging a third party?

Loy: I passed it on to the Executive.... It's very rarely used in negotiations. Mr Klooster contacted me again later in the morning and said "The offer still stands." [Fancy that.]

Gormly: You never heard back from Murdoch or Jenkins?
Loy: That's correct.

Gormly: There was a counter-terrorism meeting at 3:37pm.
By 3:30pm the POC were aware of bail in regard to sexual assaults. Did you know Jenkins had a draft copy of a DA?
Loy: No, I did not.

Gormly: Did anyone say anything to you about the ADF to be engaged in the developing or executing of a DA?
Loy: No one mentioned it to me.

Gormly: Did you talk about that at all? ...
Loy: The federal police would have been canvassed.

Gormly: Do you have an evaluation of *how it ought to have been?*

Freckelton: I object. This is a slippery slope....

Coroner: I allow....

Gormly: A politically motivated terrorist apparently with a bomb holding people captive... Was there any discussion of bringing people from Holsworthy? Was it discussed?

Loy: Not in my presence, no. [Loy speaks very laconically.]

Gormly: I am reading your notes from a telecom with Jenkins at 12:29am. "I was at SCC not POC." Jenkins said the media will be told they no longer have to withhold Monis' name, but they should get their own legal opinion on that.... There has been little progress with the flag....

Loy: A DA has to be created, approved, and authorized.

Gormly: Were you told at 12:30am about a DA?

Loy: It's a matter for the POC. [See what I mean?]

Gormly: Did you have an opinion that Jenkins *should* allow the DA?

Freckelton: I object. He just said it's not his call.

Gormly: I'll move on.... You said the shot went into the ceiling or the roof – who told you that?

(Continuing the examination-in-chief of Acting Deputy Commissioner Loy by Counsel Assisting the Inquest, Gormly):

Loy: Mr Jenkins. He's the only person I had called.

Gormly: Did you think "A shot fired is a serious escalation"? ... Did you think to go in and rescue?...

Freckelton: I object. It's not the role of Mr Jenkins or this witness. Coroner: I allow. [Thank you, Your Honour.]

Gormly: Did you think the police could put their mind to an EA? Did you want to say "It's time. Shit! Aren't you going to do something?" ...

Loy: We did a bomb blast estimate. We will go in if he starts shooting....

[Interruption. Around this point, the cross-examination of Loy began. First up was Mr Philip Boulten, QC, for the Dawson family and then Ms Gabrielle Bashir, SC for the Johnsons. As I am not sure which was the speaker below, I will just say "Bar."]

Bar: Did you hear "Hold on the L-rad? Do you know who signed it?

Loy: No, I don't.

Bar: There was no sniper coordinator at the FPC.

Freckelton: I object.... Loy was advised because he took over from Burn... Coroner: I allow. [Ta.]

Bar: At 7:30 you knew there was a deficit of visuals of both the inside and outside of the café?

Loy: No.

Bar: You knew of the delay in the Listening Device?

Loy: No... [Crikey!]

Bar: Were you told that the tactical command prefers to go in on a purposeful DA?...

Loy: As at 10:30pm I knew of the reactive EA... I was aware that there was a welfare issue of the hostages' families....

Bar: So no brief about a DA in place? Had you heard “the death or serious injury” as a trigger? Loy: That is common.

Bar: The YouTube by hostage Marcia Mikhael was in the news. It said “The police are doing nothing.” An e-mail from Scipione to you and Jenkins said “Let’s move to have it pulled.” Jenkins replies 7 minutes later “Onto it.” Is this the only reg you received from Scipione all throughout the siege?

Loy: Yes.

Bar: At 2am you saw footage of escape. You knew escape meant escalation. Did you think “There is a loss of control in the stronghold?”

Loy: That would be a fair assessment.
----- End of Testimony -----

Update: Eight years after the event, “Officer A” has written a book *Tiger, Tiger, Tiger, the Lindt Café Siege*. I have not seen it.

WELCOME TO PART II

A SKEPTICAL APPROACH TO THESE THINGS

Topics:

YouTube cries hoax
Case in Canada
Monis as Muslim?
Holsworthy mock-up
Compare Port Arthur
False flag syndrome
Eighteen hostages
Terrorists not

8. Overseas Youtubers Are Calling the Siege a Hoax



*Marcia, project manager at Westpac, was hit by friendly fire in Café
Photo: dailymail.co.uk. Note the ring.*

Gumshoe readers know that I generally resist the claim that false flag events are hoaxes (meaning the deaths didn't even take place). A main worry is that we could be invited **down a path that leads to total confusion** and therefore helplessness. Certainly, YouTube videos calling everything a hoax can teach young people that there is no reality you can hang onto.

Let me use myself as an example. Right now I feel I am in the driver's seat when investigating, say, the issue of cloud-abuse (a.k.a. chemtrails), or the shootout at Port Arthur with its subsequent cruel treatment of the patsy. I have solid reference points to use, such as science and the law (not to mention morality) when I analyze these problems.

But what if the word goes around that nothing is solid anymore? Wouldn't one lose one's grip if suddenly there's no expectation that judges will be honest? There are no rules? What if everybody said you mustn't be so foolish as to trust your doctor? It would be very weird to live like that. It's not the human way.

Was the Sydney Siege Dinki Di? What about the 2014 Sydney siege — is there evidence that the hostages were “crisis actors”? Were all the injuries faked? Was the SWAT team itself from Central Casting? I urge the judge at the current Lindt

Café Inquest— which is due to finish soon – to **look into the “hoax” matter**. Yes, His Honor should confront the question, if for no other reason than to put rumors to rest.

On December 17, 2014, two days after the siege, I uploaded a video to YouTube saying the media were “using” the event. My video chides the Prime Minister for laying flowers at Martin Place. Most likely the government *did* do the whole thing. Sure, a terrorist in Australia *could* be working free-lance, or maybe even working for Allah -- but it’s a stretch.

Everything Man Haron Monis had done up to that point was portrayed by media as self-initiated, but no way, José. He’s clearly a pathetic follower, not a leader. He didn’t even do an impressive job as hostage-taker: most hostages escaped. That much I am willing to react to, as a Doubting Thomas.

But to go the hoax route, saying the event was merely a piece of theatre, is beyond me. I think the Sydney siege was a psy-op, aimed at creating fear in Oz, and it resulted in real deaths. Of course I’m willing, in principle, to upgrade to Full Hoax if there’s good evidence – but so far I don’t buy it.

Surprising Number of Videos Dated December 15-17

A lot of people *do* buy it. Believing in hoaxes is quite popular. A Sandy-Hook-hoax YouTube video has had **three million views**. Also, typing “Sydney siege hoax” or “Lindt Café hoax” into YouTube’s search engine brings a slew of videos.

Wow, was I surprised at how many videos were published *within 48 hours* of the siege. Some are even dated December 15, the day of the siege. (But in America, their 15th occurred the day after, if you know what I mean.)

Let me list ten of the channels that host a *Sydney hoax* video. All of these are from US or Canada. All were published December, 2014 —*within a week of the event* – isn’t that astonishing?

Dec 15 — ShawnY, 12 mins, 8,010 views (as of 8/2016)

Dec 15 — Franco3830, 8 mins, 12,676 views

Dec 15 — Killuminaion, 3 mins, 3,303 views

Dec 16 — JenOpenYourEyes, 13 mins, 6,918 views

Dec 16 — 108morris108, 8 mins, 4,732 views

Dec 17 — AllTotalCoaching, 6 mins, 1,171 views

Dec 17 — TheStarspirit123, 7 mins, 1,396 views

Dec 17 — Occupymundo, 3 mins, 3,383 views

Dec 20 — ItsAboutPerception, 2 mins, 859 views

Dec 22 — TruthMediaRevolution, 12 mins, 35,232 views.

Are there any Australian-made videos that treat the siege as a hoax? Yes, several individuals have produced one. “Peekay,” who lives in Melbourne, has made several Sydney siege hoax videos. It is my opinion that he is a disinformation artist.

I’d like to interview Peekay face-to-face. Maybe he will bring me around to his view that the Lindt Café siege was theatre-only. Note: Some people consider Peekay the guru of the Marathon bombing narrative.... On that one, it took me a long time to agree that the star of the show, Jeff Bauman, is not cricket.

Why Be Cautious? On November 30, 2014, I wrote an article for Gumshoe entitled “Duplex False Flags.” The Sydney episode had not yet happened; I was mainly thinking of Marathon and Sandy Hook. My complaint was that many of these “investigatory” videos looked really high-quality -- by which I meant too-high quality: Quantico quality. We know technicians at FBI labs in Quantico, Virginia can produce any fake copy of anything and look authentic, be it a birth certificate or the Dead Sea Scrolls.

I also opined that hoax-themed videos are unreliable, as we cannot know if the photos they debunk were presented to anyone as genuine photos in the first place!

I think most of them are “on the payroll.” My main reason for digging my heels in (i.e., not going with the hoax flow) is that it looks to me that “somebody up there” *wants* us to be overloaded with data. **Their goal must surely be to dissuade us from dealing seriously with false flags.**

Censorship and Self-Censorship

Another cause for caution is that hoax research may lead to a crackdown on our publications. Wouldn't it be just like Parliament to legislate new restrictions on what we can say, based on “the outrageousness” of conspiracy theories? A man in Northumbria, UK got chased by the police for tweeting that a violent event in Glasgow was a hoax.

“France Moves to Make Conspiracy Theories Illegal by Government Decree” was a headline a year ago. Could it happen here? Just ask Attorney General George Brandis – he's probably got a draft of the law ready. Or ask Dee McLachlan who grew up with censorship, and consequently with self-censorship, in South Africa. “If I'm not allowed to utter anything about the unfairness of apartheid, I may as well dismiss it from my brain.”

The Port Arthur Massacre of 1996

Gumshoe website has marshaled loads of evidence for the falseness of the major narrative of the Port Arthur shootout of 1996. It's so easy to spot the syndrome: normal police protocol is evaded, mainstream journalists refuse to notice major holes in the story, and legal professionals trample on the law.

Our Port Arthur work has drawn on years of nitty-gritty research by Andrew MacGregor, Terry Shulze, Stewart Beattie, and others. They've pretty well nailed down who cooked up the massacre and who carried it out. And it weren't a local intellectually handicapped fellow.

Homeland Security Department Waiver Form 68, April 30 2013

1. The day will be long and tiring. You need to be at the site by [time], and you will probably not finish until after [time]. If you have any health concerns or medical conditions, please tell [**Actor POC**] before the start of the exercise. Health or medical concerns will not necessarily disqualify you from participating.

2. If you are not age 18 and are **not in the military**, parental permission is required to participate.

5. Be on time! Please do not arrive late. It is difficult to begin the exercise if actors are not in place. Volunteers transported to hospitals will be given a snack before being returned to the exercise site.

6. Wear layers of old clothes, clothes that can be removed and a bathing suit underneath. Wear clothes that you do not mind getting wet, dirty, stained, or torn. Jewelry will be removed during the decontamination process, bagged, and given to you to carry through the decontamination line.

7. here will be no place to keep personal belongings. Bring your driver's license, keys, and a sense of humor. Do not bring cameras, jewelry, items you don't want to get wet, large sums of money, or uninvited friends or volunteers.

8. **Don't overact.** When you arrive at the exercise site, **you will be assigned an injury or role** and will be briefed about your roles and what will happen during the exercise. If you are assigned the role of a psychologically distressed person, please act upset, not out of control.

9. If you get hurt or have a real problem, say "This is a real emergency" to tell exercise staff you are not just acting.

On behalf of [Agency/Jurisdiction] and all of the participants in the exercise, thank you for volunteering. Our community will be better prepared to face real challenges in the future. [Emphasis added]

9. Miraculous Truth in Canada



Couple united after 3 years in separate prisons — John Nuttall and Amanda Korody, Photo: 630ched.com

What a wonderful day to wake up in Australia, July 30, 2016, and read the news from Canada. All our troubles are over! This is like a miracle!

A judge in Canada has ruled in favor of two persons who were falsely accused of plotting to blow up the provincial legislature in 2013. She – Justice Catherine Bruce – saw that it was an entrapment by the police. Oh my!

I propose a new verb: to *korodize*, meaning “to make someone look like an Islamic terrorist.”

The Canadian Case of Amanda Korody

It seems that a couple has been in prison for 3 years for supposedly attempting to blow up a building (not just any building -- the legislature of British Columbia). The man’s name is John Nuttall and the woman’s is Amanda Korody. They’ve now had their conviction overturned by Justice Catherine Bruce. Oh how important it is that a JUDGE and not a lesser mortal issued the decision! At Historyproject.allard.ubc.ca you can see the judge’s past. Her Honor has a sense of humor:

“Catherine Bruce’s prodigious energy is the envy of many of her friends. Last year [1997] she ran a marathon in under four hours. This goes some way to explain the fact that she went into labour with her second child while riding a bicycle.

“One of her most endearing qualities is her ability to bring levity to her interactions with others while displaying a legendary candour described by one of her friends as ‘hit them in the stomach and then laugh. When she was interviewing [to become an apprentice lawyer], a senior partner presented her with a book about the firm. She was then left alone while he went for coffee.

“On his return half an hour later, he asked whether she had any questions and she asked: ‘Do you have 25 cents? Because it cost me that to get here on the bus, and it wasn’t worth it.’”

For our purposes, you korodize someone when you first indoctrinate them into Islam – or, if they already hold that faith, you radicalize them. In my opinion, many people have been korodized. Richard Reid, the shoe bomber, comes straight to mind. He was a worshipper at the Finsbury Mosque in the UK, which everybody says is a veritable branch of MI6.

The Entrapment (I got this from Newstalk770.com.)

The BC judge ruled that the Nuttall-Korody couple were drug addicts who **did not have “the mental capacity” to carry out the plot.** She said the RMCP – Royal Canadian Mounted Police – had “skillfully engineered” them. Her ruling included this opinion:

“Simply put, the world has enough terrorists. We do not need the police to create more out of marginalized people who have neither the capacity nor sufficient motivation to do it themselves. The police decided they had to aggressively

engineer the plan for Nuttall and Korody and make them think it was their own.

The spectre of the defendants serving a life sentence for a crime that the police manufactured by exploiting their vulnerabilities ... is offensive to our concept of fundamental justice.

Luckily, the couple had was a real defense lawyer (which is rare in these cases). He said:

“Providing him with religious advice and encouraging him to commit crimes. The proof is in the pudding, why did he have to do that. Because he was expressing qualms about acts of violence being in accordance with Islam, so they isolated him, and disparaged Imams [from visiting him].”

Of course “providing him with religious advice” is what Brzezinski admits the US did – for a mere \$80 billion – in Pakistan in 1980- ish, to get the mujahidin set up for military action in Afghanistan. Yes, the radicalizing of Muslims was an idea out of “the White House” where Brzezinski was so-called National Security Adviser for President Jimmy Carter.

(Note: if you are not old enough to remember that business, which supposedly had to do with a capitalist-communist confrontation, don’t worry -- any natural confrontation can be utilised. The recent terror event of Dallas, Black Lives Matter, builds on people’s natural sense of racial confrontation.)

In Nice, France there has now been a terror attack, right there in the Riviera. a large white truck hurtled down the boulevard, hitting anyone who was there for a celebration of – wait for it – Bastille Day.

CNN, on July 15, reported the French president’s evaluation (if you could call it that) of the attack:

“We cannot deny that it was a terror attack,” Hollande said in a national television address. He added that the choice of the day -- Bastille Day, when France celebrates its post-French Revolution republic -- was particularly poignant. He said that the day is a “symbol of liberty,” and that “human rights are denied by fanatics and France is quite clearly their target.”

Note: see my YouTube video “What the Fruit” for a white-board full of faked Islamic terrorism. (The video is at Flipside-news channel, which is run by Gumshoe.) Also see the website juscogens.org, run by Elias Davidsson, for some very detailed cases of “setting Muslims up.” Davidsson never speculates. He waits till he’s got solid evidence.

How Do Anti-Terrorist Laws Work?

Gosh, Gumshoe News editor Dee McLachlan got it right, on her first try, when Australia’s attorney-general, George Brandis proposed **legislation to punish journalists who would reveal “special operations”** (up to 10 years in the Penrith Hilton). On September 25, 2014, she wrote:

“What was passed in the Senate (with bipartisan support): Australian spies will soon have the power to monitor the entire Australian Internet with just one warrant, and journalists, whistle-blowers, and bloggers will face up to 10 years’ jail for ‘recklessly’ [!!] disclosing classified information.

“Are the crimes of 9-11 deemed “classified”? What happens if the intelligence operation being exposed is detrimental to the well being of Australian community? That doesn’t matter. The rights to disclose secret criminality in government are gone.”

In other words, in McLachlan’s opinion *the point is* to make it a crime to report the crimes of government.

A Word about Islam



The sign on the black “flag” is simply the famous statement of faith: “There is no God but Allah. Mohammed is the messenger of Allah.”

It is pathetic that an educated population such as Australians could be so easily made to fear a foreign group. Probably the counter-terrorism squad doesn't care to know that Islam is one of the three Abrahamic religions. Muslims accept the Old Testament and they respect Jesus as a prophet. Mohammed's wife Khadijah had relatives who were Christian; that is probably how he learned of the Bible.

Over a fifth of the world's population is Muslim, and most of those do not live in Arabia. Muslims live in places such as Malaysia, Sudan, and for that matter Australia. Afghans were among the first immigrants to Australia, having been invited by the British as cameleers. (Other early immigrants were the Chinese.)

I had the immense pleasure of living in the United Arab Emirates from 1988 to 1993 (while my spouse taught there), and I can only say that I never detected anything peculiar about the people. They were just like us – what else would they be? As for the modest dress of women, my grandmother in 1908 had to be fully garbed at the beach in Boston – was that a burkini?

In 2001, while a visiting scholar at Emory University Law School's Center for Law and Religion, I was thrilled to work with Professor Abdullahi An-Na'im, author of *Toward an Islamic Reformation*. Naturally, in any major religion there is a wealth of scholarship based on a deep desire to discover what is right and to help mankind. – MM.

Human Rights Watch Exposes the Ruse

(from Masha Gessen, *Tsarnaev Brothers*, Scribe, 2015, p 245):

Since September 2001, US courts have taken up an average of forty terrorism cases a year. More than 500 people have been charged, and virtually all of them convicted and sentenced. Dozens of bombing plots have been revealed.

In 2014 Human Rights Watch released a report that analyzed many of those cases. The researchers concluded that “all of the high profile domestic terrorism plots of the last decade, with four exceptions, were actually FBI sting operations – plots conducted with the direct involvement of law enforcement informants or agents....”

Between 2001 and 2013, the number of terrorist attacks carried out on American soil by people connected to Islamic organizations numbered zero, but trumped up terrorist plots numbered in the dozens.... A former FBI agent, Michael German says:

“Today’s terrorism sting operations reflect a significant departure from the past. When the FBI undercover agent or informant is the only purported link to a real terrorist group, supplies the motive, designs the plot and provides all the weapons, one has to question whether they are combatting terrorism or creating it...”

Note: Don’t miss Trevor Aaronson’s book, *The Terror Factory: Inside the FBI’s Manufactured War on Terrorism*, for a study of how the sting operations are done. An Amazon reviewer of Aaronson’s book says: “It behooves Muslim organizations to warn their members of FBI tactics the same way we educate children to avoid sexual predators.”

10. Azal's View of Monis As an Australian Muslim

(published June 8, 2016)



Monis was given plenty of media attention for years. Why?

Photo: newmatilda.com

On June 5, 2016, a friend in Europe sent me a very thorough report on the “gunman” of the Lindt Café siege. She had seen the item on a Belgrade-based website, “The Syncretic Report,” which is an intellectual group directed by Joaquin Flores.

The author is N Wahid Azal; his article is succinctly entitled “Cui Bono? Why 12-15 Was an Inside Job?” Granted, Aussies don’t refer to the day of the siege as “12-15”; we don’t even call it 15- 12, but what’s in a name? It means the siege.

Azal is an Islamic scholar. I shall now outline, without embellishing, his report. He claims the Lindt Café affair was orchestrated, and that Man Haron Monis was a patsy. The nub of Azal’s story is that “Publicity Monis” – I mean the man whose background and behavior we thought we knew, thanks to the mass media — is not the “Real Monis.”

Bio. Man Haron Monis was born in Iran in 1962, but his name then was **Mohamad Hassan Manteghi Borujerdi**. He won permanent Australian residence in 2001 and seems to have lived on a pension. He died at age 52 in the Lindt Café in Sydney.

Security Report on Man Haron Monis. Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and NSW Office of Premier and Cabinet.

March 2014: On 31 March 2014, INTERPOL Tehran advises that Monis does not have a criminal record in Iran, but was wanted for ‘defrauding Iranian citizens’.

14-15 April: NSW Police Force charge Monis with three sexual assault charges dating back to 2002. He is remanded in custody

16 April: [Monis] requests that the Parramatta Local Court investigate his allegation that NSW Police Force and ASIO are involved in the murder of his former partner. The request is denied.

26 May, 2014: Monis is granted conditional bail for the sex offence charges and released the following day.

9-13 December: NSH receives 18 calls and emails drawing attention to Monis’ Facebook page. It is decided they do not indicate a desire or intent to engage in terrorism. Nor are the postings assessed to meet the threshold for prosecution under new ‘advocacy of terrorism’ legislation.

12 December -- Monis appears in the High Court (in Sydney) seeking to appeal his conviction for postal offences.

[Conclusion]: “Monis was the subject of many law enforcement and security investigations and assessments over the period of his residence in Australia. None provided any indication he had the intention to commit an act such as the Martin Place siege.

NSW Chief Psychiatrist has reviewed the medical documentation and concluded that **at no time** in his multiple encounters with mental health professionals **was Monis assessed to represent a potential risk to others or to himself**, and at no time was it necessary to admit him to hospital for treatment of mental illness, or for him to receive coercive or more restrictive care.” [Emphasis added]

For this chapter I'm relaying information from Azal's *Cui Bono* essay. I have not done any of the legwork myself. Let me first state, in two paragraphs, what I take to be Azal's theme:

Monis's career in Australia looks like that of an ASIO or CIA asset who acts as a provocateur. After he arrived here, seeking asylum, Iran asked to have him sent back, to face charges of embezzlement. This naughtiness did not hinder his immigration prospects! The media set him up around 2000 as a good role model, a religious moderate.

Then in 2007 media changed tack, portraying him as a rude fool who had sent letters to families of deceased Diggers saying they had been "pigs." In 2013, his female partner allegedly killed Monis's ex-wife, and both he and the partner were charged but let out on bail. The very blackmailable Monis was then tasked with performing the 2014 siege.

The Muslims of Australia. Azal seems to know a lot about different groups in Australia and how they feel about this and that. (I have no way of checking on it, but he seems to make sense so I'm taking it home 'on appro.')

Of course most Aussies know that some Muslims in Australia oppose western invasion of the Middle East, and that there are religious divisions within the Muslim community, such as the basic doctrinal differences between Sunni's and Shi'ite's.

When Monis was paraded around as a Shi'ite cleric (at times, as an Ayatollah!) he was giving out a message that **the rulers of Iran are bad**. He accused Iran of oppression, and said they were keeping his wife under house arrest as punishment for his having fled to Australia. In other words, Monis was a hireling in the "demonize Iran" trade.

Next, he was vilified (or should we say advertised) as a bad Muslim who would do something so weird as write letters to

military families saying their sons had sinned by killing Afghans and Iraqis.

In Azal's view, this letter-writing campaign put other Muslim leaders in Australia in a bind. They, of course, had stated their opposition to our invasions of the Middle East. But if they were to defend that particular protestor, Monis, they would associate themselves with the letter writing. Yet to condemn him publicly would be disloyal and upset Muslims!

Finally – “finally” meaning in his last days – Monis claimed to be in favor of ISIS, the Islamic state. He tossed off his Shi'ite faith and adopted Sunni Islam. He referred to the very dubious Abu Bakr Baghdadi as “the Commander of the Faithful.”

This was a brilliant move on ASIO's part, if ASIO is the backer here. Once Monis was associated with ISIS (“Gimme a flag”), the whole notion of naughty ISIS could be conjured up symbolically by an image of Monis at Martin Place!

Transcript of the Note (presumably in Monis' handwriting): “Australia is under attack by the Islamic State. There are three bombs in three different locations: Martin Place, Circular Quay and George St. I want to contact other brothers and ask them NOT to explode the other two bombs but I can't contact because they don't carry phone with them. The plan is to request Tony Abbott to call them or me and to have a debate while it is broadcast live on ABC national radio.... And the best way to contact [Monis' buddies] is by my voice message to announce that they should not explode the bombs.”

The Deep State Right Here in the Antipodes

The “Cui bono?” in the title of Azal's article means: Who gained from having a hostage incident at the Lindt Café? Answer: the Deep State. Or has he also calls it, the plutocrats (pluto-cracy, rule by the wealthy).

Azal portrays the Deep State's manipulation of Monis as having a very general goal. It's to show the immigrant community in Oz that they had better shut up. In short, the authorities wish to remove any challenge to Australian participation in wars.

It is interesting that the Powers That Be recognize both Muslims and immigrants generally as a source of challenge. In the United States I believe the FBI correctly recognizes that African-Americans are much more clued in to the behavior of the powerful than are "the whites," and so the FBI persecutes and inhibits "the blacks" every chance it gets.

Also, but I'm guessing here, since the plan is to hit Iran soon, it will pay to have everyone despise Iran. "Oh that yucky Monis – he's Iranian! Yu-uck." Oh, aren't the Iranians tied with the Russians who caused the MH17 plane crash? "Oh super-yuck!"

In Monis' letter of siege demands, he says "Australia is under attack by the Islamic state." In my opinion, that message allows the siege to be considered a foreign attack. As such it could have justified intervention, that day, by the Australian Defense Force, the ADF.

As will be discussed in later chapters, the media has emphasized a few themes in its coverage of the Lindt Café incident:

1. the need to strengthen laws against terrorists;
2. The fact that the military would have done better than the "incompetent" NSW police;
3. The court's mistake in granting bail to Monis;
- and 4. "Muslims."

Did the Deep State Murder Monis's ex-wife? Now to the fact that Monis's ex-wife was found stabbed to death in a stairwell in 2013. The court has given her the pseudonym Helen Lee. Azal hypothesizes that ASIO did the murder, and hints that Monis's partner Amirah Droudis was a honeypot, a trap

set for him. She was in on the letter-writing campaign to parents of Diggers. She is the now-convicted killer in the stairwell episode – Monis was only an accessory.

Azal's Ideas of How Monis Was Manipulable. The style Azal uses consists of showing that normal practice was not followed. For example, he demonstrates (if he is telling the truth) that the Australian authorities knew of Monis' bad history and yet accepted him for permanent residence.

They knew: 1. that Monis had mental health issues; 2. that Iran desired his extradition home to face charges of embezzling US \$200,000 from a travel agency that he had set up; 3. that Interpol had an alert for his arrest; 4. that he had never studied Islam at a seminary, so was probably not a cleric as claimed (and had never composed a major jurisprudential treatise and so was defo not an Ayatollah); 5. that his first wife *wasn't* under house arrest in Iran.

If it were you applying for permanent residence in Oz, you would expect any of those things to cause the door to swing shut, wouldn't you? Azal makes the presumption that **the ABC was used to promote one of the Deep State's publicity stunts**. Look how ABC's Religion Report in February 2001 even accepted his title of "ayatollah". (I consider this majorly incriminating of ABC.)

"People in Sydney walking past the State Parliament buildings on Macquarie Street in recent weeks might have noticed a tall Muslim cleric who has taken up residence in a tent on the footpath outside. [!] He is Ayatollah Manteghi Boroujerdi, a liberal cleric who fled Iran four years ago after being very critical of the Iranian regime.

"Ayatollah Boroujerdi's wife and two daughters are now under house arrest in Iran, and he's hoping the Howard government will put pressure on the regime there to let his family join him here in Australia."

11. Holsworthy's Mock-Up of Café (by Malcolm Hughes)



Australian soldier, center, and a U.S. Marine, right, joint training
Photo: AP/ Audrey McAvoy

This chapter is written by Malcolm R Hughes of Western Australia *(Note: He declares this item “public domain.”)*

I am responding to an Inquest document written by Jeremy Gormly, SC, dated May 16, 2016. He wrote:

“The ADF had built a mock-up of the Lindt Cafe at Holsworthy Army Base to trial and rehearse forced entry. It offered the facility to the NSW Police for training, although as we have heard in evidence that offer could not be taken up on the night.”

Now that I know of the “mock-up” Lindt Café, and the admittance by the Military that it does exist, I believe that Monis was not the initiator of the Sydney siege. Having served in the Army, I suspect that I know a little of their procedures unless those procedures have completely changed, since my service. A project like building a mock-up facility is not decided upon in 5 minutes by a sergeant on the parade ground.

There is a system, the chain-of-command, in which a decision of this sort is made by VERY senior officers, probably at a meeting. Once the decision to go ahead has been made, the

order is passed down the chain to less senior officers and then to non-commissioned officers.

In this case, for the facility to be built on the day of the siege, firstly the ADF would need to be notified of the siege. The Police would have to decide on what was happening, then make a decision on what their own actions would be, on the ground and also at a meeting.

Why would the ADF think they needed to be involved when the incident was apparently a one-man show (Monis)?

Further inquiries would need to be made of the Police, before the Army stepped in, in any capacity. All these operations take time before there is a decision to become involved. Then there would be a meeting to discuss in what way the Army is allowed by law to participate.

Proceeding to Build

A decision to build this “mock-up” building is made by these officers. They then pass their plan along the chain of command. However, this is when time is really used up. There is paper work to be prepared. Written orders to R.A.E. (Royal Australian Engineers) who will build and supply material. Then the R.A.E. will have to provide paperwork to their Unit Store to release the materials.

But before that can happen the measurements of the building have to be decided upon. If the size is to be the same as the original, how and where do these measurements come from at short notice? Who in the Army knows what materials are used in the original?

On the subject of materials for shop front or home building, it is very unlikely to be lying around an Army Engineers yard and would need to be purchased. It's not likely that a civilian supplier has large glass panels on hand.

Where was the “mock up” to be situated? On site at the Engineers yard? If it were to be erected anywhere else, transport for materials would have to be arranged, which means more time plus other personnel, e.g., truck drivers.

Once all this is organized, the time taken to erect the building is several hours. All this supposedly in part of ONE day? Someone is having a lend of us!

ADF tell us that the use was offered to the NSW Police, but they didn’t take up the offer that day. Don’t forget Holsworthy is not 5 minutes from Sydney or it wasn’t when I was based at Ingleburn.

Because of all this I cannot believe that the “mock up” Lindt Café was built on the day of the siege, but had to have been built previously. WHY? This question needs to be asked and answered.

So far I [Mal Hughes] have not tracked down the Report made to a Senate inquiry by Air Marshal Mark Binskin. I did however see, in News.com.au, this item dated May 4, 2016 (about two weeks before Gormly’s statement) which made the preposterous claim that the resources of the police were stretched that day by “other” incidents:

“Earlier, the inquest heard that high-risk domestic incidents had prevented police being able to rehearse plans for storming the cafe using a mock-up built by the [army].”

Our resource was fully committed to not only the Martin Place siege incident but we had a number of other high risk domestic-related incidents at the time,” the commander said. “We didn’t have the capacity. We had the people to go out there but they were actively engaged in high-risk activities.”

I also note that in April, 2014 (before the December 2014 siege), Binskin was made Chief of the entire Australian Defence Force, with an effective date of July, 2014. This write-up is by news.com. au, dated April 4, 2014:

“From the streets of south western Sydney to the head of the Australian Defence Force, it’s been a long journey for Air Marshal Mark Binskin. The avid motorcycle rider, who began his career with a brief stint in the navy before rising up the RAAF ranks, has been confirmed to take over from David Hurley.”

UPDATE. Good news. I’ve made a bit of progress! I have located a Department of Defence item in Hansard that raises new doubts! It took place at an “additional estimates hearing” dated February 25, 2015. That was less than six weeks *after* the Lindt Café siege. It says ADF is going to answer Senator Conroy’s questions “on notice” (i.e., hidden from you and me).

The Senate report says that the Coroner and the NSW Police *ask* that the matter not be made public to “maintain the integrity of the ongoing investigations.”

Department of Defence, Additional Estimates Hearing

25 February 2015

Question on Notice No. 8 - Martin Place siege/ Hansard p 30.

Senator CONROY: Liaison can be formal or informal. Were the ADF providing advice to the New South Wales police? I appreciate the point you have just made, that they all just work together. They were very integrated and they knew each other, but were they providing formal advice?

Air Chief Marshal Binskin: They may have in a particular specialist area, which I do not want to discuss openly. We have certain capabilities.

CONROY: I am trying to understand. Were any of those specialist capabilities deployed?

Binskin: I would have to take that on notice. Again, I think you are heading down a path that is different to what I am thinking. They are specialist technical areas, if I were to be precise. You can see where that might be.

CONROY: Media reports suggest that New South Wales police had a prepared direct action DA plan many hours before their emergency action plan had to be implemented. Did the ADF provide advice to the New South Wales police in relation to tactics or weaponry in relation to the direct action plan?

Binskin: I would have to take that on notice. I do not believe so. The New South Wales police is one of the more capable forces in Australia to handle this situation. (. . .)

Senator CONROY: Did ADF personnel, liaison specialists or others provide any input into that direct action plan?

Air Chief Marshal Binskin: I would have to take that on notice. I would think that that would be more an area that the coroner would want to look at, so I would have to be careful on how I answered that. I am not trying to be evasive. [!!!]

CONROY: Did the ADF have any personnel deployed in Martin Place?

Binskin: That is what I will take on notice, from a specialist point of view. And that I do not have exactly to hand. But I will get it for you.

Update: You ain't seen nuttin' yet in terms of Malcolm Hughes' persistence. By writing to the coroner he made what looks to me to be a top discovery about the siege. It's in Appendix B below.

12. Compare Port Arthur Massacre with Sydney's Siege



Prime Minister and Mrs Turnbull, 20 years after Port Arthur massacre
Photo: peerie.adaptive.net

In this chapter I compare Port Arthur with the Sydney Siege. The Port Arthur massacre took place on April 28, 1996. Martin Bryant was involved in the hostage business at Seascope cottage, but not at the Broad Arrow Café (for which he is serving a life sentence). Some points of similarity to the Sydney siege:

1. Both cases got dramatic media coverage but no probing questions by media.
2. Both featured a lone nutter (supposedly), although one of them, Monis, also had an ideology (supposedly).
3. Both had a scandalous police stand-down.
4. Both stand-downs have engendered public complaints by cops who were stood down.
5. Monis was shot dead when the siege ended; Bryant was supposed to be burned to death but escaped.
6. Both scenes are unresolved as to number of shots fired, number of guns firing, and gun ownership.
7. The gun skills of both men were amateur, although Monis had been trained to use a gun as a security guard.
8. Both incidents led to legislation to control all citizens.
9. The prime minister in both cases (John Howard, Tony Abbott) was clearly not out for the people's needs.

10. Monis (of Sydney siege) was said to have been involved in the death of his ex-wife. Bryant was accused by gossipers of the death of his father, Maurice Bryant.
11. In both cases Canberra was covertly in control. In the Port Arthur case this was in the form of SAC-PAV.
12. There was an SAS drill near the Lindt Café a year earlier (2013); Tasmania had several preparedness exercises in April, 1996.
13. At one site a mother and two daughters were killed; at the other a mother of three young children were killed.
14. Both sites now have memorials to the victims.
15. Both events involved a “hostage situation.”
16. Both men seemed to have no escape plan whatsoever.
17. Both men were “diagnosed” as attention seekers; although one was said to have been motivated to violence by a grudge, the other by religion.
18. Both had an inquest, but the Port Arthur inquest was aborted after 6 months
19. Both lack a critique by an academic spokesperson.
20. Both incidents are said to have “changed Australia forever.” (And that may be so.)

What Are the Statistics for Belief in a PA Conspiracy?

More than a hundred Tasmanians were keen to get at the truth of Port Arthur soon after it happened. Luckily for us, several staff members of the Historic Site were on duty that Sunday – and did not get wounded. So they aided the information-seekers, who met at clubs and public halls.

Still, it took a long time for people to discuss justice. Once the “baddy” was in jail (i.e., the innocent Martin Bryant), it became very unfashionable to mention that anyone other than Martin may have committed the massacre. Naming the real criminals (government agents) was taboo. Actually the taboo is largely self-imposed; we all have major reluctance to accuse “Authority” of sin. Authority is “Daddy” in our deepest brain.

Thousands of Australians now want to bring the Port Arthur matter to a head -- partly because of a petition at Change.org, sponsored by Cherri Bonney. Of course that leaves millions who don't care, or wouldn't agree, or have not heard that there are activists on the case. Naturally, most people accept the official story. It is now almost two years since the Lindt Cafe siege. Do most Australians even know that there are rumblings?

Speeding Up the Analysis. I shall now put the case that both the Sydney siege and the Port Arthur massacre were invented by someone far away. And who might that be? It might well be the World Government, also known as the cabal. The cabal's most important goal is to stay in power.

Although they claim not to worry about a fall from grace (or a fall on their veritable nose), they must worry subconsciously. In various animal species, the alpha knows that rivals are always waiting for "the opportunity."

How to keep a large population from ousting the bosses? One way is to stay concealed – tell the people that some other majestic authority is really the one in charge.

However, the Internet has put paid to the conceal-ability of the top persons. For example, meetings of the Bilderbergers get spied on by dissidents and reported within the hour. The mind-control practices of Tavistock (covert British group) are plastered everywhere. I now offer a hot item but without its secret source. I take it to be genuine. Compare Karen Wetmore's book *Surviving Evil* (2016).

Martin Bryant "randomly picked" as secret services "child fodder", meeting 1988 Unley, South Australia, at his handlers' orders, chaperoned by [redacted] who introduced him as a 'cook', he wants to kill people and tried to paint him as worthless and disposable. He showed **no sign of mental incapacity**, psychiatric condition, retardation or PHTs. Body language indicated apprehension.

We established that he had been drugged unconscious for the trip from Tasmania, following the usual – expressly forbidden – practice and injected with the usual antidote immediately before being ushered into our office. He obviously was bewildered by the strange environment. We tried to allay his fears. His verbal communication was understandably reticent but his body language quickly indicated a trusting, open nature.

Specifically questioned on the allegations of wanting to kill people, Mr Bryant was coherent, clearly denied, showed fear... [about] what was reproached him. We ascertained unreservedly that he was sincere, peaceful ... in a word ‘normal’ and probably not PHT’d (yet). We offered protection... but his handlers immediately rushed in and whisked him away.

A few weeks later he was again brought to us. He could not walk unaided. **He had clearly been severely electroshocked and overdosed on neuroleptics**, displaying an absent gaze, with an attention span of five seconds or less, constantly stooping head.

Was unable to recognize the interviewer, had lack of muscle coordination (e.g., inability to close mouth and control flow of saliva), and symptoms congruent with very heavy dosage of benzodiazepines. He had some uncontrollable jerking of limbs and body rigidity.

His handlers [said] in his presence, and in very menacing tones, that they had “done it”, that he was “gone”, that they would kill him, and that **we should take as proof of his worthlessness the state he was in** and the symptoms which they declared to be epilepsy!

It was revealed the same treatment would be applied to us should we **make any move to defend Martin or divulge**. Subsequent history has shown their threats were not idle. At a later date a staff from **Glenside** visited us and informed that Martin had been imprisoned incommunicado (and hypnotically induced). Similar follow-ups by former **Hillcrest** psychiatric staff. [Emphasis added]

Legal Profession’s Obligation: Guard the Law. Jane Jacobs, at age 91, wrote a book *Dark Age Ahead*. Among the problems that are causing the entire English-speaking world to

collapse, she said, are: loss of sense of community, denigration of the principles, and the loss of ethics in the professions. When I first read it, I thought she had not captured the biggies. But now I know better. All three things are mainstays of our civilized life.

Doctors have stopped guarding medical science or for that matter, people's health. They have sold out and become intimidated. Compared to what they used to be, they have shrunk. See my book *Consider the Lilies* (2013). Sorry to say, lawyers can match 'em any day. Please see my book *Fraud Upon the Court*. We must do an about-face.

It would probably take only a few doctors and lawyers to make a difference. In the medical field, two brave souls, Jeff Bradstreet and Nick Gonzalez have been killed for their good ethics. The others should make a stink. As for lawyers dying for the cause, I don't know of any, but the Powers That Be have probably taken some out.

The reason it matters is that strong, intelligent persons are the bulwark. As it stands now, we are very atomized. The concentration of wealth and power at the top is a big mistake. I chalk that up at least partly to the way the old rule of chartering a corporation has been modified. The corporation used to have to show how it would benefit society in exchange for the limited liability it gained. Now it just declares itself great and proceeds to steamroll us.

So who changed the law? Legislators – polties. There are always opportunities in court for mistakes like that to be challenged on constitutional or common law grounds. However, the court scene is now one in which good lawyers get clobbered. Bar Associations and Law Societies not only don't speak against this; they are major backers of this power.

13. The Sydney Siege Has That False-Flag Look



(L) George Brandis, Attorney General, Photo: theshovel.com.au
(R) Mark Binskin, Head of the ADF, Photo: cel.edu.au

The 9-11 attacks in New York and the July 7, 2005 attacks on the London Tube were false flags. How can we know? Because there were elaborate drills taking place *officially*, on the same day, for an incident very similar to the one attributed to “terrorists.” It is not just improbable but *impossible* for such things to have occurred by coincidence.

The Coroner, Magistrate Michael Barnes, has said he needs to get the Lindt Café Inquest done right (and speedily), as *another incident* could be waiting in the wings.

The purpose of such an attack -- I claim -- would be for our government (or a foreign entity) to tighten control over all Australians or gear us up for war. I show photos of our attorney general and head of the armed forces above, as they would have to be behind such a caper!

To try to stop the bamboozling of Aussies, let’s sort out what happened at the Sydney siege, December 15, 2014. It shouldn’t be investigated solely by focusing on mad-man Monis. (Hello, remember mad-man Martin Bryant?)

Why False Flags Exist. Pretend you want to start a war with Ruritania. You want your own people to join you enthusiastically. What better way than to stage an attack against your own

people, and attach the flag of Ruritania to the (disguised) attackers?

Have the media standing by to make the most of the story, which must always include:

1. The outrageousness of what the attackers did
2. The ever-increasing threat, that if the attackers (the Ruritarians) are not stopped they'll do more harm
3. The need for our nation to draw close together in reacting.

False-flaggery is nothing new and never had any particular association with the religion of Islam. Nowadays, however, when you see a terrorist operation you can be sure the media will have a headline ready to blame "Muslims." Here are a few of the big ones:

1993 the bombing of basement of NY World Trade Center

1995 the bombing of the Paris Metro

2001 the destruction of the Twin Towers on "9-11"

2005 the bombing of three London Tube stations

2013 the bombing of Boston's Marathon race

Isn't it odd for a group of people that had no known talent for major operations, Muslims, to suddenly be able to carry off such things as a coordinated attack on three Tube stations or the actual bringing down of skyscrapers! But if media says it is so, it is so – for most people at least.

(Note: everyone is afraid to challenge a great, big media story. The mere size of it dwarfs you and your right to challenge it. And if you try to question the Muslim terrorist theme, you'll appear to be a sympathizer!)

What happened in the CBD of Sydney was pretty low-budget compared to the biggies listed above. Media hyped it effectively

to make it seem much bigger. After all, if Monis had many accomplices out there, a bomb *could* have been ready to go off in every capital city. Perth folk, say your prayers! Note: Our mind is instinctively inclined to magnify its estimate of danger – to be on the safe side.

Monis' life and career was also played up to magnify his fierceness. Once you study him today, you might conclude that he was a wimp if not a wuss. But on the day, all that needed to be said was that Monis had been an “an accessory to murder.” I noticed in the hearing of August 16, 2016 that barrister Philip Boulten, actually referred to Monis as a *murderer*. Monis was never charged with murder.

The Government magnified the *reaction*, also, by evacuating part of the CBD. Murdoch press went in for such headlines as “A Nation Weeps” and, rather presciently, “The Day That Changed Australia Forever.” The event, which by any honest definition was not a siege, soon came to be called a “siege.”

The Prime Minister contributed to the Sydney excitement by saying “I can think of nothing more terrifying and distressing than to be caught up in such a situation.” (Please ask: Who writes his speeches? **Who told him to say precisely that?**)

A Message from 47 Years Ago

I won't be surprised if people who know me think I always had a closed mind on the subject. Granted, from the very moment I heard, in Adelaide, that Sydney was experiencing a terrorist incident I scoffed at it. But it took more factors to bring me around. Consider what was predicted as far back as 1969:

Richard Day, MD, was a Rockefeller insider who gave a speech to doctors and medical students. Among his predictions were:

“Violence would be made more graphic. This was intended to **desensitize people to violence**. There might need to be a

time when people would witness real violence and be a part of it. So there would be more realistic violence in entertainment, which would make it easier for people to adjust. [Good God!]

“People’s attitudes toward death would change. People would not be so fearful of it but more accepting of it, not be so aghast at the sight of dead people or injured people. We don’t need to have a genteel population paralyzed by what they might see. **The plan includes numerous human casualties that the survivors would see.**”

Dr Lawrence Dunegan took notes and published the above in 1988. A list of 100 of the predictions can be found in *Truth in Journalism*, by Dee McLachlan and Mary Maxwell. They are also discussed in a GumshoeNews.com article entitled “Forgive me, David Rockefeller.”

Most of Dr Day’s hundred or so predictions have come true. We need to be more critical of all this. Our culture and our values are apparently being planned in a boardroom.

I’m by now fairly wedded to the idea that the 15 December 2014 siege *does* fit the bill as a false flag event. Yet I cannot rule out the converse -- that it all was as described. Do you think it possible that Monis had no help at all from any person, a true lone gunman? If so, you also have to believe that 13 adults remained controllable for 17 hours, and that Monis himself must have been suicidal as he seems to have had no escape plan.

Do the measures taken by the authorities seem reasonable? That no negotiations were entered into? That the storming did not take place until after a hostage lost his life?

Update: George Brandis became Australian High Commissioner to the UK from 2018 to 2022, and is now a professor of law at ANU, teaching national security. Think about it.

14. The Eighteen Hostages of the Sydney Siege



Jarrold Morton-Hoffman, Joel Herat, Photo: australia.trendolizer.com

Very likely Monis was under the control of one of the covert agencies. These ostensibly work for government but are really the servants of private entities.

I was not present at the hearings at which hostages gave testimony under oath. I hope to obtain transcripts but for now I am using information about them from the media and YouTube. I divide the 18 hostages into four groups:

The Eight Staff Members of the Lindt Cafe:

The chef, **Paolo Vassalo**, age 37, was in the first batch of escapees (3 males) at 3:37pm. (He went out the Philip St fire exit.)

The barista, **Elly Chen**, age 23, escaped in the second batch (2 females) at 4:30pm, wearing her apron. Waitress **Jaien Bay** escaped with Elly via the swinging doors to lift lobby.

Four more Café employees escaped at 2:03am in the dark. Video shows them running through lift lobby out to Martin Place: **Joel Herat**, age 23, **Harriet Denny**, age 31, **Jarrold Morton-Hoffman**, age 19.

Then **Fiona Ma**, age 19, used green button to exit main door onto Philip St. That left only one Café employee, **Tori Johnson**, the manager, who did not survive.

The Three Barristers:

Barrister **Stefan Balafoutis**, age 41, escaped in the first batch at 3:37pm (He used the green button at main entrance.)

Barrister **Julie Taylor**, age 36 and pregnant, escaped at 2:03am.

Barrister **Katrina Dawson**, age 38, was injured during the police shooting at 2:15am, and died on the way to hospital.

The Four Westpac Bank Persons:

Two men from India were working on a project for Westpac, but strictly speaking were not employed by Westpac. They are:

Viswakanth Ankireddy, age 32, software engineer, who escaped at 2:03am. **Puspendhu Ghosh**, from Infosys, who escaped at 2:03am.

The two female employees of Westpac did not escape and were still in the café after both **Tori** and **Monis** were killed. They are:

Selina Win Pe, age 42, a senior bank manager.

Marcia Mikhael, 42, a bank executive. She was wounded in the legs by police gunfire.

The Three Retirees:

John O'Brien, age 82, escaped in the first batch at 3.37pm.

Louisa Hope, age 51, who retired for medical reasons in 2008, did not escape, and neither did her mother **Robin Hope**, age 71. They were found by police in the Café at 2.15am. **Louisa**

- was wounded in the foot by police gunfire. -
- My list accounts for all 18 hostages, 16 of whom are alive.

In False-Flag Events, Are There Actors?

In recent years, crisis actors have apparently been employed to participate as victims of terrorist events. I do not like the label “crisis actor,” just as I am averse to the label “hoax.” I would rather approach the problem by asking “Were there any confederates?” The Macmillan Dictionary defines *confederate* as “someone who works with you to achieve something, often secret or illegal.”

False flag events require confederates. Jeff Bauman in Boston must have been a confederate. But persons other than victims play confederate roles too. Let me name one: the telephone operator who said a call came to her from Todd Beamer when he was in the air, about to crash on 9-11. She told how she and Todd prayed the 23rd Psalm together. (Later on the *Oprah* show she changed it to The Lord’s Prayer.)

Todd is the man who supposedly said “Let’s roll.” A whole movie has been made about Todd’s attempts to wrestle with the Arab hijacker, to impress it in the American mind. Nonsense. Todd was not on a plane that allegedly crashed in Shanksville, PA, known as AA Flight 93. (See a January 9, 2015 Gumshoe review of the book *Another Nineteen* for suggestions as to who was involved in 9-11.)

I don’t know for sure that Todd was a confederate. Possibly he was killed that morning and disposed of. But the telephone operator must be a confederate. Granted, a faker-on-the-payroll may have called her and *said* he was Todd in which case she was not “lined up in advance.” But that leaves us asking why she had to fiddle with her Lord’s Prayer story.

Preparing Your Confederates To get an idea of the importance of confederates, you have only to imagine yourself

cooking up a false-flag terrorist incident. It wouldn't do to choose a venue where some people might be able right away to stop the event!

Killing Under Mind Control? -- Danny Guest, *The Daily Sheeple* January 10, 2017

The latest official gunman is **Esteban Santiago** the alleged killer of 5 people at the Fort Lauderdale Airport "In November 2016. He walked into the Anchorage FBI Field Office to report that his mind was being controlled by a U.S. intelligence agency," a senior official told Fox News. He said that "He didn't want to hurt anyone" and that he felt he was "being forced to work for ISIS". Santiago thought he was being mind controlled, possibly by the C.I.A. and admitted to hearing voices, which told him to "watch extremist materials on the Internet," the New York Times reports.

Five Other Cases

Jared Loughner [who] reportedly killed six people and wounded congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, in 2011 filed a lawsuit claiming he was "handpicked to be a sleeper assassin." "The govt. put a chip in my head to control my mind."

In 2012, **James Holmes**, the 24-year-old suspect in the mass shooting of Batman movie in Aurora, was one of six recipients of a Neuroscience Training Grant at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Denver, and was intimately involved in mind control experiments.

More than a month before the 2013 Washington Navy Yard shooting, , **Aaron Alexis** reported to police that he was being stalked by unidentified individuals who followed him to three different motels, and these individuals were using some sort of "microwave machine" to send voices into his body and keep him awake at night. He refused to tell what the voices were instructing him to do.

The Baton Rouge gunman **Gavin Long**, a former marine, said in online posts and videos that he was being targeted by "a vast government conspiracy that watches and harasses everyday Americans." He couldn't sleep because he was 'hearing voices'.

In March of 2016 **Jason Brian Dalton** who police say shot and killed six people in Kalamazoo told police that when he opened [a certain app on his computer] app, a symbol appeared that “would literally take over your whole body.” -- end of Danny Guest item

Consider PJ (Pat) Allen, a Tasmanian constable. On the day of the Port Arthur massacre, Pat came along thinking he should do what a normal cop does: capture or shoot the mad gunman. Pat presented a problem to the bosses: they did not want the Seascope siege to end in the afternoon.

They would have been better off with a confederate cop who knew the rules. Instead, they had to keep Allen occupied. They made him lie in a ditch for 8 hours in front of Seascope property, fending off bullets that were clearly aimed not to hit him but to prevent his taking the action of ending the siege.

It is also a worry that some on-the-spot persons, unaware of what’s really happening, might go public right *after* the event, reporting what they saw or heard. Those persons have to be killed or paid off or whatever. Ask me about the “suicide” of Officer Terrance Yeakey following the Oklahoma City bombing, or the “suicide” of Inspector Hedric Fredou after the Charlie Hebdo event in Paris.

In the Boston Marathon case, friends of Jahar Tsarnaev may have been able to defend him in court. So they were creatively arrested on trumped-up charges, to keep them from talking.

After the event such persons can be featured by the media as good, solid witnesses, especially if they suffered an injury.

How About at the Sydney Siege?

Although I have no proof that the Sydney siege was a false-flag operation, it is highly likely. As such, it would have needed many confederates.

The most essential confederate, the *sine quo non*, would be the police authority who made sure no one tried to end the Sydney siege prematurely. "Permission denied. This has to happen."

In order for the event to stick with all Australians, it had to be dramatic and at least somewhat prolonged. Earlier false-flag operations in Australia, such as the 1978 Hilton bombing, aren't memorable. The 'foreign' costume of Monis, both at the Café and in his earlier scripts, gives this incident a visual effect that may last a longer time. Of course, the fact that the siege involved the death of a mother of young children renders it especially emotional.

I imagine the negotiators were confederates. For the event; let me say develop it was necessary that the "negotiating" be a farce. Had the government been seen talking with the terrorist, the siege would have lost its punch. (As it happened, the 'rescue' went live in US on prime time TV.)

Note: I assume Monis himself was a confederate playing out a role and did not expect there to be any real violence. His various demands must have been scripted for him, including his public-relations-clever threat to bomb the Opera House.

Note: it was later said that police eliminated the problem re the Opera House, by 6pm. Technically, how were they able to do that?

The best candidates for a confederate function are the 18 hostages. Some may have had some preparation for the event, let me say that such preparation could have been innocent. They could have been told that **there would be a drill and they must play as if it's real**. Air traffic controllers on 9-11 were prepared for a drill. This made them hold back from taking standard emergency action due when they see flights going off course.

We know, from Stewart Beattie's research, that at least six of the deceased at Port Arthur were there on an ASIO mission. Their ASIO colleagues must have been appalled at this loss to their ranks, but did not dare fuss.

Jarrold Morton-Hoffman, age 20, for First Anniversary of Siege
This is a statement from the youngest hostage:

"For terrorist groups like Islamic State to survive, their biggest challenge is to *legitimise themselves* to Muslims across the globe. Like most gangs and cults, it is well known that IS recruiters prey on the vulnerable, the isolated and the disenfranchised — people who feel abandoned or vilified by their communities.

"Thus, it seems like common sense to me that the best way to undermine IS recruiters and their propaganda is to stop making Australian Muslims feel isolated.

"Perhaps if we stopped trying to force Australian Muslims out of mainstream society in the name of national security, and if we start to once again treat each other with mutual respect and understanding, then maybe Australian Muslims may feel that they have the opportunity and desire to be a part of the broader Australian community.

"This week marks the first of many anniversaries where we will mourn the loss of Tori and Katrina. We will mourn together as Australians — no matter where we were born or what we believe in — for the needless loss of two of our own."

15. Not Every Muslim Is a Terrorist, You Know



Muslim kid praying, Photo: ultimatemuslimwarriors.files.wordpress.com

In a July 30, 2016 article at GumshoeNews.com, entitled “It’s Gotcha Day,” I made up the word *korodized* – “to have been made to look like an Islamic terrorist.” This was based on the name Korody. As noted, Amanda Korody in Canada was “korodized” -- the authorities drew her into a sting operation to blow up a building. But the judge, Justice Catherine Bruce, was alert to the trick of korodization and acquitted her.

In this chapter – with an eye to the Sydney siege – I want to sort out some methods for korodizing, that is, for making a person appear to be an Islamic terrorist when he is not. (I realize the term “korodize” will not catch on!)

Three Categories

Making people look dangerous because they are Muslims has become so widespread – since around 1970 – that is is easy to spot whole categories. Here I will outline three categories:

1. Persons who have no history of proselytizing (i.e., preaching the religion)

2. Persons who led a whole group
3. Persons who have no physical presence.

Persons Who Have No History of Proselytizing

It is standard for governments today to regard various patsies as having been proselytizers, even when the record does not show that they were ever involved in trying to convert others. (“It is just taken for granted.”)

Consider the following famous “terrorists,” arrested for having allegedly caused a violent event, who did not, on any previous occasion, display a tendency to force “Islam” on the public.

1. **The four boys “who blew up the London tube”** on July 7, 2005. (Yes, I know we should say “allegedly blew up” but let’s be abstemious with the ink and omit the *allegedly*.)

2. **The two brothers “who shot a number of persons”** in the editorial office of the magazine known as Charlie Hebdo in Paris: Cherif and Said Kouachi.

Apparently if the authorities say “this guy hung out at a mosque” or “this guy was friends with so-and-so, a religious extremist” that’s enough to get you accused. (How about “this guy’s aunt’s neighbor’s kindergarten teacher once sent a \$10 cheque to the Help Muslim Kids Fund”? That could suffice.)

3. **Jahar Tsarnaev “who bombed the Boston Marathon.”** Jahar (Dzhokhar) Tsarnaev never, by any accounts, had a sense of mission regarding Islam. He’s a very Americanized, pot-smoking teenager, gentle by nature.

Note: I cannot put his older brother Tamerlan Tsarnaev in the korodized category. He did have at least some history of proselytizing. By the way that says nothing as to his guilt for the Boston bombing. I am sure Tamerlan, did not do it (see my video “Potstava!”) -- but he did push Islam.

Note: Man Haron Monis, like Tamerlan pushed Islam, to the point of making a public career of it, from about 2006 to 2014. That however is not the same as practicing terrorism.

What we're looking at, at the moment, are persons against whom a terrorist case gets made simply on the basis of their being Muslim, or Muslim-ish.

4. **Mohamed Atta who flew a plane** into the World Trade Center. He not only was not excessively interested in the Holy Koran, but drank a lot and “had a girlfriend with pink hair” -- a sure sign of atheism? (Note: it has been suggested that the Atta in the media is a body-double for the real one in Hamburg, Germany.)

5. You may balk at this one. Go ahead, balk. **The 15-year-old who shot dead Mr Curtis Cheng**, a civilian employee of the police, outside the Parramatta police station in October, 2015. That 15-year-old was then immediately shot dead by police.

This is not the place to discuss shoot-to-kill policy, but just to note that the boy seemed “an obvious choice” to be killed, based on his name: Farhad Khalil Mohammad Jabar. He did praise the Islamic State, but his name would have sufficed, no?

Recall these two typical quotes after the death of Mr Cheng. Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said:

“When a 15-year-old boy can be so radicalised that he can carry out a politically motivated killing or an act of terrorism, then it's time for the whole nation to take stock.” [Take stock of what?]

NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione opined that the attack was “politically motivated and therefore linked to terrorism.” (Huh?)

6. **Saddam Hussein.** I list Saddam here to bring up the fact that Americans were so willing to believe that all Muslims fight for their religion, their theocracy, that they even extended this to Saddam who had explicitly secularized his people.

Our brains are foggy when we need to unite against an enemy. God made it that way. Or, if you prefer, evolution produced minds that get focused on certain things and get foggy on others. For example, all that's needed to unite people is a symbol, such as a flag.

All that is needed to arouse one's soldiers to action is the name of an enemy, and a mention of some outstanding bad characteristic of that group. "They use weapons of mass destruction." "They discriminate against women (OMG)" Or sometimes – this is rich – "they harm their own people."

Believe it or not, in the year 2003 when Iraq got destroyed, most Americans thought it was to punish Saddam for 9-11 – even though that had NOT been stated by the US leaders. Saddam had no role in 9-11.

Foggy brains will be happy with the simplest, symbolic cues: Arab hijackers, World Trade Center, Saddam.

Bottom line: when told that a Muslim has done something bad, check your brain for fogginess or you will get tricked.

Be sure to demand good evidence that the person – Jahar Tsarnaev, say – committed the crime he is accused of.

Did Jahar kill Officer Sean Collier? The Carmen Ortiz's of this world pretty much say "He must have done it. He was wearing the right color backpack, wasn't he?" Oops, not.

Persons Who Led a Whole Group. Ayatollah Khomeini. The US-backed Shah of Iran took the reins in 1954, but by

1979 Kissinger did not want him there anymore. The Shah developed cancer. At that point an Iranian cleric, waiting in Paris, came back to Teheran to lead a religion-based revolution: Ayatollah Khomeini.

Granted, to say that Ayatollah Khomeini was korodized is a stretch. He certainly wasn't "smeared" with the name "Islamic rebel" -- he sought it out. Was he a sincere Muslim? Robert Dreyfuss, in *Hostage to Khomeini*, 1978, makes a good case that the Ayatollah worked for the Western powers. John C. Coleman says so, too, in *The Conspirators' Hierarchy*, 1992. (Coleman also says Ho Chi Minh was CIA.) It is hard to deal with these theories. Let's move on.

Persons Who Have No Physical Presence

Now for a third subcategory of korodized people (besides the ones who didn't proselytize and the ones who led a big group). These ones have no actual physical existence!

Thanks to Hollywood's ability to conjure up fictional characters, we all understand that it's possible for a person to be breathed into existence, and breathed out again, and yet to make quite an impact during those days or hours that he "exists."

1. Consider **the two Middle Eastern men who attacked, a uniformed member of the Australian Navy** near Bella Vista, Sydney, at 6.30am on September 25, 2014. The sailor reported his injuries immediately to the King's Cross Police station. (Well, you would, wouldn't you.)

For about 14 hours, the two Middle Eastern men had existence. How do we know? Because the media said so.

And because the Australian Senate that very evening voted to pass new anti-terrorist measures, at least partly in response to this new incursion of Muslims onto Oz soil.

Days later, “the charges were dropped.” Soon, the government apologized to the Muslim community for this little episode of guilt-by-association. They did not admit however that the assaulters (and probably the assaulted) did not exist.

Further down the track, regarding this Bella Vista incident, the police media liaison admitted to Gumshoe editor Dee McLachlan: “We don’t believe it happened.”

Amazing, a total fiction. No such sailor. No such Middle Eastern men. Nada. Granted, therefore, they are an odd species of “the korodized” – they lack the flesh, blood, skeletal structure, and other things so characteristic of *H sapiens*.

2. Another really beaut example are the **seven men out of the nineteen whom the 9-11 Commission reported as being hijackers** – who have since come forward. They say “See? We did not plunge into the Twin Towers; we are alive and well and unrelated to any such event.”

Naturally we can’t blame any particular judiciary for not acquitting those 7 men, since they were never indicted or tried in the first place -- on the basis that you can’t bring a dead person to trial even if he be alive.

(Say what?)

But many other “korodized” individuals have been accused and convicted. They are wrongly in prison today.



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WELCOME TO PART III

HOW AN INQUEST CAN HELP US ALL

Topics:

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Transcripts

16. An Inquest's Mission and Legal Basis



(L) Barrister Katrina Dawson, RIP. Café Manager Tori Johnson, RIP.
Photos: AP

When I sit in the Coroners Court in Sydney, I feel grateful that there is such a thing as holding “an inquest into the deaths that occurred in the café.” But I have still not quite grasped what is going on. Let’s get to the legal parameters.

A coroner is a judge or magistrate who **makes a finding into certain kinds of deaths**, per the particular state’s legislation - - such as deaths where the body is missing, deaths in custody, and deaths likely caused by homicide. (Some states require a coroner to look at fires and explosions even if no one died.)

In New South Wales, per the ***Coroners Act 2009***, section 84:

“(1) The Supreme Court may, on the application of the Minister ... if the Court is satisfied that it is necessary or desirable to do so in the interests of justice [may] order that an inquest concerning a death or suspected death be held.”

The coroner looks at the death itself. He can comment on other issues, and he is required to make recommendations that could help protect people against a death in similar circumstances. For example, a coroner could find that Mary Smith

died of asphyxiation from kitchen fumes due to faulty manufacture of a stove hood. His findings could lead to legislation regulating, say, the efficiency of stove hoods.

Note: he would *not* enter into the matter of how blame should be dealt with. Did this manufacturer deliberately make poor ventilation and thus deserves to be arrested for manslaughter?

Did the death violate a contract between merchant and consumer and thus should result in damages being paid to the deceased's estate? Such consequences of the coroner's findings need to be handled by someone else: a prosecutor or litigants.

Could Magistrate Michael Barnes Go Further?

Gumshoe has recently published a series on the current Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. That RC has broad terms of reference. The Commissioner, Justice Peter McClellan, is showing no reluctance to put loaded questions to bishops, military commanders, and police.

By contrast, a coroner is not empowered to delve into whatever he fancies. How in fact does he decide what issues to consider? This is partly determined by interested parties. They can apply to the judge to be participants in the Inquest.

The Family of a Deceased Person Has a Role

Normally we expect families to participate. The Johnson and Dawson family are participants in the siege inquest. Parties can be represented by a lawyer – or themselves – at the hearings; they can cross-examine witnesses.

A call was made for written submissions in 2015. The court subpoena'd many documents and videos that shed light on the siege. Persons who gave written evidence might be called to the hearings and are sworn in.

Each is entitled to have a lawyer in the room. Members of the NSW Police who have given testimony are served by a police lawyer who is at the “front bar table”: Dr Ian Freckelton, QC. He is quick to raise objections to certain questions, and the judge makes an immediate decision as to upholding the objection or not.

As an example of the way in which the families are disputing some of the testimony, Ms Gabrielle Bashir, SC, lawyer for the Johnson family, did not agree with the way the expert (Domenic Ranieri) estimated the location the location of the police shooter by the amount of light that was shown in the window of the café.

Parties Have Their Own Agenda. The Johnson family naturally wants some sort of consideration of the fact that Tori’s death should have been avoided. This may consist of the police having acted earlier in the day or of a court having refused bail for Monis. The Dawson family may want to claim that the 2:13am storming of the café by police should have been done differently.

The Absence of the Monis Family. Probably if a member of Man Haron Monis’ family applied to participate in this inquest the request would be granted, since Monis also lost his life that day, and not by suicide. His family would thus get the same privileges as the other families, such as to cross-examine witnesses, despite Monis being reported to be the murderer of Tori Johnson.

Evidence that Monis killed Tori comes from two eyewitness: Louisa and Selina. (Marcia contradicts them as to the kneeling position of Tori.) There is also forensic evidence that the bullet found in Tori’s body did not contain copper. Bullets fired by police did contain copper, so Van der Walt deduced that the fatal shot did not come from police and therefore came from Monis (who allegedly had a shotgun that fired lead bullets).

17. Other Inquests Have Identified Perjury



(L) NSW Coroner Michael Barnes, Photo: resources3.newscorps.com.au

(R) Construction worker Reuben Barnes (Reuben's death at age 16 was the subject of a Qld inquest), Photo: resources1.news.com.au

When it comes to inquests of a controversial nature, the committing of perjury may come down to “those who can, do.” Consider the case of a policeman or prison guard accused of killing a prisoner. Will they lie at the inquest? I think they will if they feel assured that perjury charges will not be brought.

I believe that police brutality, in many jurisdictions, is *policy*. So is cruelty in jail. So is the battering of members of a minority race. The cop or prison guard who does it seems to know he won't get in trouble. Likewise with the crime of perjury, many people who lie in court are protected from being charged. So they lie like rugs.

Gumshoe has shown that in the Boston Marathon trial of Jahar Tsarnaev, “eye witnesses” give absolutely preposterous evidence. Jahar's court-appointed defense team did not even bother to cross-examine the offending witnesses. That is sufficient proof (to me) that the whole game is a set-up with government approval.

I was wondering if any perjury has occurred at the Lindt Café Inquest. Some statements made as to what went on that 2014 day on December 15, I consider unbelievable. If by any chance

the entire terrorist incident was planned *by government*, the lying witnesses need not fear punishment.

Let me provide examples of “the unexpected.” That is, cases in which the liar copped a charge of perjury.

1. Vancouver, Canada

Headline June 16, 2015: “Ex-Mountie Convicted of Perjury at Taser Death Inquest”

It seems that RCMP constable Benjamin Robinson violated the law of Canada. It had to do with tasing a man named Robert Dziekanski at an airport because – said the Mountie – he was throwing furniture around. The man died. The Crown lawyer recommended a term of **one and a half to three years for perjury by the ex-Mountie** at the inquest. The Press said:

“Robinson’s defence lawyer says his client should get a conditional sentence because he was suffering from post-traumatic stress and substance-abuse issues when he testified at the inquiry.”

What ever happened to “If he’s loyal and true he’s a Mountie”?

2. The Brixton District of London

March 28, 2013:

“Officers arrested police sergeant A, 50, at his place of work on suspicion of perjury and perverting the course of justice, constable B, 29 [at home, for similar] and retired constable C, 48, by appointment at a London police station on suspicion of perverting the course of justice.”

In this case, dating back to 2008, a 40-year-old man with schizophrenia destroyed a gazebo and hit a passerby. Staff at his hostel called the police who didn’t arrive for three hours. When

they did arrive they handcuffed him and then held him in a prone position for 8 minutes.

An *inquest jury* found that the three policemen used unnecessary force on him that contributed to his death.

I don't know if they received any punishment for hurting the man, perhaps no charges were brought -- typical if the deceased had no family, or of the family did not know they could file a complaint.

But in regard to the perjury -- which is a species of "perverting the course of justice" in the UK (as it is also in Australia) -- the jury said "Nope, you can't." Yay, Jury!

3. Queensland, Australia

Headline from Brisbanetimes.com.au: "Man 'gave false evidence' over insulation death." This had to do with installing pink batts in a new home in Rockhampton in which three workers were electrocuted. One died: 16-year Reuben Barnes.

"It's believed the perjury charge relates to a claim the man made that he inspected Stanwell worksite on the morning of Reuben Barnes's death and filled out a safety form.

The scrapped home insulation program is currently the subject of a Royal Commission, which last week heard from former prime minister Kevin Rudd....

Now there's a thought. Should Australia's former PM, Tony Abbott, be called to the current inquest to testify whether he made any of the decisions on December 15, 2014? How about the decision not to chat with Monis? If you say No, please tell me why. Is he not answerable to the nation?

Sample of Coroner's Findings. In the case just mentioned about the death of Reuben Barnes, the findings have been published. I'll quote the section re perjury. It's wonderful to note that the coroner was Michael Barnes, our very own siege coroner. (No relation to Reuben, as he would surely have recused himself.)

From the Findings in the Reuben Barnes death case:

"Section 48 provides that if as a result of the information gathered during an investigation a coroner reasonably suspects a person may have committed an indictable offence **the coroner must refer the information to the Director of Public Prosecutions.** ... [Emphasis added]

"In this case that provision requires I consider whether the evidence given by Mr Jackson raises a suspicion he committed perjury and whether the principals of some of the registered installers committed offences against the Workplace Health and Safety Act or Electrical Safety Act.

Perjury

"The *Criminal Code (Qld)*, S. 123, provides relevantly as follows: Any person who in any judicial proceeding, ... knowingly gives false testimony touching any matter which is material to any question then depending in that proceeding, or intended to be raised in that proceeding, is guilty of a crime, which is called perjury."

"Mr Jackson gave evidence in relation to two matters which were material to questions "*then depending in (the) proceeding*" which may have been knowingly false, namely:

"That he filled out a Work Method Statement ('WMS') for the job at Stanwell early on the morning of 18 November 2009 and left it with Gaven Feeney. The WMS included issues relating to assessment of risk. Mr Jackson purports to have written the

words “*In through roof; earth leakage in powerbox*” as part of a risk assessment that he personally conducted prior to the job being commenced.

“That Mr Jackson accompanied the three workers – the deceased, the foreman Gaven Feeney, and worker Brian Callaghan – to the site at Stanwell and there did a further risk assessment prior to the job being handed over to a foreman.

“These are matters material to the question I must determine during the inquest, namely, how Rueben Barnes died. The other workers who were present on the morning of the incident deny that Mr Jackson attended the incident site or undertook the risk assessment as he claimed.

“Submissions made on his behalf seem to acknowledge that his evidence was erroneous but suggest that was a result of stress rather than being “*knowingly false*”. In my view that is an issue for the DPP to consider when determining whether charges should be laid. Accordingly, I consider I am obliged to refer the information for the DPP’s consideration.”— signed, Coroner Michael Barnes

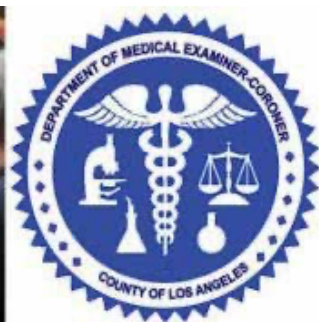
Hooray for truth’s side!

Note: You can approach a coroner if you think someone is committing perjury, or doing one of the other pervert-the-course-of justice things, such as tampering with evidence or trying to get a witness to suppress certain facts. This Inquest’s mailing address is:

c/o Melissa Heris, Office of State Coroner, 44 Parramatta Road, Glebe, NSW 2037 Telephone: 02-8584-7777

Update: That address is now defunct for matters related to the siege inquest. You will have to approach NSW Supreme Court instead.

18. A Coronial Court Is Not Judicial, Is It?



Coronial inquests often involve medical expertise.

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In the chapter on the Inquest's Mission, it was noted that the judge makes no ruling as to who might be blamed for the death, but must make any appropriate recommendations. He can refer persons for prosecution.

That said, I am fascinated by my own inability to get a grasp on what is the real purpose of the current Lindt Café inquest! Let us begin by noting that particular countries, and particular states, have varying rules. For example, a sheriff, or a justice of the peace might serve as the coroner. In the US, a county may have no coroner but have a “medical examiner.”

The reason an official is assigned to do inquests is that there is often a “problem” regarding a death. A disaster, such as the capsizing of a boat or even an epidemic disease, may cause people to demand an explanation. So we turn to the officer of this traditional post, by default. At the current inquiry the man in charge, Michael Barnes, is a Magistrate in NSW's Justice Department. In my view, the coronial “court” is not judicial. How's that for confusing! **Its main mission is a fact-finding one.**

However, the judiciary does come into the story in two ways. First, it can order that an inquest be held, if the Minister requests it.

Second, if the NSW Supreme Court is not satisfied, it can quash an inquest, and order a new one, if there is: “fraud, the rejection of evidence, an irregularity of proceedings, an insufficiency of inquiry, or the discovery of new evidence or facts.”

The Setting. The venue for The Lindt Café Inquest hearings is a large room with no special decorations. The judge’s bench at the front is raised. Each witness faces the judge diagonally.

There are about 20 lawyers, sitting in what I call the orchestra pit. They all dressed conservatively. All persons entering the room bow to the court, and we do so again upon leaving. When the judge enters the room we stand. Half of the seats in the gallery are reserved for the parties.

The judge sometimes orders the court to be cleared. (i.e., galleristas get kicked out). I would need to be persuaded that each court clearance is warranted. Secrecy is bad.

Paperwork. Beginning in 2015, people made written submissions. (Hearings come later.) “Counsel assisting” has organized all the written submissions, and poses questions to the witness based on these. She might say “Please look at page 42E paragraph 3. You say you were standing near the back door at the time of the escape of hostages, is that correct?” “Yes.” Her questioning is called “examination-in-chief.” Then the other lawyers get to cross-examine, for clarification or challenge.

The siege inquest transcripts can be purchased per page and a day’s hearing occupies about 100 pages. By contrast, the Royal Commission lets the public at home see the hearings live-streamed, and transcripts are downloadable.

I suspect that the media get transcripts of the siege inquest. A report the same evening – say, at smh.com.au -- may give detailed quotes from the witness’ testimony. Or could they be recording the audio? Perhaps, but a sign in the gallery says “No photographing or recording.”

At the Downing Center, where we get our hospital bracelets, a sign says “By judicial decision photographic identification must be shown to register for attendance.”

I haven’t yet guessed the purpose of this. Each day they copy down my passport number but they don’t run it against a list of Undesirables, so why ask for it? Is violence a concern? There are two uniformed guards in or around the courtroom (armed with a baton not a gun) who would presumably be able to tackle any troublemakers.

But Is It a Court?

A rose, by any other name, smells as sweet as a rose. However if you give the name “rose” to some *other* object – a pencil, for instance – that object won’t thereby acquire the scent of a rose. Australia calls its coroner’s courts *courts*, but that naming process does not mean the thing is really a court.

Maybe it would be better to let a “coronial expert,” or a “Grim Reaper expert,” run the show instead of a *judge*. After all, it’s an inquiry. The task is to figure something out, not to adjudicate, make rulings, or set precedents.

Note: inquiries often take place without the judicial trappings of a court. Legislatures and town councils can inquire about almost anything; Parliament can summon unwilling testifiers. I know what you’re thinking. You’re thinking that deaths are probably caused by a bad person or a bad practice, so it needs a heavy hand. It needs somebody who can apply principles. It needs a court.

Ah, but as I said, nobody is applying principles here, other than principles related to inquiring. And as I said, in the US the job might belong to a “medical examiner” who is not always, a physician. It is sometimes an elected office.

Is the Coroner's Job Powerful? You want the person to be strong, right? I'll bet what you mean is you want a coroner to be moral and honest and not to be pushed around. We know in our heart of hearts, do we not, that there might well be a lot of bad stuff lurking around the death in question? It would be ideal for the coroner to possess a kind of righteous power.

Granted, sometimes there isn't any hint of wrongdoing. What if four people simply keeled over and died on the bus? Government should try to solve the mystery.

Still, many deaths that require an inquest are indeed related to naughty behavior. Thus any wrongdoers will try hard to keep the truth from emerging. They may even beat up some potential witnesses. The public would hope that a *court* could step in to ameliorate that situation.

A Coronial Inquest in the UK Is Not a Rose

To see how circular the argument can become, look at the website of the City Council of Manchester, UK. The Council seems to want to help bereaved families – maybe. They say: “It is very much in the public interest to have an effective inquest system. It safeguards the legal rights of the deceased's family and other interested persons... Many families also find it helps to have the chance to ask questions and, at the end of the process, know that they have the full facts about their loved one's death.”

Lovely. But then they admit: “Please be aware that, by law, we can only look into matters which relate to the 4 questions that an inquest covers: Who the deceased was, When and where they died. The medical cause of their death, and How they came by their death.” I think it's time we get on with the bigger issue of deaths that happen to be related to the actions of the powerful. Are you with me?

Surprising Coronial Powers in North Carolina. Consider the death of Dr Jeff Bradstreet in the US. He had recently said

he was hot on the trail of a cure for autism. Next he turns up dead, by gunshot, in a river. "Suicide" they say.

This was a rare situation where, at the website "Go Fund Me," friends of Bradstreet, and people who want a cure for autism, said "We ain't having it." The family insisted he would not dream of dying (at 60) as his autistic son had just graduated from high school and needed his Dad.

We sensed foul play. The FDA had raided Jeff's office two days before. Will we find the FDA blamed for the death? Have a squiz at the rules for coroners in the state where Dr Bradstreet lived. Amazingly that law says:

"If it appears that the deceased was slain, or came to his death in such manner as to indicate any person or persons guilty of the crime in connection with the said death, then the said inquiry shall ascertain who was guilty, either as principal or accessory, or otherwise, if known; and the cause and manner of his death." -- North Carolina law

Martin Bryant's Case. Much has been made of the fact that the 35 deaths at Port Arthur did not result in any findings by a coroner. The magistrate in charge, Ian Matterson, started to investigate the case on the very afternoon of April 28, 1996. Many months later he aborted the inquest on the grounds that a guilty plea had come in and a court had sentenced a man to prison for all 35 killings. Coroner Matterson said he *was not allowed to counteract those court findings*, per the 1957 state law. He even sent a letter of apology to bereaved families, such as Stephen Howard who lost his wife at Port Arthur.

Cherri Bonney has very logically petitioned the government of Tasmania to hold an inquest (or a trial). My own view -- based on having now attended one inquest in my whole life (talk about making generalizations!) -- is that there is no point in having an inquest for Port Arthur.

I may be wrong. A coroner *does* have a mandate to establish the time and *manner* of death. Coroners also look at circumstances that led to the death. Several people died during the Port Arthur massacre because they couldn't escape through a particular exit of the Broad Arrow Café, thanks to a door lock that didn't work properly.

Some say the door situation smacked of malice. If so, is there not a better locus for working out the particulars? Would a coroner be strong enough to rush in, knowing that powerful people may kill him? If you say Yes, I say Goodonya. There certainly should be that kind of person, working for the taxpayer. But he can't rule on punishment.

I guess it boils down to whether an Australian coroner – who is always a judge or magistrate – feels his oats, so to speak. If he suspects malice he can at least yak about it.

Autopsy and Custody of the Deceased's Body. An important coronial power is the power to decide to do autopsies, regardless of opposition from anyone. In fact a coroner may take custody of the bodies from Day One.

In the siege case the coroner did have custody in regard to the three deceased persons. Mr Gormly later announced that two bodies were restored to their families, Johnson and Dawson, and that if no one claimed Monis' body he would be buried as a destitute.

Note: my assumption that the Monis family was not invited to participate in this Inquest could be inaccurate.

19. Six Serious Shortcomings of the Inquest



Sophie Callan, Counsel Assisting the Inquest. Photo: newsbar.asn.au

On the day the so-called siege happened, I was disgusted with the government here in Australia. I was also furious that the prime minister, Tony Abbott, went on ABC radio to say “I can think of nothing more terrifying and distressing than to be caught up in such a situation.”

Who ever heard of a leader creating additional fear in the population by saying something like that? I proceeded to post an article at an American alternative website, Rumor Mill News, giving it the title “Terrorists, My Arse.”

As far as I recall, the main thing that indicated to me that Monis was not a spontaneous terrorist was that very message from Tony Abbott. In my opinion, the prime minister should have said something more along the lines of: “We don’t want people around the country to panic. This is a lone man, an apparently disturbed man, and the NSW will deal with it. Meanwhile, just as a precaution, we have evacuated the area.”

Note: the **National Security Committee** at that time of the siege was comprised of six persons whom I have yet to see acting like caring leaders. Namely: Tony Abbott, Prime Minister; Warren Truss, Deputy Prime Minister; Julie Bishop, Foreign Minister; George Brandis, Attorney-General; Joe Hockey, Treasurer; and David Johnston, Defence Minister.

The Inquest

There's nothing like the formality of a court to persuade you that something earnest is happening. At first I had the impression that the Inquest was wonderfully diligent. The questions asked of witnesses seemed intelligent and fair.

Too bad it wasn't live-streamed (as is the current Royal Commission on Child Sexual Abuse). Then all Aussies could feel engaged in it and make an evaluation.

Serious Shortcomings. I now proffer six shortcomings of the Lindt Café Inquest:

1. Entrapment was not investigated or even alluded to at all.

As described in Chapter 9, a couple in Canada, convicted of plotting to blow up a government building, has been found innocent by Justice Catherine Bruce. But for that judge's insight, all Canadians would *assume* the man and woman were "politically motivated." In fact it was entrapment; they were drug addicts **set up by Canadian authorities** to do an Islamic terror thing.

The NSW Inquest can still raise such questions. Maybe they had better do so if only to get it clearly onto the record that the Monis case was NOT one of entrapment. (Otherwise you will have the Mary Maxwells of this world causing unnecessary angst by hinting from the sidelines that it was entrapment.)

2. Very odd (but potentially very telling) behaviors of Monis were "explained away" by pop psychology.

When he called himself an ayatollah, that was explained away (by the Inquest) as indicative of his *grandiosity*. When he wrote to the families of soldiers it was explained (by the Inquest) that he just did not see the pain he caused – due apparently to his

lack of empathy. Why not consider – at least *consider* – that the ayatollah gig was scripted for him in order to impress the Australian public that we’re really dealing with a high-end Muslim, not a silly little creep.

Why not look into the letters and ask how Monis got the addresses of the parents, and be skeptical that anyone would try to get justice in the Middle East (Monis’ stated intention) by going after dead soldiers instead of living soldiers. Wouldn’t you have opted to write an *open letter* to the military?

Note: it is **expressly the job of the coroner to analyze the three deaths** that occurred at Lindt Café. Why explain away traits of Monis that seem very strange indeed? Where is the legal authority for an inquest to “dispose” of troubling issues in such a cavalier fashion?

3. "Helen Lee's" death was unjustifiably skimmed over.

I quote a statement made early in the Inquest’s proceedings: On May 25, 2015, in the Opening Address for Biographical Segment, Counsel Assisting the Inquest, Ms Sophie Callan, said (at Paragraph 304):

“The relevance of Ms Pal’s murder to this inquest is discrete. And as Mr Gormly has already said, **we are concerned to ensure that the pending prosecution is not prejudiced.**”

The public has been told many times by media that Monis was somehow involved in the killing of his ex-wife. Why the big concern now with not “prejudicing” Amirah Droudis’ murder trial? We want to have Monis’ participation in a murder sorted out for *this* Inquest. It certainly bears on Monis’ being accused of the murder of Tori. “Once a murderer, always a murderer.”

When Monis was charged with being an accessory to the death of his ex-wife, were any particulars listed? If so, they are public and could be mentioned at this Inquest. The word *accessory* is

open-ended. Lately the media has been saying that Monis masterminded the murder. Why only say that now? Anyway, if he masterminded it then he is effectively the killer.

Personally when I heard that the murder of Monis's ex-wife involved her being stabbed and set on fire in a public place I wondered how the killer hoped to get away with it.

Now here is something to think about: A Report on Monis, by the Office of Prime Minister and Cabinet, states that on April 16, 2014: “[Monis] **requests that the Parramatta Local Court investigate his allegation that NSW Police Force and ASIO are involved** in the murder of his former partner. The request is denied.” [Emphasis added]

Wait! It's *not reasonable* to let that go uninvestigated.

4. Defense Force connections were suppressed. I was startled to read this, on the Inquest's website: “**The ADF had built a mock-up of the Lindt Cafe at Holsworthy Army Base to trial and rehearse forced entry.** It offered the facility to the NSW Police for training, although as we have heard in evidence that offer could not be taken up on the night.” [Emphasis added]

Note: Malcolm Hughes (see Chapter 11 above) has partially tracked down the questions put by Senator Stephen Conroy to Mark Binskin, new head of the ADF.

Was there a mock-up of the Lindt Café at Holsworthy before December 15, 2014? Editor Dee McLachlan has written to Defence about this, unavailingly.

We know that in 2013 the ADF conducted an exercise less than 100 meters from the Lindt Café. Would it be asking too much for the Inquest to express an interest in that? I realize that to do so smacks of the coroner being suspicious of government – but there comes a time when that is the essence of the law. I

don't find it embarrassing to say to the military: Please tell us how you chose the Martin Place train station as the site for your terror exercise a year before the real thing happened.

5. The Inquest has not pursued the question: Exactly who ordered the stand-down?

Several times in the course of witness testimony the lawyers quizzing the cops seemed to be pushing in the direction of getting them to say their hands were tied by higher ups. Although they weren't vehement in their replies, most cops did indicate that they thought Monis' threats constituted a proper 'trigger' for action. They seemed at least vaguely disappointed and puzzled that an attack on the gunman was not proceeding in the way their training would lead them to expect.

At this point what the Inquest should have done, but did not do, was doggedly pursue the question: Who made the decisions? Here is a relevant example, concerning Paris, reported by retired University of Ottawa Economics Professor Michel Chossudovsky, at globalresearch.ca:

Is Australia immune to chicanery such as appears to have occurred in France? I doubt it.

Possibly all the quizzing about "ignored triggers" is going to lead to a recommendation at the end of the inquest that the state police are incompetent and more power should be handed over to the military. That is outrageous.

"[Police] were instructed according to their rules of engagement not to intervene, not to come to the rescue of the people inside the Bataclan nightclub or those in the street in front of the Bataclan. 89 people were killed, more than 100 wounded. "

6. There was no challenge to the police ballistics report.

I've reported that a wound ballistics expert, Lucas Van der Walt, informed the Inquest that it was easy enough to sort out

the fact that Monis died from police bullets, Katrina Dawson died from fragments of police bullets, and Tori Johnson died from pellets from Monis' shotgun.

I cannot offer any insight on guns myself, but it appears that the Inquest should have seen more cross-examination of the ballistics expert, particularly about the shooting of Tori Johnson. **(If Monis didn't do it, that would be shocking.)**

It looked to me that Lucas Van der Walt capitulated to a challenger, admitting that his results could have other interpretations, but lawyers dropped the ball at that stage.

And in regard to the death of Katrina Dawson, Coroner Michael Barnes said, his Statement of March 20, 2016:

“An eminent experienced interstate emergency medicine specialist, Professor Tony Brown, reviewed the medical care given to Katrina Dawson by the paramedics and the clinicians at the RPAH. He described it as “copy book perfect”.

“Similarly, that specialist has given reasons why the decision to take Katrina and the other wounded hostages to the RPAH rather than the closer Sydney Hospital was entirely correct.... Accordingly, at this stage it is not proposed that the specialist will be called to give oral evidence – it is anticipated his opinions will be accepted.”

Note: in the earliest hours of media reporting after “the storming of the café,” it was said that Katrina died of a heart attack. Early reports are often later found to be the truest ones.

20. Expert on Scripted Terrorism, Dr X



A 2016 mock disaster held to train Emergency Services personnel, with a faked plane crash in Sydney cove. The police asked for 700 volunteers to take part, including as bereaved and distraught. The bodies shown are only mannequins. Photo supplied by NSW Police

Pretend the coroner questions the expert witness, Dr X:

Coroner – Do you promise to tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

Doctor X – Do I ever!

Coroner – This is a courtroom, you must answer respectfully.

Doctor X – Sorry. I do promise.

Coroner – What is your occupation?

Doctor X – Occupation? Mostly I'm unoccupied.

Coroner – I'll cite you for contempt of court if you keep this up.

Doctor X – Sorry, I meant that I don't get much paid employment, but I work hard at free-lance research type thing.

Coroner – The subject matter in which you claim to have expertise, 135

relevant to this Inquest, is terrorism, especially Islamic terrorism, is that correct?

Doctor X – Not exactly. I don't know much about "Islamic terrorism" and may even doubt that there is any such animal, but what I know about is the way in which "Islamic terrorism" is conjured up.

Coroner – Conjured up by whom? *Doctor X* – By whoever conjures it up. *Coroner* – Bailiff!

Doctor X – No, wait. I mean it could be anybody. Naturally the reason I am here is that one group that does the conjuring is the Australian government.

Coroner – Which part of the Australian government? *Doctor X* – The bad part.

Coroner – This is a courtroom, Dr X. I am going to give you only one more chance.

Doctor X – Truly, Your Honor, it is the bad part of government. It's not a part that we can specify by department name. For example I can't say "The legislature conjures up Islamic terrorism" I can't say "the ADF or the AFP conjures it up." Each of those – Parliament, Defense, and Federal Police do conjure it up, but not in their normal legitimate role. Rather, the bad part of those groups engage in it.

Coroner – Who, specifically, is in those bad parts?

Doctor X – I don't dare answer, as you will call the bailiff.

Coroner – Give as honest – and as respectful – an answer as you can.

Doctor X – My answer to the question “Who is in the bad parts?”

is: “those who are doing these things.” There is a big section, I’ll call it Group B, who also populate Parliament, Defense, and AFP, but who merely act as “Yes men.”

Coroner – So we have Group A, I deduce, an inner circle that plans things and they are supported by others whom you call Group B. How many B’s are there, in terms of percentage?

Doctor X – I can only offer a wild guess. Of the entire population of Parliament, ADF and APF, I imagine 10% or less really know exactly what’s going on. These have blood on their hands. That’s Group A. And maybe some individuals are as innocent as lambs. (I should call them Group L for their lambishness.)

But there is a huge section, Group B, who would do anything they were asked to, in regard to the conjuring up of Islamic terrorism. They would not shrink from such crime, but they haven’t been asked to participate.

Coroner – What if a person did shrink from it?

Doctor X – Does the name Harry Holt ring a bell?

Coroner – Can you name someone a bit more recent than Holt?

Doctor X – I am aware of members of the Australian government who have been killed for their honesty, but not in relation to the Islamic terrorism thing.

Coroner – Never mind for now the guessing of percentages, just tell us: who is at the top?

Doctor X – I want to say “traitors” but will try to be more helpful. It must be that all the very top leaders of Parliament, Defense, and Police, are doing it.

Coroner – When you said traitors, did you mean holding allegiance to a nation other than Australia?

Doctor X – I did mean that, since that is a traditional definition of the word ‘traitor’ – selling out one’s own group. But it could also mean going against one’s own group perhaps for a selfish goal that doesn’t entail selling out to foreigners.

Coroner – Are you trying to create a legal definition for which there is no law?

Doctor X – ‘Fraid so, as far as Oz is concerned. In America, the Constitution there does spell out “treason” along the lines I just described. It’s in Article III, section 3. The Australian Constitution is more geared to calling someone a traitor if they harm the sovereign, not if they harm the people.

Coroner – Why do they harm people?

Doctor X – Why do the birds go on singing?

Oops. I just meant they do it because they are in the habit. But as for “the purpose” of it, I feel sure it’s a foreign purpose. The instructions come in from another country.

Coroner – Which one?

Doctor X – My best guess is Mother England. Other scholars say the US and some say Israel. To me it looks as though ASIO, the CIA, MI6 and Mossad all work for one boss -- which I refer to as World Government. I am pretty sure the section of World Government that works on the conjuring up of “Islamic terrorism” is geographically situated in London.

Coroner – How can you be sure?

Doctor X – I can't be completely sure, but the Brits founded the first Islamic rebel group that I am aware of, the Muslim Brotherhood, in Arabic lands, around 1920. I certainly think they ran the Mau Mau uprising in Kenya, and as you may know a lawsuit has recently been settled. The Brits had castrated some of the men. (Talk about terror!)

Coroner – Why did the British imperial government want Muslims to have a Brotherhood – assuming you are correct?

Doctor X – I'll give three reasons:

1. They recognized that religion, indeed moral ideas in general, make people feel strong. They'd thus predict that some natural leaders among the Muslims would create an anti-British organization based on Islam. So by starting one themselves, the Brits would be able to spy on it and know if it was becoming a threat.

2. Besides spying on it, they would be able to put their stamp on it. As long as they could control some of the leaders they could recommend actions. I assume one action they would recommend would be violence, and these rebels would then get punished. Perforce, all members of the public would worry about joining Islamic organizations. What clever!

3. By creating, or at least encouraging, some men who had the ability to influence people, the Brits could do what they are masters at – divide and rule. They could make schisms in religion or build up resentments toward particular sections of a group.

Coroner – Is there some reason why Americans are not adept at such control also?

Doctor X – They were adept, say, by starting the Ku Klux Klan to keep everybody interested in the black-white conflict. But they are not quite of the same caliber as the Brits.

Coroner – Do the Americans create terrorists?

Doctor X – I think of Zbigniew Brzezinski's interview with a French magazine, *Le Nouvel Observateur* on January 15, 1998. He openly admitted that the US started training camps for Muslim extremists in Pakistan. I assume that the average recruit who was being indoctrinated into the religious 'rationale' for jihad was unaware that he was being used for nefarious purposes.

Coroner – Nefarious in what way?

Doctor X – Brzezinski alleged that his creation of of a Mujahidin was to help the West fight the Soviets who had invaded Afghanistan. I wouldn't trust anything Brzezinski says. There's a long-term goal, I hear, about destabilizing the Middle East in order to start World War III.

I do see, that since 1968 or so, there's been a massive media effort to create in our minds the idea that Muslims are the cause of just about any trouble one could name. It is almost comical, but it will be horrendous if it actually starts a war.

Coroner – Let's get to the matter at hand: the Sydney siege. This was ostensibly carried out by a man with Islamic motivation.

Doctor X – I do not think that could be the case. I think any of us can tell a sincerely religiously motivated person when we meet one. Monis seems wholly insincere – that's just an impression I got.

Coroner – Have you studied the background of Man Haron Monis?

Doctor X – I've read three histories of Monis: the one printed by "Office of Prime Minister and Cabinet jointly with NSW Premier and Cabinet," the Biography printed by the Lindt Café Inquest, at their website, and the article by N Wahid Azal which

seems to come from inside knowledge of Australia's Muslim communities.

Coroner – What can you tell us?

Doctor X – Your Honor, you will recall I claim that my expertise is in the conjuring up of Islamic terrorism by governments. Given that I think Monis must have been a patsy, I haven't bothered to look much into his own religiosity or politics.

He came to Australia in 1996 on a business visa. Maybe he was "captured" at that point as a potential patsy, a usable trouble-maker, or whatever.

Coroner – You mean you cannot picture him having organized the Sydney siege by himself?

Doctor X – No, absolutely not. May I cite other Muslim examples? *Coroner* – Yes.

Doctor X – The two brothers accused of the Boston Marathon bombing and the two brothers accused of the Charlie Hebdo shoot-out in Paris were plainly *incapable* of doing what they are accused of. But at least those brothers had each other. Monis does not appear to have had any assistant. I can't envision him thinking up all the particulars of the siege.

Coroner – Which particulars are you referring to?

Doctor X – He would have had to know a lot about the nature of the Lindt café, where the customers and employees were, whether any cops were in the habit of getting a morning coffee there, how many clever young people on the premises would be able to use cell phones to defeat him, whether the after-hours door button worked, and so forth. I also think it should be taken very seriously by the Inquest that he had no escape plan. That is a big indicator that he is operating for someone

else. Presumably his handler would have promised him protection.

Coroner – How about his past public protests; do you think those were genuine?

Doctor X – I don't think anything about him is genuine. He seems incapable of being "good" even though he talks about it. In my opinion you can simply recognize an individual who has some sort of divine inspiration or religious imperative.

Coroner – Please comment generally on the media's role.

Doctor X – The person who best informed everyone of this is Udo Ulfkotte, a German journalist. He admits to following the directions of the CIA until one day he couldn't bear it any more. He said all his colleagues are bought by the CIA, via money and job promotions. (William Colby of the CIA openly stated "*The CIA owns everyone of any significance in the major media.*")

Journalists use talking points provided from above. As a part-time professor of anti-terrorism, Ulfkotte was often approached by "insiders" with hot scoops that he could use – but these, too, were really CIA.

Coroner – I did not so much mean the media's role in stirring people up about Islam; I meant the media's role in the siege.

Doctor X – Immediately the siege began we were told it was terrorism. I think it is patent that one purpose of the siege was to put all of us in a state of apprehension.

Coroner – Do you have more to say as an expert witness on scripted terrorism?

Doctor X – Heaps.

Coroner – That is all for today, Dr X. You may step down.

21. Should Monis' Family Be a Party to the Inquest?



(L) Amirah Droudis and Michael Monis, Photo: 9news

I am still scratching around for ways to make the Inquest capable of dealing with the broader context of terrorism. In the previous two chapters I listed shortcomings of the Inquest and floated the idea of getting an expert to testify about “scripted terrorism.”

And now I suggest another tactic for liberating the inquest. I suggest that Monis’ family be made a party to the inquest. It’s not likely the coroner wants to do that, but you never know; it could be the solution to some structural problems of the inquest. Just sketching it here on paper may provide insight.

The coroner has enunciated several times that families legally have rights in an inquest. Indeed the Johnsons and Dawsons had a say in such matters as the calling of witnesses and the choosing of items to be put under a non-publication notice.

I fully appreciate that it sounds ridiculous to say that anything should be done that is favorable to Monis. But I am not trying to help him. I want to help *me*. I want to expose anything done by forces other than Monis on that fateful day -- as *they*, unlike Monis, are still alive and kicking.

Inviting the Family to Participate. Maybe the Monis family was invited and declined, but I will assume they weren't. This inquest is officially about three deaths, and Monis' death is one of those. The fact that he committed crimes at the scene would not preclude his family from being a party to the inquest. (It's not *their* fault.)

So who could the family be? Did he have siblings? Probably. Are his parents still alive? We don't know. Undoubtedly he has cousins. How about a spouse? He was married in the 1980s to a woman in Iran who divorced him after he came to Australia without her or their two daughters.

He also married an Australian lady of Indian ethnicity, "Helen Lee," now deceased, murdered. She was nineteen on her wedding day. They had a religious Muslim ceremony. (I think it was said that she converted her religion for Monis.)

Monis' most recent partner, Amirah Droudis, of Greek ethnicity, is in prison, convicted for that murder. (See this book's addendum.) Amirah, too, adopted Islam under Monis' influence, along with her daughter. Monis' two sons by Helen Lee are in the custody of maternal grandparents in Sydney. They are not of legal age to participate, but the government or some charity could recruit someone to act for them.

The two Iranian daughters are adults. It was said in court that Monis was in touch with his daughters by email in 2014. Perhaps Monis has grandchildren, too. The main thing that could be done for me (yes, me – as I said, I am not trying to help Monis!) is that a Monis family person would authorize a barrister to act for the family.

As we saw, Mr O'Connell for the Dawsons and Ms Bashir for the Johnsons got right into cross-examining witnesses. A "Mr Smith, QC," for Monis' family, could ask questions.

The Orchestra Pit Is the Place To Be. As I sat in the courtroom in Sydney, I saw a large group of lawyers seated at desks, each having his or her own computer screen. There are 32 seats; usually 22 of them were filled. (On August 16, 2016, I counted 30 filled.)

I call this the orchestra pit, as it separates the “stage” (the judge’s bench and witness box) from the “audience” (the visitors’ gallery). Allow me to make a rough division of the instrumentalists. I shall call the lawyers for the police and for the state government the “brass.” The lawyers for the two families can be called “strings.”

The large group of employees of the coroner’s court, including a court reporter who wears headphones, and a clerk who maintains a great number of milk-crate-size containers of folders, can be called “woodwinds.” That leaves the three Counsel Assisting (Gormly, Callan, and Downing) to get the label “percussion.”

The brass section is there to protect the police as such, and to help individual cops in the witness box. Dr Freckelton is acting for the police organization. I think I heard one lawyer get up and say “I represent Officer B.”

The Monis Family Lawyer Speaks

So now Mr Smith QC is in there for the Monis family. What will he do? He might provide an expert witness of “scripted terrorism.” It says in the NSW *Criminal Trial Courts Benchbook*:

“An expert witness is a person who has specialised knowledge based on that person’s training, study or experience.” Justice Malcolm Blue said, in the South Australian case, *R v Drummond*: “The duties of an expert witness include providing independent assistance to the court.” (I stand ready, seriously).

Mr Smith could inquire about police conflict of interest. He could also be as confrontational as Conroy in regard to matter discussed in Chapter 11 about the mock-up at Holsworthy – as it may bear on the idea of Monis having been a patsy for a pre-planned “terrorist exercise.”

You have to wonder why the Army is being secretive. Dee McLachlan has written to the “media liaison” person at the Australian Defense Force to get an answer to the very simple question about the mock-up. She got this reply:

Dee wrote back: “Many thanks for the response. I do understand that my questions 2 and 3 are related to the tactical decisions taken that day and may be inappropriate to answer before the Coroner has presented his conclusions. However, my question 1, is purely factual. What date was this mock-up of the Lindt Café built?”

Senator Stephen Conroy was unable to get blood from a stone. But at the inquest, witnesses are sworn in and they cannot refuse to answer questions. I believe Air Marshal Binskin would have to say whether the mockup was planned before December 15, 2014. That is surely not a *national security* matter.

The Murder Trial of Amirah Droudis

On September 7, I started attending the trial of the partner of the late Man Haron Monis (whom she called Michael). Surely this is a way of finding out more details about the mystery man himself. It was startling to me that there was no one present at Darlinghurst Courthouse from the Inquest staff. (How do I know? Because at some sessions I was the only spectator.)

“The Australian Government, including the Department of Defence, is cooperating fully with the NSW Coroner during this inquest [no they’re not] into the events which occurred during the Lindt Café siege. It is not appropriate for Defence to comment on a matter that is currently before the NSW Coroner.”

Reply from ADF: “Good afternoon Dee, Questions regarding the proceedings of the inquest into the deaths arising from the Lindt Cafe siege should be directed to the inquest itself.”

The judge is Justice Peter Johnson in whom I have faith. A 42-page addendum in this book will show what took place at Amirah’s trial. For now I will simply argue that not only should “Mr Smith” (the imaginary solicitor for Monis’ family) have participated in the Inquest, he should have protested what was happening at Darlinghurst Courthouse.

The accused person, Amirah, did not take the stand. We never heard that *she* had claimed that Monis brainwashed her, but we heard both the prosecutor and defense parrot that line as if it was proven fact. “She was coerced, she adopted his extreme religious ideas.” The media has of course told the public that Amirah was found guilty but that Monis had organized the (pointless) killing.

Very strange goings-on in a court of law. And since the defense was not trying to save Amirah from the charge of being brainwashed, he put up no challenge to prosecutor’s very thin evidence of that.

Also relevant is the fact that no motive was ever proposed for Monis to have killed his ex-wife. She was raising his two nice sons; he had a permanent partner, Amirah. What hope could he hold of Amirah’s being able to do a murder with neighbors close by and get away without being arrested?

Recall also that Malcolm Hughes, in the chapter on Monis’ shotgun, asked for an explanation of Monis motivation for carrying all sorts of shells and cartridges that he could not have efficiently used during the siege. Do those shells really exist or is it a bunch of planted evidence – planted only in the air by assertion?

22. Access to Inquest Transcripts and Documents



Court files, Photo: express.co.uk

I was sad in Sydney to see so few citizens take advantage of the chance to attend the Inquest hearings. At the hearings of the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse, there was a large presence of mature men who had been abused as children. There is no doubt in my mind that this had a real effect on the way Commissioner Peter McClellan proceeded. I assume he was grateful for the “gallery support.”

As for the media, who get privileged seating at court, they plainly failed to report to the public what was being said. Is it conceivable that I’m the only soul who could be bothered? I do not blame the Inquest staff; I don’t think they were being secretive. However, why are transcripts of the Inquest not published for all to see? In this high-tech era, nearly everything is available electronically.

It seems naughty to me, as all court cases are public. I am fond of saying: it is society that runs the judicial system. At the Inquest I was told by the clerk that transcripts can be purchased, and that there are so many pages (including preliminary work such as statements collected by police) that the whole bag would cost \$65,000.

My Canadian friend Josée Lépine forked out her life savings to buy all court documents in the Tsarnaev case.

Who Gets Access?

Coroner Michael Barnes, is operating under the authority of the *Coroners Act* 2009 of New South Wales. Per Section 65:

(1) The coroner in coronial proceedings is to ensure that the evidence of every witness in the proceedings is recorded.

2) Subject to this section, a coroner ... is to supply a person with a copy of a coroner's file (or a part of that file) at the request of the person if:

(a) the coroner ... is satisfied that it is appropriate for the person to be granted access to the file (or a part of the file), and (b) the person pays the fee that is payable in the Local Court

How does he know when it's appropriate to grant access? He must make the determination based on the following matters:

(3) (a) **the principle that coronial proceedings should generally be open to the public**, (b) if the coroner's file relates to a deceased person – the impact on the relatives of the deceased person of allowing access,

(c) the connection that the person requesting access has to the proceedings concerned, (d) the reasons why access is being sought, (e) any other matter the coroner ... considers relevant.

(4) **must include a statement of the coroner's reasons for the direction.** (7) In this section: "coroner's file" means the documents (including the depositions of witnesses, transcripts and written findings) that form part of the file kept by a coroner in respect of a death, suspected death, fire or explosion.

[Emphasis added]

What Can a Coroner Declare To Be Secret?

Section 74 of the *Coroners Act* 2009 permits the Coroner to suppress information by issuing non-publication orders. He/she also has the power to clear the court.

As I have said, the court rather often got cleared during my Sydney visits, at times only for 15 minutes, but once for the whole day. The coroner has wide discretion:

Section 74. 1) A coroner may, if of the opinion that it would be in the public interest to do so, order: (a) any or all persons (including witnesses in the proceedings) to go and remain outside the room ...or (b) that any evidence given in the proceedings not be published, or (c) that any submissions made in the proceedings [about a person committing a crime] not be published.

Tori Johnson's Phone Call to Triple Zero. On March 21, 2016 the Coroner refused a request by lawyers for the Johnson family to suppress publication of the audio of Tori's emergency phone call. He ruled:

The audio records Tori interacting with the "000" operator... It is known that Mr Monis instructed Mr Johnson what to say during the call, and he can be heard interacting with Tori in the background.... The call comprises the primary trigger for the police response to the siege. [Thus] the audio contains highly relevant evidence above and beyond that which can be gleaned from the transcript alone. I decline the application.

Note: the guiding NSW precedent for suppressing matters that affect children is found in *Mirror Newspapers V Waller*.

During the hearings names of all policemen were suppressed which seems a bit silly. Tactics were suppressed, which I find wise in the case of how a negotiator would talk a man out of suicide – but here the negotiators were on all-day smoko.

WELCOME TO PART IV

MULLING THIS CASE OVER

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23. The Passing of Katrina Dawson Is Unresolved



Sydney Harbor Bridge

Ms Dawson's husband, Paul Smith, said at her funeral: *"As a wife she was amazing, loving and selfless. As a mother she was perfect."*

I do not go along with the media's story of the death of Katrina Dawson. The media said she died by police bullets ricocheting on hard surfaces of the café. The expert on wound ballistics said a bullet went through the back of her chair. Marcia Mikhael testified that she and Katrina were hiding under a table when the police stormed in at 2:15am. These views are inconsistent.

The Coroner said, on March 21, 2016, when opening the segment of the hearings related to the hostages and the storming of the Café:

"Counsel assisting will forewarn of particularly distressing imagery so that those who do not wish to see or hear can withdraw. I regret any distress caused but do not shy away from using the material that may cause it: **first and foremost this is a search for the truth** that should as far as is practical proceed in public."

Sensitivity

Before proceeding I must say that I do not consider that I am dishonoring the late Ms Dawson by disagreeing with the apparently official line about her death. Quite the opposite. My

adored husband George died sixteen years ago and I have always been open to anyone's comments about his manner of death (by surgical complications regarding cancer). Let them bring me controversial information! I will consider it an honor to George to hear whatever any (non-malicious) person offers.

Following the 1996 Port Arthur massacre, there was a complete taboo on discussing it (even today!) "lest we hurt the bereaved." I am sure the bereaved are already so hurt they could hardly suffer more.

My evaluation of how Katrina died is that it is suspicious. Of course I've never been able to question persons whom I'd like to question, but the Coroner could do so. The following sources influenced my thinking on this subject:

1. The testimony I heard in the courtroom by three police officers who stormed the Café:

- "Dennis Albrecht" (team Tango Charlie stormed the firewell),

- the shield bearer (a man of colorful language), whose testimony was not about the storming but about the all-day wait,

- Officer A who was in close contact with Shieldie as they stormed the main entrance ("white door"),

2. The testimony by NSW Deputy Police Commissioner Cath Burn as to the scandalous limits on her (and Commissioner Scipione's) involvement with "operations,"

3. The testimony by police negotiator Darren as to his team's do- nothing approach (that must have been policy),

4. My eleven years of research into false flags, psy-ops, World Government, American courts' "errors" and the Tasmanian government's handling of Port Arthur,

5. The vastly understudied Bella Vista incident. (Note: bringing a criminal complaint against the fakers may help it get ‘studied.’)

Legal Restrictions on the Coroner

An inquest is an inquest. It inquires. It is a mechanism by which citizens can learn why this person or that person died. The website of the coroners court of NSW says:

The Coroner cannot find someone guilty of a crime. If, at any time during the course of an inquest or inquiry, **the Coroner forms an opinion** that a known person has committed an indictable offence in connection with the death **the Coroner is required to suspend the inquest** or inquiry and refer the matter to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Similarly, “the Coroner cannot determine civil liability, although the Coroner’s finding may be relied upon in subsequent civil proceedings and/or insurance claims.”

Also in Section 101L of the *Coroners Act* 2009 we find:

(1) It is the duty of each of the following persons to provide the [coronial] Team with full and unrestricted access to records [many government offices listed] **[However]**: (2) A person subject to that duty is not required to provide access to records if the person reasonably considers that doing so **may prejudice an existing investigation** or inquiry of a matter... being undertaken by or for the person.

Powers of the Coroner

On the other hand, the coroner has many powers For example, in Section 89 of the *Coroners Act* we find that a coroner may take custody of the bodies and, in section 89 that he may give a direction for a post-mortem to be conducted, or order:

a review of the medical records of the deceased person, which may include consultations with medical practitioners involved in the treatment of the deceased person.

Choosing the Victims?

I think Ms Dawson's death was planned and carried out by the usual suspects. There had to be some deaths. The whole point of a false-flag operation is to stir people up about the Islamic extremist or the serial killer or what have you.

Back in the 1960s, none of the "Boston Strangler" serial killings was carried out by the convicted fellow, Albert de Salvo. Each was done by – how can I say – the authorities. Maybe just a hired mafia hit man got in there and did it, but it was organized politically from the top.

(You can always tell if there is a killing, *in prison*, of the innocent convict. James Earl Ray and Albert de Salvo come to mind.)

In the Boston Strangler case, 19 women were strangled. How were they chosen? The planners must have had fun thinking of what "types" would make the most juicy news stories. Or maybe they chose by availability and accessibility. Anyway they surely had no pang of conscience about snatching lives.

Katrina Dawson could have been killed in the ambulance. She could have been killed in the café by a fellow hostage. She may have been killed by a police person other than the ones we heard from. There was much confusion at the end, and darkness. Officer A's evidence accounts for his copper bullets being directed strictly at Monis chest and head. How were there any "stray" or ricocheting bullets? They cannot have been from the shotgun of Monis which shot lead pellets.

Lucas Van der Walt, expert witness on wound ballistics, spent ages telling us how a bullet could go into a chair at a certain angle and how if Katrina was seated at a chair in a particular

area of the café, the hole in that chair (which he examined) could cause her to receive the fatal wound near the shoulder and/ or neck. I am sitting in a chair right now and the highest wooden part of it is nowhere near my neck, and not really close to my shoulder either. But no one challenged the expert.

[I paraphrase Lucas]: I can tell it came from the rear to the front as an entrance looks different than an exit in the wood. I experimented with the M4 that Officer B used. “[Katrina] was struck by fragments of a police bullet. Wood fragments from the chair were found in her.” We drew conclusion from the blood in the corner to position the most likely chair. The victim was in close proximity to the chair when she sustained the wound. A distance of .5 of a meter to 1.5 meters.”

And did Marcia’s wounding occur at the same? In 9news.com.au’s June 28, 2016 report of the Inquest we read:

“Hostage Katrina Dawson could have been writhing on the floor of the Lindt Cafe after being struck by multiple fragments from police bullets as the Sydney siege came to its fatal conclusion, an inquest has heard. The barrister was found lying face down under tables and chairs in a corner of the Lindt Cafe after police stormed the building to end the 2014 siege. She had a pulse when discovered, but later died.”

Furthermore, Katrina’s death was not *necessarily* accidental. In 1996 at the Seascapes cottage, people heard the cop call in for permission to shoot and the reply was “Permission denied. This has to happen.” If Sydney’s siege was a scripted terrorist event, “This had to happen.”

Update: Katrina’s brother, Sandy Dawson, QC was a barrister associated with Channel 9. He developed brain cancer and unfortunately died in November 2022, at age 50, father of four children.

24. Shall We Transfer Police Powers to the Military?



Martial law was ushered in by a 2005 hurricane in New Orleans

It is possible that an outcome of this Inquest will be the transfer of more power to the army. In fact, such a transfer may have been one of the reasons why World Government staged the siege in the first place -- if it did.

I believe that the army should, of course, be involved when foreigners attack Australia. I also feel that way about my other home, the US. (I immigrated to Oz in 1980.) Please see my YouTube video, “Governor of Massachusetts, Please Arrest the FBI” in which I explain to the governor what his *military* powers are, under his state’s constitution, if people are attacked.

There is no shortage of law in Australia providing for army involvement in counter-terrorism. I will quote it below. It is terrible that the Inquest has adopted a tone-of-voice of “worry” that the ADF was involved in the siege. The Australian Defence Force *does* have a role to play. The Federal Police, too, have duties in any hostage situation (other than domestic violence).

Before discussing that, I want to show the trend that has developed in the United States in the last few decades.

On the Streets of America. I've seen local police departments in America get subordinated to ... um ... we are not sure. The takeover entities have names like anti-terrorism squads and JTTF's – Joint Terrorism Task Forces. ("Joint" could mean joint between several agencies or between local and non-local police.)

This began in the 1970s. At first the militarization of law enforcement was enabled by "the war on drugs" if you can believe that. Legislation for that was needed, as there are barriers against the use of military in law enforcement.

The main barrier is **states' rights**. Each of the 50 states has the sole police power over its people. (Exceptions are so minor it is a nuisance to list them. For instance, the US Constitution designates a few crimes as inherently federal, such as manufacturing counterfeit money, and piracy.)

Some federal laws invented by Congress also prescribe a penalty — let's say for dumping waste in a national park. So gradually there has been a build-up of some "police forces" -- in that case, park rangers. Many feds are now armed.

Since 1908 there has also been an FBI, federal bureau of investigation. It has no police power. **I repeat: the FBI has no power.** You'd hardly know that, though, as we see men wearing FBI jackets going around like they were the sassiest cops in Christendom. How can that be? It is partly bluff. It is also that they sometimes walk into a city and asked to be *deputized* as local police (but still wear that super-macho FBI jacket). I'll bet local cops hate this usurping of their prestige.

Often the FBI acts as I myself might act, by making a "citizen's arrest"! Yes, it's true. Comical but true. Mr Macho Jacket knocks on your door and says "Yer under arrest, you jerk." Or words to that effect. Little does the person know that the apparent cop is only acting a citizen, not a cop. for Treason – and my forthcoming book about Pizzagate -- for how to make.

The Need for Anti-Terrorist Troops? And now, thanks to anti-terrorism laws, there is much encroachment on the states' exclusive police power. I mean heck, with all those Arabs hijacking planes all over the place, only an old fuddy-duddy would insist on the Constitution, right?

During the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in September 2005, folks on the ground had no idea **who was bossing them around**. I believe that it was mainly members of private security companies such as Blackwater.

They have zip respect for people. They no doubt received military training – i.e., “You should be as rough with the people as possible.” It’s all part of winning the war. Even if there really is no war, we fantasize a war into existence. The human brain loves to focus on an “enemy.”

I am opposed to the new powers. **I wish the Americans had not let it happen** and now I want Australians to avoid falling in the same trap. What is the legal position on this in Australia? The Commonwealth has had a Criminal Code Act since 1995. It added anti-terrorist provisions in 2005.

The six state premiers agreed to these. (They must “refer powers” per Section 51 of the Constitution.) The chief ministers of the NT and ACT agreed, too. The Australian Democrat and Greens voted against the 2005 legislation, Liberal and Labors said OK. Here’s the relevant section. It’s numbered “101” (!!!):

Per the Criminal Code Act 1995, a person commits an offence if: 101.1 the person engages in a terrorist act. (Penalty: Imprisonment for life.)

101.2 the person provides or receives training connected with preparation for, the engagement of a person in, or assistance in a terrorist act; and the person knows of the connection (Penalty: Imprisonment for 25 years.)

101.4 the **person possesses a thing connected with preparation for**, the engagement of a person in, or assistance in a terrorist act [and knows it, etc] (Imprisonment for 15 years.)

(A person commits an offence under these subsections even if a terrorist act does not occur)

101.5 the **person collects or makes a document connected with preparation for, the engagement of a person in, or assistance in a terrorist act.** (Imprisonment for 15 years.)

Before the Governor-General makes a regulation specifying an organization... the Minister must arrange for the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives to be briefed in relation to the proposed regulation.

104 **Control orders.** The objects of this Division are to allow obligations, prohibitions and restrictions to be imposed on a person by a control order for one or more of the following purposes: (a) protecting the public from a terrorist act;

(b) preventing the provision of support for or the facilitation of a terrorist act; (c) or the facilitation of the engagement in a hostile activity in a foreign country. (1) In urgent circumstances, a **senior AFP member** may request an interim control order without first obtaining the Attorney-General's consent. [Emphasis added]

Of course every member of the orchestra pit is a more skilled lawyer than myself (an amateur) and must be aware of those provisions. Yet all I heard from “the percussion players” were questions to police witnesses such as “Did you know of any role being played by APF or the ADF”?

Clearly there is a proper role for *federal* police, as the anti-terrorism laws of Sections 101-104 are *Commonwealth* law. So now that we know that people are forbidden to act in a terrorist way,

what do police do about it? And which cops? The answer has to do with an outfit called SAC-PAV.

At the website Nationalsecurity.gov.au, you will see:

Since 2012, the Australia New Zealand Counter-Terrorism Committee has established capabilities in such areas as crisis management, command and control, intelligence and investigation and media cooperation. [1] ANZCTC aims to contribute to the security of Australia and New Zealand through:

1. maintaining the National Counter-Terrorism Plan
2. providing expert strategic and policy advice
3. maintaining effective arrangements for the sharing of relevant intelligence between jurisdictions [etc].

“In the wake of the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks [ahem, ahem, ahem] the Prime Minister and premiers revised counter-terrorism arrangements. The NCTC held its first meeting in November 2002, one month after the Bali bombings [ahem, ahem, ahem] that killed 202 people.

“Following the Hilton Hotel Bombing [ahem, ahem, ahem] in Sydney, 1978, the **Prime Minister announced a committee to establish a set of national arrangements to respond to threats or acts of politically motivated violence: SAC- PAV** -- the Standing Advisory Committee on Commonwealth and State Cooperation for Protection Against Violence.” [Emphasis added]

I said above that I advocate the non-centralization of police power (in America); I don't want civil liberties to go the way of all flesh. And I worry about persons in uniform whose role is obscured – like the FBI.



Drumbeat for approval of greater military involvement? That's what may be behind the criticism of police, regarding the siege, as in this August 17, 2016 piece by Janet Fife-Yeomans. Do media want to prepare us for jack-boots?

I read in 17 November, 2015 *Advertiser* that Scipione's second, Nick Kaldas, said that the NSW police were switching their training to be FBI-like! That should not happen. It will be awful.

Ex-Victorian cop Andrew MacGregor dug up the facts of SAC-PAV involvement at the Port Arthur massacre. We need more MacGregor cops! He found out – I'm putting words in his mouth here – that SAC-PAV did the killing. Or maybe ASIO? Or Mossad? Or whatever? You see when the very law is cloak-and-dagger, no one is accountable.

Local cops' testimony did not suggest the presence of SAC-PAV. I don't know if it is possible for a cop to wear two hats at once (state and federal). There are titles such as Special Operations Group. Some imply training for anti-terrorism.

I'm lucky that I was able to work backwards from the fact that the accused Martin Bryant *could not have done it* to the fact that, therefore, *somebody else must have killed those 35 people*. And who could it possibly be? The standard clues are:

1. media have full control over what we get to find out, and never listen to any alternatives to the Bryant story, 2. every part of the so called justice system – the lawyers, the DPP and the judge – jettison the law. (I like to say they “abjure jure.”) It is a remarkable sight for to see. It's going to be lethal for all of us, so please help me get the facts right.

The Invitation by Gormly for Soldiers To Come Forward

In a May 13, 2016 Statement, Jeremy Gormly, SC, said: “It is well known that the NSW Police had management of the siege. It made the critical decisions, using NSW Police resources. It managed the siege from start to finish; that included the forced entry of the Café using officers of its Tactical Operations Unit.”

On the same day, Andrew Koubardis wrote, at *news.com.au*:

“Army experts who have spoken to media about the police handling of the Lindt Cafe siege have been urged to ‘come forward’ to help end the speculation ... The extraordinary request was made on Friday. Gormly said questions over the ability of the Australian Defence Force to better handle the Lindt Cafe siege was an “ongoing and simmering debate”.

Barrister acting for the family of Mr Johnson, Gabrielle Bashir SC, said any army evidence was highly relevant and was interested in the possible ‘covert entry to the café.’ [Wow.]

At Item 36 C of his May 16, 2016 document, Gormly mentions one of the complaints (made by the mystery informers): “that had the Army been given control of the siege, its commandos would have used rifles that fire a much heavier 9mm round, which is specially designed for indoor situations that involve citizens and were less likely to fragment.” Just as a point of logic, if the military has those better bullets, *is there some reason* why the state could not acquire the same ones?

Will This Inquest Determine Who Ran the Show?

I have presented my shorthand notes of testimony by several police witnesses. Recall the evidence of Shieldie (“Holy fuck, it’s turned real”) who gave his view of chain-of-command. Then we heard from “Officer A.” *Each man* said he was not the decision maker. Even Officer A, who said he took his commands from Officer B, **gave me the impression that Officer B was not the decision maker.**

I feel pretty sure the purpose of this very unsavory arrangement of “no identifiable boss” is to allow secret instructions from Canberra to reach state police on the QT. This is treasonous. Note: no mention was ever made of a role for NSW’s *Minister of Police*!!!

25. Was a Real Terrorist behind the Sydney Siege?



*Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's National Security Advisor,
Photo: rferl.org*

Dee McLachlan recently wrote at Gumshoe that *thousands* of scientists and engineers defy the official view of 9-11. They show that the buildings did not “collapse” – they were brought down by controlled demolition or even fancier technology.

Trade union leader, Kevin Bracken made that very point on a radio show, but he was ridiculed by ABC host Jon Faine. This “kafuffle (why was it a kafuffle?) invoked a response from the prime minister, Julie Gillard, a few days later. She said in Parliament that Bracken’s belief is “stupid and wrong.” No it isn’t. It is simply correct.

We who believe in various conspiracy theories (Port Arthur, 9-11, Marathon) try to do our best as citizens to put a stop to the real terrorism – the kind practiced by those who concoct false terror scenes. And their professional cover-up artists.

Inquest’s Statement on “Radicalisation”

Sophie Callan cites the *Oxford English Dictionary* definition of *terrorism*: “the unofficial or unauthorized use of violence and intimidation in the pursuit of political aims.”

On 17 August, 2015, Callan wrote, for the Inquest:

"I turn then, to an issue distinct from but related to the question of terrorism – that is the topic of radicalisation [in regard to whether] Monis' acts were the result of being radicalized. It would be of value to know whether and how IS propaganda influences someone like Mr. Monis.

(You could just phone Zbigniew, Ms Callan. He knows.)

The primary witness ... will be Dr Kate Barrelle, who is a clinical and forensic psychologist with a PhD in radicalisation and disengagement. [Disengagement?] Dr Barrelle observes that radicalisation explains the process by which a person becomes increasingly committed to using violent methods to pursue their extreme political, religious or ideological goals. ...

"Dr Barrelle observes that the fact Monis invoked IS in his stated reasons for staging the siege, and displayed an obsessive fixation with foreign policy of the Australian Government [Gumshoe has the same fixation] means his actions have to be considered at least in part to be the result of some radicalisation toward violent extremism. ...Dr Barrelle notes that it is impossible to disentangle the question of his mental health. [Does this "forensic psychologist" know his mental health? She hasn't met him.]

"She describes a psychological picture of a man with an insecure or floating sense of self, seeking to belong to a group irrespective of any political or religious agenda. ... [and] observes that if his mental health was deteriorating at the same time, and he was becoming increasingly delusional or paranoid, then IS would increasingly appear to offer a relevant platform to take a stand on his own personal issues. "

[Really?].... If he died then it would be a noble act of a mujahedeen.

Look at the circularity of reasoning going on here: Monis absorbs a political philosophy because he is mentally ill. Ms Callan writes that Inquest's expert Dr Rodger Shanahan of Lowy Institute "concludes that Monis was not motivated by a political, religious or ideological cause but rather a person with mental health issues acting on his own personal grudges."

The FBI. My northern nation has a bunch of criminals working for it in the bureau called The FBI. In some cases, such as the 1993 bombing of the basement of the World Trade Center, it has been established that that project began as sting.

The FBI – *admittedly* – coaxed some Muslims into doing it as a way of catching other Muslims in the act. When the FBI accuses someone of doing a bombing today – such as the 2013 bombing of the Marathon – we can make a reasonable assumption that that poor sod did *not* do it. They had to kill Tamerlan Tsarnaev on the spot [like killing Monis?] to be sure the myth would stick. His brother Jahar, on Death Row, is not allowed any communication with the outside world.

Incidentally, I am not allowed to communicate with Martin Bryant. Who said so? The Superintendent of Risdon told me that *Martin* said so. (Picture it: Bryant to jailer: "If anyone sends me a kind letter, dump it. I can't stand getting mail.")

I'd like to ask Ms Callan if she can entertain the possibility of Monis having been set up in anyway. Does she believe *anyone has ever been set up* in Australia? Isn't the 1978 Hilton bombing universally considered to be an inside job? I now quote Callan, from 17 August 2015, at paragraph 161:

"To address this topic [terrorism] a number of experts have provided evidence by way of reports, and several will be called to give oral evidence before your Honour. Each provide useful evidence about, amongst other things, the emergence and goals of Islamic State, its recruitment methods and connections with

Australia. [Why are we inquiring about this? Monis was a loner. He had *no* “connections.”]

In assessing whether the siege was a terrorist event, Associate Professor Shanahan describes the features of recent incidents which are certainly considered terrorist events – such as the murder of Fusilier Lee Rigby in the UK in May 2013, and the Charlie Hebdo shootings in January 2015. [Hello? Death of Paris Police Inspector Hedric Fredou who was looking into it? Hello? His mom said definitely not a suicide.]

In Shanahan’s view, Mr. Monis’ attack differed from those Islamic inspired terrorist attacks in several significant ways including that there was no indication of communication between Mr. Monis and anyone on behalf of IS prior to the siege. Also, the flag Mr. Monis displayed was not distinctly IS nor was the headband he wore.

The Inquest then brought in, by video link, a man “widely known internationally as one of the foremost experts on terrorism.” This is the expert witness Professor Bruce Hoffman “who is presently based at Georgetown [‘Langley’] University.”

I ran to Georgetown’s website and found the following:

“Professor Hoffman previously held the Corporate Chair in Counterterrorism and Counterinsurgency at the RAND Corporation [*Mon Dieu!*]. From 2001 to 2004, he was Acting Director of RAND’s Center for Middle East Public Policy. Professor Hoffman was recently appointed by the U.S. Congress to serve as a commissioner on the **Independent Commission to Review the FBI’s Post-9/11 Response to Terrorism and Radicalization.**”

Folks, this is not the pot calling the kettle black. This is not the fox guarding the henhouse. This is... RAND is ... um ... I don’t even know how I can put it. Never mind, I’ll leave it unsaid. (Compared to RAND, the FBI is your loving aunt.) I wonder

who in NSW Department of Justice chose Bruce Hoffman to be the expert witness for the Lindt Café Inquest?

This inquest **HAS GOT TO RAISE THE QUESTION:** Was the Sydney siege a scripted terrorist event?

The following two things must be very openly discussed about the theme of Islamic terrorism. It would be a sin not to cover:

First, Zbigniew Brzezinski's "confession" that the US government – of which he was a high official – started the Mujahadin in Pakistan. The US paid 80 billion – or even five cents, does it really matter? – to somebody to set up training camps for young men, teaching them that God (aka G_d, aka Allah) wanted them to fight a jihad.

Second, German journalist Udo Ulfkotte's "confession" that he and all his colleagues -- journalists who write about Islamic terrorism – were utterly on the take from the CIA. Our Inquest cannot brush it under the carpet!

Let the Counsels Assisting the Inquest -- Gormly, Callan, and Downing -- come forward right now and state whether they *are* aware, or are *not* aware, of the Brzezinski thing and the Ulfkotte thing.

If they know about such terrorist-falsity, they **have to factor it in**. The purpose of the Inquest is to query the deaths at the December 15, 2014 siege. To analyze those deaths, the main thing on the table is: **Why was there a siege?**

Not to factor it in, is to engage in – sorry, it really kills me to say this – cover-up. Was Monis hired to do what he did?

Was he *hired* to write letters to the families of soldiers? Was he *hired* to chain himself to the steps of Parliament House? Was he *hired* to run the pre-Christmas siege? All of that has to be examined. That's what justifies the having of an inquest.

Embarrassment has got to be shown to the door, Folks. Come on, we can do it. We can ask the critical questions re the siege. It needs to be openly mentioned that NSW Police had created a fake terrorist incident merely 3 months before the siege, namely at Bella Vista in Sydney. Imagine it: government has never been held accountable for this lie.

Recall that the president of Victoria Trades Hall, Kevin Bracken, questioned 9-11. That led to state Attorney General Clarke saying that Kevin's comments "strike at the very heart of the West's struggle against terrorism and it is a disgrace that Mr Bracken make these wild claims that undermine the very reason for our presence in Afghanistan." Wait a minute, don't we *want* to know what is the reason for our presence in any theatre of war?

9-11. So did the Prime Minister at that time, Julia Gillard. We can't live like this. This is delusional. Please walk with me through a timeline of the Bella Vista incident, to get a feel for the way the citizenry is mocked:

Timeline re Bella Vista, Putting It All in Context

Sep 18, 2014. Police do a massive raid to "thwart beheadings." (They break down the door of Muslims' homes, scare toddlers.)

Sep 18, after sunset. About 400 persons, including Monis, hold a 'snap protest' at Lakemba in Sydney, saying the raid was brutal.

Sep 23. 18-yr-old Numan with sharp object is shot dead by cops (after he allegedly stabbed two of them).

Sep 25. Brekkie time. ADF sailor complains he was bruised by two Middle Eastern looking men, while in uniform.

Sep 25. Night: Senate passes draconian law of censorship.

Sep 26. Mainstream publishes "Sailor drops charges" and a commander apologizes about that at a "news conference".

Sep 27, 2014. In a Gumshoe article, McLachlan raises the idea that the Incident was fake, and hints that George Brandis may be involved, or at least that the timing was spectacular.

Aug 7, 2015 McLachlan checks with police again, is told that the police “don’t believe the Incident happened.”

Aug 9. Maxwell opines ‘Someone should be punished for this.’

QQ: 1. Did any ADF man actually go to Kings Cross and file a police complaint? 2. Can we see it?

3. When he said “I hereby drop the charge” was he interviewed as to why? 4. Is that in writing? 5. At what point did the NSW police come to think the Incident never occurred?

6. Have they, in other cases, recommended punishment for a complainer who lays an information with false charges?

7. What standard of journalism exists such that no Australian journalist (other than Dee) entertains the idea of foul play?

8. Were our Parliamentarians manipulated?

9. Will any of them fuss over this?

10. Is it now policy to shoot a man dead if he is a Muslim?

11. From whence do police policies on use of force originate?

12. Is there a cop somewhere in Oz who finds the new approach a bit disturbing?

13. Is there an ombudsperson to whom such a cop could go?

14. Has the sanctity of the home outlived its time on earth?

26. The Death of Johnson and the Death of Monis



*Prime Minister and Mrs Tony Abbott lay flowers at Martin Place,
Photo: ntnews.com.au*

Every inquest seeks to find the time, place, and manner of death of a person. Regarding the deaths of Tori Johnson and Man Haron Monis, I think it is an established fact that the *place* of death was the Lindt Café in Sydney. The time of was between 2am and 2:30am on 16 December 2014. So we come to the main question: How did they die?

The EA – Emergency Action – Is Finally Triggered

The deaths of Monis and Johnson occurred at the very end of the siege. They occurred when there were only a few people left in the café: Monis, Johnson, Dawson, Mikhael, Win Pe, Hope, Hope, and possibly Ma. (And perhaps someone other than a hostage?)

So it is the events occurring from 2:03 onwards that matter. Recall that there had been an escape at 3:37 on the afternoon of December 15, and another about one hour later. We saw all those 5 people run out of the café in broad daylight.

The last escape occurred at 2:03am, involving six hostages. It was dark. We can see from a ceiling camera that all 6 exited by

the lift lobby, out to Martin Place. A media camera shows that Ma soon followed, via the main entrance at corner of Philip St.

It seems to be agreed by police and hostages that Monis fired his gun for the first time at 2:03am. Recall that he had been saying since morning that if any escaped he would shoot them or shoot the stay-behinds. Still, when that third batch of persons ran out, Monis fired only over their heads.

The shot hit a glass panel. The importance, for the Inquest, is that **this shot put police on alert**. Some cops thought just the one shot would be enough to start the Emergency Action. However their commander did not send them in at this point.

Was It Too Late? At the Inquest much attention was focused on whether police should have stormed the café after just one shot. So for the moment, please formulate an opinion. *Would you have ordered it?*

For me I suppose it was proper. Monis had demonstrated a willingness to shoot, even if aimed at the ceiling. As one police witness said “It showed us he had a functioning firearm.” If this was just a gunman on the street I assume police would have shot him down by now. He was endangering lives, bigtime.

Note: when an accountant, Mr Curtis Cheng, was shot by a 15-year-old outside the Parramatta Police station in 2015, the boy was killed by police straightaway. No questions asked. I wondered why they didn’t just disable him. What’s the law on this?

The Bomb in the Backpack

Of course there was the alleged problem of the bomb in Monis’ backpack. A reason to hold back from shooting Monis – it was said throughout that day -- was the fear that a bullet received by him could pass through him to his backpack and an “IED” (improvised explosive device).

The Pause Before the Storming

So it's 2:03am and a decision has to be made. The decision is "Do nothing." Then the police say they heard a second shot at around 2:06. Some said it was a door slamming, or a table being thrown over but some said gunshot. It did not trigger an EA.

In any case, the period between Monis' first firing at 2:03am, and 2:13am when the police teams stormed in, is the period during which Tori Johnson died.

Conclusions Reached re Mr Monis' Death

Based on the testimony I heard at the Lindt Inquest, I believe the manner of death of Man Haron Monis was, as claimed, that "Officer A" shot him upon entry to the Café, and that it occurred at the officially claimed time: around 2:15am. Officer A sounded to me like he was telling it honestly. I go along with Officer A's narrative that he trained the red laser of his gun on Monis' chest, shot him, and then moved it up to his head and shot again.

One thing I don't understand is why Monis didn't buckle over as soon as he was wounded in the chest. I also didn't quite believe Officer A when he said he thinks Monis shot him — because he "flinched." Maybe the cop's bulletproof vest would have that effect; I don't know. Wasn't the vest examined?

By the way, I cannot balance Dennis Albrecht saying that he thought Louisa Hope was a pillar, as all was pitch dark, with Officer A's claim that Monis was well-lit.

Conclusion (Not) Reached re Mr Johnson's Death

As to who killed Tori, the leading candidate is Monis. Did the Inquest question it? Louisa Hope and Marcia Mikhael said they saw Monis kill Tori, and that was that. It was in the newspaper within a day that Tori was "executed" by Monis.

So why do I have any hesitations? Firstly, I need to do more digging as to the reports that Tori was told to get on his knees. We were shown a video, in court, taken by a sniper in the Westpac building. It shows a man (presumably Monis) putting a gun to the back of the head of another man (Tori, apparently). I can't say that Tori was on his knees. He does not get shot during that video. I have also read that a sniper saw Tori fall, but no proof of this. Was that sniper interrogated? I don't know.

What about Monis' Alleged Last Words? Monis had to have been fatigued, and it was dark. An early report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* online quoted Monis as saying, after killing Tori, "Look what you made me do." I don't know if it's true or what it means. I wonder who allegedly reported it. Note: there are plenty of Manchurian candidates around (mind-controlled assassins). So maybe Monis was hypnotized to do a killing, but if so he *wouldn't have made that remark*. (Such people don't have insight while they are fulfilling commands.)

NEW INFO. Just as this book was near completion, I came across a March 22, 2106 report by ABC of what was said at the Inquest that day ("before my time"). It says there was audio of the café available from 7.30pm. So we *do* know what was said! The ABC quotes Ms Callan:

"Surveillance audio played at the inquest revealed Monis' last words to the hostages less than a minute before he shot Tori Johnson dead. 'At 2.12am Monis is heard saying words to the effect of **"You'll be all right everyone,"** Ms Callan said. "Yet tragically less than a minute later at approximately 2.13am, Monis discharged his weapon for the third time, shooting Tori Johnson in the back of the head, and causing him to fall forward onto the cafe floor. "Inexplicably, he then said words to the effect of 'Don't move everything will be fine'."

Also, this is the first I heard of Tori texting a hostage who had escaped many hours earlier:

“Ms Callan told the inquest that Mr Tori Johnson sent the first SMS message to Lindt Cafe supervisor Paolo Vassallo, at 7.05pm. Mr Vassallo was one of the hostages who had earlier escaped the cafe and was recovering in St Vincent’s Hospital when he received the message from Mr Johnson. Mr Johnson wrote: ‘Tell the police the lobby door is unlocked. He’s sitting in the corner on his own’.”

Why Would Monis Kill Tori Johnson?

Motive is important. I keep asking: what did he have to gain by snuffing out Tori’s life? I try putting myself in Monis’ shoes. He thinks: “I’ll be accused of the crime of holding hostages and threatening them, but so far I have not hurt anyone. Heck, I even let them eat food, wander around, and message their families. I may be able to plead for my life.”

I don’t see why Monis would commit a murder at this point. He refrained from shooting at the escaping hostages just a few minutes before he (allegedly) killed Tori. It has been my general assumption that Monis was on the payroll. We know that in the Boston case, Tamerlan Tsarnaev got a rude awakening when he was arrested in Watertown by the FBI. He yelled “Podstava” (Russian for “This is a set-up”). He had worked for FBI.

Thus I conclude that the death of Tori is unresolved. It is wrong to attribute unsupported motives to Monis. And as will be seen in the Addendum concerning the Amirah Droudis trial, it was open season on accusing Monis of every sin imaginable – with no legal requirement for anyone to dispose of the gossip definitively.

27. “Somnium Scipionis” -- Police Conflict of Interest?



*Andrew Scipione, NSW Police Commissioner,
Photo: dailytelegraph.com.au*

A press conference was broadcast soon after the storming of the Café. Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione disavowed any connection to the decision to storm. When asked “How was the decision made to enter?” he replied:

“It was made by a team of experts. What we don’t do is **compete with those who have to make that call**. ... Well at this stage I understand that there were a number of gunshots that were heard **which caused officers to** move straight to what we call an EA, an emergency action plan and that caused them to enter.” [Emphasis added]

Earlier chapters, about Cath Burn and Jeff Loy, said that ‘leaders’ were more or less disconnected from the entire event on 15 December 2014. This is serious business for society to deal with. It means that someone, other than our official police leaders, is openly given the chance to harm us. This is totally nuts. We must fix it.

I am quite frankly hoping there is a way for the coroner to use the excellent chance provided by his office to help us rethink the relationship of some of our institutions, such as Parliament, the legal profession, and the police.

Where Do Police Forces Fit in the Political Structure?

New South Wales political structure is set out in the state Constitution Act of 1902. As with the Commonwealth, its parliament has two legislative chambers and an executive. The Constitution does not specify a role for police.

In America police are answerable to the mayor. In Oz they are answerable – I think – to the state parliament especially in the person of the Minister for Police. But the men on the ground – to whom are they answerable? As we saw, the commissioner said “Not to me, thank you.”

How Is the Law Administered?

I suppose law is mainly administered by all of us -- simply by obeying it. And what is the law? Basically it is English common law, which we inherited the day Captain Cook set foot on this continent in 1788, plus many statutes.

The term “law enforcement” means a large, organized police force (with related surveillance input). Police only came into being around 1820 when Sir Robert Peel in London set up the “bobbies.” Before that, the community dealt with crime by using any manpower available.

Conflict of Interest re Police?

In regard to the siege, NSW cops played two major roles. First, they captured the baddy. Second, they did the investigation – under the name “Strike Force Verum” -- on which most of this inquest has depended. This is not a good thing. In many areas of our life we look for conflicts of interest. In a Statement dated January 29, 2015, on the Inquest’s website, Counsel Assisting the Inquest Jeremy Gormly wrote:

“16. The Coroners Act calls for the Police to assist the Court in its investigation. Much of the forensic work is done under

the supervision of the Officer Assisting Your Honour, Detective Inspector Angelo Memmolo. He is assisted in the management of the investigation by Detective Senior Constable Rosie Allen, Detective Senior Sergeant Mark Dukes, Detective Sergeant Ricky Hennessy, and Detective Sergeant Tim Attwood....

19. There is sometimes comment about the use of police investigators in coronial matters where police action is involved. The legislation governs the position but, in my experience, **officers assisting the Coroner have no difficulty making criticisms in such matters** and this court has not had difficulty making criticisms or adverse findings against police if it is appropriate to do so.”

However, for Gormly to say that, is itself a species of conflict of interest. The Inquest now has, as the bulk of its files, the material developed by police. So the Inquest has a vested interest in not pooh-poohing that material!

Mr Lucas Van der Walt, qualified in the field of ballistics, is himself employed by the NSW police full time. He gave “expert opinion” but why not have an outsider do that? In the US, the FBI has been caught many times fabricating evidence. The way to deal with this is to take measures against conflict of interest.

I feel that if something is rotten in Denmark, regarding the deaths at Lindt Café, I would be too afraid to confront police experts on the subject. There, I said it, but I am female so can get away with admitting weakness. What man is going to say it? Luckily, society has tasked a special person – a coroner -- to do *more* than accept what police say, to question everything per law.

I took the name *Somnium Scipionis* from Marcus Tullius Cicero’s report of Roman General Scipio’s work at Carthage (not a one-day siege but about three years, circa 150BC). Let’s quote Tully:

“Any man is liable to err, only a fool persists in error.”
(To modernize that: “Fool me once, shame on you; fool me 16 times I must be doing something wrong.”)

I don’t mind that it’s unfashionable nowadays to speak in the normal old-fashioned way, using common sense.

We really need to look at our police problem. The unnamed bosses who actually control the police can wreak havoc, indeed are wreaking havoc, by arresting persons who don’t deserve it and refraining from arresting criminals whom we need urgently to have arrested. Let’s make an opportunity of this inquest to check up on that.

We would certainly be doing society a favor **just to expose the chain of command**. Instead of accepting that it’s “obscure” or “a mess,” or however witnesses described it, we need to say clearly what *is* going on. If it’s a *secret*, that tells us all we need to know, right? It tells us an illegitimate wielder of power is controlling us.

Here’s an odd thing in smh.com.au of 20 December 2014: “Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione said his wife and daughter had been inside the cafe on Monday morning and were shown around the store by its manager Tori Johnson -- one of two victims of the siege -- and left an hour before the hostage situation began.

“‘They came into town with me, they were going to do a bit of Christmas shopping,’ Mr Scipione said, ‘and unbeknownst to me they both decided to slip down into Martin Place and have a look around in the Lindt shop’.”

I doubt that it happened at all. *Sydney Morning Herald* makes up stories to suit, and this one led to tales of how nice Tori had been; thus the commissioner said “many tears were shed.” The coroner can call Mrs Scipione as a witness to discuss her tears.

28. It's Down To You, Inquest



I thought the hearings had finished but apparently there was a directions hearing on September 7, 2016, attended by media.

ABC police reporter Jessica Kidd, gave her article about it the neutral- sounding title: “ASIO’s role may never be publicly revealed”

“It is expected the findings in relation to ASIO will be available to a select few. The findings arising from the coronial inquest into the Sydney siege will not be handed down until next year, New South Wales state coroner Michael Barnes has confirmed, but ASIO’s involvement will likely remain confidential.

Mr Barnes said the inquest into the Lindt Cafe siege was one of the most complex in the state’s history, hearing evidence from 119 witnesses, during 23 weeks.

A directions hearing heard the **role that Australia’s spy agency ASIO played during the siege may never be publicly known.** ASIO officers gave evidence about what contact they had with gunman Man Haron Monis prior to the siege in lengthy **closed court** hearings last year.

Counsel assisting the inquest Jeremy Gormly SC told Wednesday’s hearing it was important that the ASIO segment of the inquest be conducted outside “the public eye.”

Fathom it.

Mr Gormly said: “Those findings would only be made available to federal Attorney-General George Brandis, the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security, Margaret Stone, and ASIO.”

Noooo. I just went to ASIO’s website and here is what is on the home page:

“ASIO is seeking talented Australians to help collect information, connect the dots and play a crucial role in providing advice to government.”

And this: “The government, law enforcement and intelligence agencies are doing everything they can to keep Australia safe from terrorism.”

Swearda God. They should hire me to connect dots. I’ll submit this book as my resumé. I say *it doesn’t add up* -- so I speak up.

Note: I can’t think of any reason (except one) why ASIO would not reveal anything it had found about Monis. Can you?

Monis was a creep. He was an idiot. And now we are to be given the tempting little tidbit that ASIO – that’s Australian Security Intelligence Organization – “has something” on him?

It would be a sin to believe that they have a tidbit that they can’t tell us.

We must not continue down this dangerous path.

Questions That the Inquest Must Not Fail To Answer: 1. Where’s the **audiotape of the gunshots**? Can we hear it? 2. **Who** decided when to commit the EA, that is, to storm in?

3. The police negotiators – did they consider talking to the terrorist and if not why not? Were they in a stand-down? **Why**, honestly, wasn’t Michael Klooster’s negotiating offer welcome?

4. Which stormers are Special Operations Group or **SAC-PAV**?

5. Do police generally obtain swipe-card from building owners when entry is urgent? Wasn't Fire Department aware of the Lindt's fire exit?

6. Was a **police dog** usable for taking Monis off guard?

7. Did **any** hostage ever work for a covert group, e.g., ASIO?

8. **Did** Monis say "Look what you made me do?" If so, **why**?

9. What is the significance of this in *Advertiser* Nov 17, 2015: "Acting Commissioner of NSW Police Kaldas confirmed the change to **FBI-style** training. He said "What happened in Paris may in a twisted way inspire others to do similar sorts of acts."

10. Does the Lindt Café have a **CCTV**, such as to catch shoplifters? (I'll bet it does; the candy trays are very open.)

11. When police knew, by noon, the **hostage-taker's identity**, why weren't men on the ground informed about this?

12. **Why** did Monis think **ASIO** had a hand in his ex-wife's death?

13. Why did his request about that go unanswered?

Note: This succinct comment was made at Gumshoe-News.com by Don Wreford, on September 10, 2016:

"The important political aspect of Monis is his importance to being a pawn in the political arena to liberate these type individuals is to allow free range to commit criminal acts to promote a police state and how politicians are looking after your the public's safety to benefit authority and create fear."

Revive the Law

Please, please. It's not for nothing that God made Inquests. They are part of our institutional protections. Ever since we got into civilization we have needed institutions. In today's crowded society many individuals are lost. They cannot go around looking for one-on-one help. But luckily we have long since found a good way – through **society's** protection.

My late husband, who was a pediatrician, used to say "Society protects." I think he meant society protects orphans or abused children or maybe just sick children, but the point is: it is the role of institutions to come to our aid. These are relied on to help us stave off the vicissitudes, at least a little bit.

Sometimes you hear a radio show say "Let's find out what's going to happen" -- as in "What is the next amazing technology?" or what is the most inventive ideology? Rubbish, I tell you. We already had better stuff than we have now.

It's not a matter of looking to the future. We need to look to the immediate past. *Society protects*. I mean it did protect. That is a wonderful thing, a fabulous thing. Who in the world would give it away? Good heavens, what is so un-cool about embracing some old-fashioned honesty and *reasoning*?

The following is a provision in the 2009 *Coroners Act*:

Section 85: "The Supreme Court may, on the application of the Minister or any other person, make an order that an inquest or inquiry that has been held ... be quashed and that a new inquest or inquiry be held if the Court is satisfied that it is necessary or desirable to do so in the interests of justice because of:

(a) fraud, or (b) the rejection of evidence, or (c) an irregularity of proceedings, or (d) an insufficiency of inquiry, or (e) the discovery of new evidence or facts, or (f) any other reason. [Emphasis added]

Time To Take Control

What can lawyers do about our sad situation? As regards the Sydney Inquest, I call upon Ms Sophie Callan, LLB, to save us. I have seen her in action and I know she can do it. She's great.

She can walk into her office tomorrow, throw a few folders on the floor, and say:

"I can't go through with this. I can't keep up the falsity of the case. I can't pretend I accept the idea of a state having a police commissioner who's not 'allowed' to 'interfere' with operations in the biggest incident in Sydney's history.

"I can't keep a straight face when I hear that the six negotiators, including a highly-paid psychiatrist, made no contact with the hostage-taker, and expect us to think that such a policy was other than deliberate.

"I can't accept that London, Paris, and New York would indulge in fakery yet there be no trace of fakery here in the antipodes. We're all run by the same nutballs, aren't we?

"I can't seriously believe that all three doors in the Lindt Café were exit-able and yet most "hostages" couldn't escape.

"I want to believe what all the expert witnesses say but I just can't do it. It's my job to pursue the *truth* in this inquest. Amen."

You go, Sophie! We've got your back! I know Shieldie will want to support you. He'll say to Australia, as he said to a downed officer: "Get the fuck up, get the fuck up!"

Which is exactly what we should do.

29. Stop Press: The Jordan Library and the Toilet Trip



Lift lobby at 10am on the day of the siege. As you look at this, the steps to Martin Place are at your back. See cop hiding on left, and a waitress behind the swinging door. Photo: australian.com.au

While in Sydney on November 30, 2016, to attend Amirah Droudis' sentencing hearing, I figured I should do another inspection of the doors of the Lindt Café. What I saw threw me for a loop. I don't want to have to revise this book, but I do feel a new foreboding about the Inquest.

It has to do with the “lift lobby” that was the subject of Chapter 1. You need to understand the locations here. Please peek at the photos in Chapters 1 and 6.

Towards the back of the seating area, are two swinging doors to the lift lobby. Back in July, 2016 when I tried out this exit, I had only to lean my shoulder gently on the swinging door and landed myself in the lift lobby. On that day I only barely noticed the fact that there was another tenant's premises directly across the hall.

The swinging door, by which I exited in July, is the same one of course, that the majority of hostages used. Elly and Jaïen got out that way at 4:30pm (it had a slip lock at the top which Jaïen easily opened). Then at 2:03am six hostages used it to escape, and were chased by Monis.

The Jordan Library. In the above photo, you see three lifts ahead of you. To your left is the swinging doors to the café and opposite is the door of this other tenant. On November 30 I looked through the glass panes of that tenant's door: I was surprised to see that its walls are lined with bookshelves. It's the law library of Jordan Chambers. This hit me hard.

The police were *admittedly* stationed in there during the siege. The Inquest staff said so in one of the first hearings I attended, but I didn't get the point. I suspect we were intended to "not get" the point. At the Inquest they said Team Charlie cops were stationed "*on Elizabeth Street at the Jordan Library.*"

So how come no one mentioned that this gave them a beautiful view into the "stronghold." What was all the hoopla about snipers hoping to shoot Monis from upstairs in the Westpac building? Any sniper worth his/her salt could have operated from the Jordan Library.

Indeed in the above photo you can see a cop on the left wall. I never heard that Monis emerged and told that cop to stop trespassing – did you? This is outrageous.

Even assuming the police didn't want to shoot through the glass of the (locked) swinging doors, **they could have walked in and shot Monis any time** after 4:30 pm when Jaieen unlocked it. Note: once outside, Jaieen and Elly would of course have told the authorities it was unlocked.

Another issue that came to my mind when I discovered the Jordan Library is the famous shot fired over the heads of escaping hostages at 2:03am. Recall that some police thought it might be the sound of a slamming door, rather than gunfire – so they continued to stay away. I say if they were occupying the Jordan Library they couldn't have missed or misinterpreted the action of the escape and the shooting. Please, be reasonable.

I'm now annoyed that I sat there on many days believing everything I heard. I now say that if the **amazingly easy access** through the lift lobby was available to cops, the whole rest of the narrative is a joke. Fancy them telling us the thick glass of the Café windows couldn't be used, as the bullet may get deflected and kill some hostages.

This is from news.com.au on May 24, 2016: "Jeremy Gormly asked [Assistant Commissioner] Jenkins if he had access in the police operations centre to CCTV footage of the café foyer during the siege. "Not that I'm aware of," he replied.

Fiona Ma's Report of the Toilet Trip . And now for another shock that I got recently. Recall that I did not attend any hearings before June. So I missed the March 31, 2016 hearing at which Fiona Ma testified. But I happened to find reportage in news.com.au. Fiona said:

"I went on a toilet trip with Jarrod (Morton-Hoffman) and Robin (Hope), we were in there for a while and we heard knock on door and it was Man Monis calling for me. I opened the door and he said 'why is it taking so long?'. He called us out. I could see Selina (Win Pe) standing with him, he was holding onto her, I think he had the gun to her back. (Selina) wasn't doing well. She was just crying and telling him not to shoot.

"We got Robin out of the bathroom quickly and we sat her back down. He was still holding Selina (on his left) and then he told me to stand on the right side of him, and he told Jarrod to follow behind him to cover his back. He walked into (the) kitchen to see if anyone was there. Then he shoved us back into the cafe area."

This strikes me as not believable. If Monis had walked up the stairs he'd have lost sight of nine persons downstairs: Marcia, Puspendhu, Joel, Katrina, Louisa, Viswakanth, Tori, Harriet, and Julie. That would have given each of them a clear run to any of the three doors.

There was no lock on the fire exit, the lock on the swinging doors had been open since 4:30pm, and the main door had always been exitable the way John O'Brien did it at 3.37pm – by pushing the green button. Fiona herself used that button method; she was the final escapee at around 2:09am.

After 12 hours in very trying circumstances, wouldn't each of the nine downstairs hostages have grabbed the chance to run out (perhaps excepting Ms Hope who would wait for her mother Robin who was upstairs)? Two girls were pregnant, Harriet and Julie, yet neither escaped till 16 hours after the siege began. Weren't they desperate for any mode of saving their baby's life?

Did the Inquest ask the surviving 7 of those 9 why they did not seize this fantastic opportunity? Surely I can't be the only person who notices this. I'd like to hear from "percussion" as to whether they've personally inspected that stairway – or the Jordan Library across the lift lobby.

I confess to a much greater skepticism now. From the moment the siege began I thought it was scripted and that Monis was a willing agent of ASIO, Mossad, FBI, or whoever does these things. But I didn't think all the players were in on it. And as I heard each cop speak I took him at his word.

I now say that even if your basic constable was not in the loop he *should have been able to figure things out*. And even if he did not "twig" during the siege, he had his chance later to do what I did – inspect the premises.

Maybe some cop will get smart and sue for damage to his hearing caused by the flash bangs. It would be good to see a court case.

As Chapter 18 said, a coroner's court is not judicial. I wonder if the wounded hostages Robin, Louisa, and Marcia have filed a lawsuit for damages.

Sorry but I cannot now picture the “storming in” as anything other than drama meant to convince the public that a bad event had really taken place. I give the next four pages over to Dee McLachlan who tackles that interpretation.

Welcome to Sydney Siege Theatre by Dee McLachlan



All aspects of the way the police acted during the Lindt Café siege point to a “staged performance.” At Gumshoe News, I have repeatedly shown how the appropriate military persons were stood down during the 9-11 attacks in New York. The same occurred during the Port Arthur massacre of 1996.

My article “Permission denied; this has to happen” describes that day at the Seascapes Cottage where a hostage situation was (allegedly) in progress. Tasmanian constables had the gunman in their sights but were not allowed to shoot him! Several personnel, including volunteer firemen, heard a senior police officer on the radio respond to the request to shoot: ‘Permission denied; this has to happen.’ Now we ask: What happened at the Lindt Cafe on 15-16 December 2014? Was permission to shoot denied?

Let me list aspects of the siege that make no sense to me as a “real world” event. The mainstream media, updated by the police, were broadcasting a dramatic story that on the surface seemed logical -- but the detail tells another tale.

Four peculiarities of that day are: 1. lack of any negotiation with the gunman, 2. omission of any attempt to free the hostages, 3. a deliberate attempt to keep tensions high, 4. a decision to avoid scanning the stronghold for opportunities to disable the terrorist.

All of that smacks of a stand-down. This is a vital point!

Rule #1 in a hostage crisis: Talk to the hostage taker. Rule broken.

ABC reported on 15 December 2015, that:

“Commissioner Scipione confirmed police were negotiating with the gunman and were focused on resolving the stand-off as safely as possible.”

How did this lie surface on the ABC? An ABC report a week later, entitled, “...Police ‘missed opportunities’ to engage with Man Haron Monis,” said: “Expert negotiators have told the inquest into the Lindt Cafe siege that New South Wales police negotiators missed a number of opportunities to engage with gunman Man Haron Monis.”

That’s ridiculous – how could there be 17 hours of missed opportunities? “Ms Smith, who has trained forces in Iraq, said it was concerning negotiators failed to make direct contact with Monis, and different tactics should have been employed rather than trying to engage through the hostages.”

No, they were NOT trying to engage through the hostages. The hostages were trying to reach police but were mostly ignored. The police could have called the number on the café’s website -- or return-called one of the hostage’s mobiles and asked: “Please pass the phone to the gunman.”

Also, several people on the outside had asked for a chance to talk to Monis. Muslims offered to ask the Grand Mufti to intervene. Good idea -- that would show up Monis' claims to be acting on behalf of Islam. But this idea was shelved.

NSW Police Deputy Commissioner Catherine Burn said they did not take up offers from Muslim community leaders to help in negotiations as they did not want to "put hostages' lives in the hands of 'amateurs'. But, Ms Burn, there were NO NEGOTIATIONS to help with.

The media and the Assistant Police Commissioner were giving us a different story -- announcing that negotiations were in process. (I remember seeing a video of a press conference where Ms Burn was implying that they were in negotiations -- but can no longer find it.) Was this incompetence? IMPOSSIBLE! The non-negotiate tactic had to be deliberate.

Rule #2 in a hostage crisis: Try to free the hostages. Rule broken.

No action was taken to bargain for, or free, any hostages. You would think attempts would have been made to establish communication -- then build a rapport, so as to start bargaining with food or things (flags) for the release of hostages. "We are trying to locate an ISIS flag. Could take some time." But is everyone all right? Is anyone hurt?" Nothing. Zip.

Rule #3 in a hostage crisis. Create calm and play the incident down to improve chances for a better outcome. Rule broken.

Panic and tension will lead to bad outcomes. It is a known fact that there are three especially dangerous periods during a hostage crisis. The first is the initial 15-45 minutes when there is confusion and panic, the second is during the release or escape of hostages, and the third is when tactical assault teams rush in to end the crisis.

Negotiation strategies yield the greatest success in resolving a hostage crisis; tactical assault carries the highest casualty rate.

So why did the police choose the most dangerous option over the safest option? To create theatre?

Think of how this tension affected the forces on the ground -- escalating the danger. Were these troops told it was (cleric) Monis? If not, *why* not? And why did the police deliberately keep Monis's name from the public? To create more theatre?

Interestingly, Monis had famously worn "religious" or clerical robes for Family Court matters or when attracting publicity -- but on the day of the siege he wore a baseball cap and jeans. Was this a wardrobe malfunction -- or was it designed to conceal his identity for as long as possible?

The Commander of the Terrorism Intelligence Unit admitted "Monis emerged as the most likely suspect by mid-afternoon." And Detective Melanie Staples, recognised him around 12:00 noon. She alerted senior detectives in State Crime Command.

(Ah, was Prime Minister Tony Abbott ever told that this was the "cleric" who chained himself to the courthouse stairs?)

But the police (and media) deliberately suppressed his name until most citizens had gone to bed for the night. This would keep folks thinking of the worst case terrorist-scenario -- allowing the drama of this "terrorist" event to be all theatre.

Rule #4 in a hostage crisis. Watch what's happening, for the off-moment when you could disable the gunman. Rule broken.

The Lindt Cafe is a veritable "fish tank" with glass on all sides. No hostage taker in their right mind would choose such a vulnerable location. Monis was either not in his right mind -- or the location was chosen for him. Common sense tells us that

the “fish tank” could have been breached in order to disable the gunman.

Police looked super fierce and combat-like on the news reports that were broadcast worldwide, but they were well back almost all the time.

On the surface this may look like timidity or incompetence. But the facts seem to point to deliberate non-interference, a waiting strategy. Were they waiting for one of the fish to die in the fish tank?

You would imagine that the police would have attempted to establish audio and visual surveillance. What about sticking a small camera with chewing gum on one of the windows, or in the swinging doors of the Jordan Library?

Conclusion. Seven months ago I wrote at Gumshoe: “It wasn’t until about 8pm, 10 hours after the siege began, that a portable monitor was set up at the forward command post showing a live feed from a camera inside the Channel Seven building immediately opposite the Martin Place cafe, the inquest has been told today.”

Ten hours to set up a live feed? They could have asked any savvy kid on the street to do it 20 minutes. Pop along to Harvey Norman and get a couple of remote (night vision) wireless security cameras, then flip open a laptop.

Maybe these people should all be fired. I can’t help thinking that the four “broken rules” of hostage situations lead to the conclusion that the Lindt Cafe siege was theatre -- a staged affair.

-- end of Dee McLachlan’s presentation

30. Conclusion: Rock-Throwing and the LD



Lindt Café window shattered by a rock thrower. Photo: mirror.co.uk

This book would like to conclude – but two more issues have popped up so I will deal with those in this chapter.

Rocks Thrown at the Lindt Café. It was reported on June 5, 2015, but Dee McLachlan did not see the ABC item until December, 2016, that Luke Martin, a basketball player for the Sydney Kings, brought a bag of rocks to Martin Place and hurled them at the window of the Lindt Café; he was arrested.

I venture to interpret the rock-throwing as a message from someone who wished to dispute a claim made at the Inquest that snipers would not have been able to get through the glass. If I am right, we have some police personnel who'd like to challenge the inquest but perhaps cannot speak out. In the last 18 months media hasn't followed up on Luke's legal situation. But a site about basketball, alchetron.com, says:

"On 3 June 2015, Martin was denied bail over allegedly throwing rocks through the windows of Sydney's Lindt cafe in Martin Place, and breaking a police officer's jaw during the subsequent arrest. He was also observed driving erratically in Sydney CBD. He was later admitted to a mental health facility."

The LD – Listening Device. It has been my understanding for decades that all conversations can be eavesdropped elec-

tronically. At the hearings I heard Ms Callan say that the Listening Device used by police during the siege was installed, or became operative, around 7:30pm. I did not know if it carried a good quality sound. Then I watched a YouTube video and learned of a conversation between Monis and Jarrod Morton-Hoffman, in which Jarrod said he was able to print out a flag to meet Monis's demands. Both voices were *very clear*.

This has made me wonder of the entire Inquest is dishonest. That flag conversation most likely took place in the morning when Monis was demanding an ISIS flag. If so, it seems to me that there was never a secret as to what was going on in the stronghold, and that the final moments of Tori Johnson's life, too, are likely recorded.

In my 2015 book *Fraud Upon the Court: Reclaiming the Law, Joyfully*, and in my 2017 book *Marathon Bombing: Indicting the Players*, I say that my way of figuring out if a hoax is a hoax, is by studying how the court behaves. If significant deviations from legal practice are occurring, I hypothesize that an outsider is controlling the whole thing.

What if there were a listening device inside the café, or what if the high-tech ability to eavesdrop can be done without even the need for a recording device in the café? Does that not mean that all the early chapters of this book are a game? That is, when officers were being asked questions – searchingly as though we had no other source – isn't it just a game?

And really, if you owned the Lindt Café, wouldn't you have installed a CCTV to monitor theft? We were at least told that there was a permanent camera in the ceiling of the lift lobby. So why was there any mystery about Monis' firing a shot over the head of the escaping six hostages?

Mal Hughes, after paying \$144 for 9 pages of transcript, asked for additional material on November 8. That was months ago. Nothing received. Does the Inquest not want to supply it?

Recapping This Study [*This is from the original 2017 edition*]

Twenty-five things suggest to me that the siege was staged:

1. the negotiators' inaction all day and unawareness of calls,
2. the rejecting of Michael Klooster's offer to talk to Monis,
3. the police commissioner, premier, and prime minister all playing 'hands off' during Australia's biggest crisis,
4. media's payout to hostages (looks like hush money),
5. Inquest's failure to explain avoidance of a Direct Action plan or *to follow up* on many cops' hints of Canberra's role,
6. Monis picking two hostages as helpers (he trusted them?),
7. the foolish story about snipers having to hold back as a bullet through the window would "harm the hostages,"
8. ABC calling Monis an *ayatollah*, knowing he wasn't one,
9. the similarity of this siege to scripted terrorism abroad,
10. the eleventh hour build-up of sexual-assault allegations against Monis,
11. Human Rights Watch statistics on FBI sting operations,
12. the Inquest's amazing lack of interest in ex-wife's murder,
13. Monis's upstairs toilet trip leaving 9 hostages unguarded,
14. the unchallenged acceptance of Ranieri's expert opinion on the sounds of gunshots -- and their sequence,
15. Van der Walt's meaningless measurement of damage to a chair supposedly occupied by Katrina Dawson,
16. the PM saying "it is terrifying" that afternoon on TV,
17. mainstream media's formulaic demonization of Monis,
18. the ease of cops entering lift foyer from Jordan Library,
19. the silence of officialdom when questions are raised,
20. the ignoring of the extra shell casings in Monis' pocket,
21. the lack of interest in the rock-throwing incident,
22. the non-mentioning of swipe cards, such as from Paolo,
23. Australia's outrageous history of persecuting Dr Haneef,
24. the pretense that a Listening Device was not useful,
25. and, to say it thrice: Bella Vista, Bella Vista, Bella Vista.

So was the Inquest inadequate or corrupted? Will it be quashed?

One Courageous Person Makes a Majority Let's start with the notion that Australian society has sometimes been in the wrong. Consider this, written by Sir William Therry:

"To return to the topic of my first visit to Sydney [in 1829]...

"Early in the morning the gates of the convict prison were thrown open and several hundred convicts were marched along in regimental style and distributed among the several public works, the chains clanking at their heels. The downcast countenances exhibited a truly painful picture.

"To this was added a scene I witnessed a day or two later.

"There issued out of the prisoners' barracks a party consisting of four men who bore on their shoulders a miserable convict writhing in an agony of pain, his voice piercing the air with terrific screams.

I was told "It was only a prisoner who had been flogged and was on his way to hospital." It often took the sufferer a week after one of these lacerations before he was sufficiently recovered to resume his labour; and I soon learned that what I had seen at that point was an ordinary occurrence."

Patriotism. We would not do that sort of thing today. Right? How did it get stopped? Was it because folks saw it was wrong and insisted that we not continue such cruelty? Well, sort of. But there had to be a nexus between "folks" and the law or the authorities. The cruelty was, after all, not occurring among private citizens but had the force of law behind it. An official had to step in.

Luckily this could take the form of one or more Australian politicians speaking out against British rule in the colonies. They could demand an end to the use of this land as a prison colony for British convicts.

Consider this episode in Van Diemen's Land, written by legal historian Alex Castles in *Lawless Harvest or God Save the Judges* (2003)

"There was one highly-charged event during [Latrobe's] term, which underlined an important change taking place in the conduct of local affairs. On 31 October, 1845, six members of the Legislative Council walked out and resigned. They were quickly labeled as "the patriotic six" by many in the colony because of their stand.

"Their resignations were far more than an expression of their opposition to financial appropriations being pushed through the Legislative Council on the casting votes of the Lieutenant-Governor.... It was an unequivocal assertion of a strong demand for the old system of autocracy to be replaced...

"Soon the call for major constitutional change was to be linked inextricable with a calling for the abolition of convict transportation. On January 26, 1849, celebrated as a day commemorating the arrival of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove, a public meeting in Launceston approved the establishment of an Anti-Transportation League..."

Today, 2017. Do we have something evil going on today? Yes we do. We have *irresponsible* men and women in positions of great authority. Also, we have numerous people who, while not holding any known office, seem to be able to control our parliamentarians. These can make laws and policies that no reasonable citizen would agree to.

Deceit is all around us and we're being conditioned to expect more of it. Absurd decisions are made and the public feels overwhelmed. We need a Patriotic Six, or a patriotic thousand, or even a Patriotic *One*. I am calling on the coroner of New South Wales, Magistrate Michael Barnes, to be that Patriotic One in his wrapping up of the Inquest into the Lindt Café terrorist incident, also known as the Sydney siege.

He would have to ask: How about Monis' involvement with ASIO or his work as an FBI informer, if such there were? In the Boston Marathon case, the authorities consistently averred that Tamerlan Tsarnaev **had no such involvement** (Liars!), but now they admit that he did. Sadly, they got no punishment for having perverted the course of justice!

To avoid mentioning such things is perhaps a crime in itself. In Massachusetts recently a federal judge, Justice Mark Wolf, had to let a prisoner out of jail – Vinnie Ferrara, also known as Vincent the animal – *because the court had been silent about FBI chicanery* during “the animal’s” prosecution. How do you like that!

Cops

The Wood Royal Commission in New South Wales in 1992 and the Fitzgerald Commission in Queensland in 1988 said police forces are corrupt. That is, they do not work for the community. So for whom do they work?

Those two inquiries focused on selfish motives – a police official pockets some money. But I think the corrupt officers are not working for either themselves or the community. They are slave to overlords who are well concealed.

If the Sydney siege was as I think it was, a staged, scripted event, who gained from it? No Australian that I know of gained from it. Must be outsiders. So our cops should not be helping them. You have to wonder what the cops are thinking these days. What about that rock-throwing?. I have this message for cops who might be disgruntled:

You are wusses, sissies, and wimps. Is “obedience” the final common pathway of your brain? Do you like working for men like Jenkins and Loy? They are not men; they are skirts.

And what is this nonsense about your commissioners and DC's such as Scipione, Burn, and Murdoch? How can it be that they

were “not supposed” to care about your situation during the siege? Think about it. Did they close their eyes and if so, why?

Why did we never hear from the Minister of Policing? Why did Premier Mike Baird and Prime Minister Tony Abbott stay well away (but turn up at every funeral and anniversary ceremony)?

Why, at the Inquest hearings, does the staff not press for an answer to the question: Who made the decision to “go in” after 2am – by which I mean of course who made the decision *not* to go in, earlier. In the orchestra pit sat a very well-dressed chap, Mr James Renwick, SC, Counsel for the Commonwealth. I read in an article at news.com.au dated May 13, 2016 that

“Defense force officers were present at police headquarters on the night of siege. Counsel for the Commonwealth, James Renwick, SC, told the inquest: ‘We could only act if we were asked. We weren’t asked, and for good reason.’ Under Australian law, the only way the defence force could have become involved was if NSW Police had declared it beyond their capability.”

I don’t think that is true. As far as I can read the law (the anti-terrorism provisions), the moment Monis said “Australia is under attack,” the Defence Force had a role. Naturally.

UPDATE

That is the end of the 30 chapters of my 2017 book, *Inquest: Siege in Sydney*. In this 2023 edition I have made only cosmetic changes to the original book.

Next up is the addendum, which was also in the original. Years later, I can see that the fishiness of the Droudis is very telling of the siege affair.

The two Appendices after the Addendum are new.

ADDENDUM: The Trial of Amirah Droudis

The Trial of Amirah Droudis, for the murder of Monis's EXwife Helen Lee ("Lee" is a court-provided pseudonym.)

On September 7, 2016, I started to attend the murder trial in Sydney of Monis' partner, Amirah in Darlinghurst Court, Sydney. She is accused of killing, by stabbing and burning, the EXwife of Monis, to whom the court assigns the pseudonym Helen Lee.

As the case proceeded, I was startled to see very few onlookers. I was sometimes alone in the gallery, or more often shared the gallery with one or two others. None of them were regulars as was I. (On the last day of the trial, the security guard asked me if I were the judge's mother. S'truth!))

Most tellingly there was very little media presence. On average one-point-five persons per day sat in the media section. On the day of sentencing, seven media persons were there. I wrote up the trial each day as an article for GumshoeNews.com and will lay out eight such articles here as 'sections':

- 1. Surveillance Is Everywhere**
- 2. Cast of Characters and Suburbs**
- 3. Standard Evidence-Chasing**
- 4. Dark Day in the Courtroom**
- 5. Connections to the Siege**
- 6. The Defendant Is Convicted**
- 7. Amirah's Daughter's Affidavit**
- 8. My Eight Complaints**

SECTION ONE: Surveillance Is Everywhere

(published on September 24, 2016)



Justice Peter Johnson

When this article was published at Gumshoe, it had the title “Don’t Pick Your Nose on the Platform.” At the September 7, 2016 session of the trial, the focus was on “tracking” the accused, and her late partner, Man Haron Monis. The authorities want to know where they were at the time the ex-wife was murdered. That murder had occurred on the afternoon of April 21, 2013.

We Will Follow You . Tracking consisted of the fact that Monis’ Cherokee jeep had a tracking device placed on it by police regarding an earlier offence. Thus police not only can say where he has gone, they can pick up his car’s image as he drives past any number of cameras on the street!

They can also trace all his phone calls – I was amazed to learn that when you make even a call from a payphone, God is watching you. And the police in this trial have put into evidence any text message the couple ever sent. I am here to say there is no privacy in this world!

Say you are getting off the Sydney train at the Strathfield station, walking along the platform on a Sunday evening and there is no one around. You might think it is perfectly polite to pick your nose — as the rule against nose-picking (or other minor breaches of hygiene etiquette) have to do with causing offense.

Ah, but just because you think there is no one there – that's not good enough. The cameras are there.

At the Droudis trial they showed us videos from the CCTVs proving the location of the accused in two train stations. I do not mean to suggest she attended to her nasal needs. It's I who thought, wow, you can't do anything anymore without having a permanent record made of it. This is *so* appalling.

Shades of the Old Bailey. The trial is being held in Oxford St at the Darlinghurst Courthouse, which is a walk into English history. It is a small courtroom with creaky floors and highly polished desks. The judge sits high up, wearing garb right out of the 17th century (red velvet robe and gold satin cowl). I have seen him in other photos wearing ermine. On a summer's day in Australia!

To the judge's right sits the sheriff. To his left is the jury box but no jurors in this case. To his right is the media box, almost as empty as the jury box. Straight across from His Honor is the box for the accused.

Amirah is pretty, and young-looking, and was not featuring that shower-cap type thing. Her hair is lovely. Apparently they provide nice shampoo at the prison.

Her hands were definitely not manacled, I assumed she might be wearing a leg iron.

Because I arrived five minutes late I did not see her being brought in. Then I hoped to see her going out at the lunch break so I could get a load of the leg iron. However, she seemed to *disappear* from the courtroom.

I couldn't fathom it until the next day when I saw that she arrives and departs via a trap door in the accused's box. I am not joking.

Feigning . I do wish to challenge one thing I saw in the media. The headline was “Monis Feigned Chest Pains.” I do not deny that he had the ability to feign anything; he comes across as a deceitful type. But the video in question consisted of him being greeted, in hospital, by a cop who informed him that the ex-wife had died.

The cop did not say the lady was killed or stabbed, just “died.” Monis’ reply was “Maybe it is not the same person. Are you sure?” Then the cop left the room to get something and Monis, who was sitting on a bed, bowed his head way down. When the cop came back Monis said “I need to lie down, my heart is beating very fast.”

Say what you will about him pulling a false show of shock, but you can’t say he feigned chest pains, because he didn’t. Right?

Media Presence . I do not consider myself “media” and chasing around after murder trials is not my scene. Amirah Droudis was arrested in November, 2013, along with Monis, over the death of Monis’s ex-wife. Her trial opened on August 16 this year, nearly exactly as the Lindt Café Inquest ended its public hearings.

I then decided to follow it in the media — but there was almost no reporting. In fact all was silent after the initial splash about neighbors hearing the screams of the lady being stabbed outside her apartment.

I figured that the judge had called an adjournment for a few weeks as they sometimes do. But I was wrong, the thing was proceeding but media did not cover it.

SECTION TWO: Cast of Characters, and Suburbs *(published on September 24, 2016)*



An apartment building in Werrington, NSW

Amirah Droudis is on trial for killing a lady whose name we are not supposed to mention in connection with this court case, but which is well known from previous media discussion. To be on the safe side, I will refer to her as EX-wife. This section is intended to list key names, dates, and places.

Names It's cricket to name the accused, Amirah Droudis, and to say that she was the defacto, or the girlfriend, or partner of the late Man Haron Monis. She called him Michael. At birth he was Mohamad Hassan Manteghi Borujerdi. On 16 September 2002, Monis changed his name to Michael Hayson Mavros. On 21 September 2006, he changed his name to Man Haron Monis.

As for Amirah, her first name was Anastasia – she is Greek – but she converted to Islam and altered her name. I believe she had a husband. Her 14-year-old daughter now practices the Islamic faith, too. We are not allowed to name her but I will contribute the pseudonym “Sara” for her.

EXwife, who was stabbed to death on Sunday, April 21, 2013, is of Fijian Indian ethnicity. She is the mother of two boys. I give them the pseudonyms Billy and Josef. She had a partner at the time of her death, and two living parents. There was also the elderly mother of Amirah.. She appeared via a November 2013 video

in the trial, but has died of emphysema. Her husband is now in a nursing home. He did not get asked any questions at the trial as he had a stroke about 8 years ago and cannot talk.

I will voluntarily protect Amirah's late mother and the stroke-victim Dad (born 1936), for the following reason. If their child Amirah ends up as a convict, they should not be blamed should they? I can't imagine that they raised a kid to be a wild murderess. Their only other offspring is Amirah's brother John. It was said that he has paranoia "and yells and screams." Poor thing.

Other Persons. There is a neighbor who acted as a witness who speaks only Greek. She took the oath in Greek, and had a professional interpreter. I will just say "Greek neighbor." She obviously cares about the welfare of the girl, Sara, who finds herself with an imprisoned Mum.

There was a witness who saw black smoke and heard "an amazing combination of police sirens and ambulances" at the time of the murder. As I don't suppose it causes him any disgrace to have his name listed, here it is: Mr Woods.

For many days in the dock sat an official police witness. She was quite impressive and seems to have conducted most of the investigation of the murder. Name: Melanie Staples. Title: Detective, Homicide Division, and Officer in Charge.

The judge is Justice Peter Johnson. Seems trustworthy and wise. He certainly handled the 14-year-old Sara kindly. (She was in another room at Darlinghurst Court but we could see her by video link.)

The Prosecutor, whom the judge addresses as Mr Crown, is Mark Tedeschi, QC and the Public Defender is Mark Ierace, SC. At one point after the morning break, Mr Crown walked into the room carrying a live squirrel. Or so I thought till he slung over his bean and I realized it was the barristerial wig.

Suburbs (Districts of Sydney) . The parents of Amirah lived in Belmore. Amirah and her daughter Sara stayed in Croydon. Sara said when acting as a witness in court, that she considered her Mother, Monis, and herself to be a family.

Q. Do you consider Monis your step-father? A. “Yes.” Q. Did he love your mother very much? “Well, obviously they were in a relationship.” The deceased EXwife, and her two sons Billy and Josef (around age 10 and 11), plus EXwife’s unnamed partner, lived in a unit in Werrington, and it is at that location that she was killed.

I find this a bit confusing -- Monis seems to have owned or rented a unit at Werrington a few doors from EXwife. Unit 43, as everyone can hear him say in the video filmed at Nepean hospital. But at some point in the trial, that unit was described as “empty.”

One cause of confusion is that the boys got handed over regularly for access visits, and this handover seemed to be done by car, rather than by walking along a passageway. Possibly Monis’ unit was essentially empty and he lived with Amirah and Sara. The murder took place outside Unit #43.

Dates of Relevance to the Case. Monis was born May 19, 1964. He arrived in Australia in 1996 on a business visa and then applied for asylum based on alleged persecution in Iran. He got permanent residence in 2001.

On November 10, 2009 he was charged with using the postal service to send distressing letters to the bereaved families of Australian soldiers. The penalty he received was 300 hours of community service. Amirah was charged with aiding and abetting but was given only a good behavior bond. The murder of EXwife occurred on April 21, 2013. (On that day, EXwife’s age was 30 and Amirah’s was 35.)

The arrest of Amirah took place on November 15, 2013. I think Monis was charged on that same day as an accessory.

On December 12, 2013 they appeared before a magistrate at Penrith Court and were granted bail. Magistrate William Pierce said it was a weak case, there were flaws in the case.

On December 14, 2014, the very day before the siege, Monis' Facebook page was taken down by authorities.

The Drama of the Day, described by news.com.au. I did not attend on the first day of witness testimony, so I'll give the Murdoch version here, of what Wayne Morris said:

"Bringing his hand in a stabbing motion from his head down to his waist, Mr Morris said he saw the female assailant 'going up and down like that' with the knife.

"The woman had a 'chubby' face and 'plump' body and was wearing a long black hijab. He estimated the knife she held had a 20cm long blade [8 inches]. She was leaning over the body. I saw at least three or four stabs and the person on the ground just went quiet. Everything just went quiet and I don't know where the knife went and all of a sudden there was a plastic bottle in the lady's [attacker's] hand and she was pouring ... it all over the body."

"Obviously I was afraid and I didn't go out there at first,' he told the court. 'I ran out. I tried to scare her off lighting up the body. I just said "don't" and she screamed back at me "No! You go back in there." The rage in her voice. She was angry at me. She was very angry. She made me feel like I'd done something wrong."

Later the police showed Wayne Morris photographs of the possible attacker. He picked one out and said "That's her. That's her a hundred percent." However that person was not Amirah. (No mention of whether police are seeking a statement from *that* person!)

SECTION THREE: Standard Evidence-Chasing *(published September 26, 2016)*



Droudis' Prosecutor, Mark Tedeschi, QC, author of true-crime books. Photo: jvire.com.au

It is said that someone stabbed the ex-wife of Man Haron Monis 18 times and then spilled a bottle of petrol on her (after she died). The person then threw a match causing the immolation of the body.

Do people really do things like that? When I first read of it, I did not believe that it happened at all (see Bella Vista case) but now I feel reasonably sure it is true. Of course, we do not yet know who did it.

I attended only about 9 of the 22 sittings of the court trial. In this article I will tell of some of the things that I saw “on stage.” I mean I saw them on video within the courtroom. This is now a common way of bringing evidence before a judge or jury. Plus, I saw witnesses in person in court.

What To Look For. Among the things that the prosecutor and defender are discussing are: Did the accused (Amirah Droudis) do it? Did Monis help her, and if so, in what ways? What is the motive?

What is the religious significance (if any) of the use of fire? Who saw it happen? Is there physical evidence of the presence of the killer at the crime scene – such as fingerprints?

Could the killer have been a professional hit man/woman? Is there circumstantial evidence, such as insurance policies?

Note: I myself have other questions, which have to do with Monis, as I am still mulling over the “honesty” of the siege.

An Old-Fashioned Investigation. The accused is Amirah (formerly Anastasia) Droudis, who was 36 at the time of her arrest. The deceased lady was 33 at the moment of death; Monis – their mutual husband as it were — was about 48. Neither marriage was ever registered, but Monis and EXwife went to Family Law Court over custody of the two boys.

Much evidence has been duly collected, to find clues of persons at the crime scene. No weapon was found; garbage bins were searched.

As I said in Section 1, every email ever sent by the accused or her lover, Monis, seems to have been ransacked. Fingerprints were taken, such as on the handrails to the Werrington unit (the crime scene) and the buzzer to the Intercom.

The accused pleads not guilty, yet (apparently) blames Monis for brainwashing her. Since the public defender, Mark Ierace, SC, has been trying to show that she did not do the murder at all, I take it he is holding another card to use, if needed, to show that if she did it, it was not her fault.

Alibis. Judging from what I saw in court, Ierace’s main effort is to show that Amirah has an alibi, demonstrating that she was not near Werrington at the 4pm time when EXwife was murdered. Let me mention Monis’ alibi. He does in fact have one, and it is almost comical. On that very afternoon -- April 21, 2013 -- we see him first with his two sons (Billy and Josef) on a home video.

He took them out to play sports and video’d them and himself – and also included in the video a clock tower showing 3.52.

See what I mean about comical? The clock tower does indeed prove that Monis was *not* at Werrington around 4pm. But it seems to say that he took the clock picture for the purpose of the alibi. In other words, it shows “guilty knowledge.”

And worse, he was in a car accident that day (after he left his kids off at a babysitter’s I think). We also saw him, on video, driving perilously close to a parked police van. The surveillance camera near the police station caught that action.

Then he possibly had a heart attack and hit the car of a friend who was driving close by (I think.) Monis was admitted to Nepean Hospital. All in all, an airtight alibi, reeking of guilty knowledge.

Note: he was charged with being an accessory to murder. But if he had lived, he may have found himself charged as a *principal* if he had sent Amirah to do his dirty work. Boy, this case goes around in circles.

The Collegiality of Prosecutor and Defender. This series of articles in GumshoeNews makes no attempt to do the rigorous work of a journalist. My motive to be there has to do with the siege (the subject of my book to be called *Inquest*).

I’m rounding up some of the salient features of the trial in order that I can proceed to do some siege-related analysis of “the Monis situation.” Thus, excuse me, but I am not taking great care to say which evidence came forth from the prosecutor and which from defense. Still, I have to say it was a confusing scene. The prosecutor seemed to me to provide the information about the alibis (although maybe the point was to knock it all down).

In any event, the collegiality between the adversaries at the bar table was amazing. I am not pleased about this. I want the prosecutor to look like he’s saying, “Amirah did the murder,” and the Defense to say “No way, Jose.” But it’s all a jumble.

As for the police detective, Melanie Staples, she finds herself equally at home when giving testimony for either side. I'm not saying she should do otherwise. It just confuses us in the gallery a bit. (Or just confuses *me*, as I am sometimes alone there!)

As an example, there was DNA found on the red-head match-stick that was lying on the upper back of the deceased's body. You might think, since it was found NOT to contain evidence of Amirah's DNA, that Melanie Staples would discuss this in her testimony for the defense. But she did so on her testimony for the prosecution.

The Six-Pack Situation. Or maybe it's just that the Prosecutor is very sharp. At court last Thursday, September 22, 2016, a man named Woods came forth to say he and his friend Andrew like to watch the footy together. Or was it rugby. Andrew lives in a unit at Werrington close to the crime scene. On April 21, 2013, Woods said he smelled smoke at the unit.

I thought Woods sounded believable, as he said they always watch the pre-game entertainment on TV and that he was sure of the time of his arrival at Andrew's being 'defo' before the 4pm NRL game. But Tedeschi ("Mr Crown") made mince meat of him by showing that there was no pre-game entertainment that day.

The prosecutor had got the witness to admit that he brought six- packs to Andrew's that were on sale at half-price, and that moreover, he, Woods, had started drinking in the morning.

But now I ask, did the Prosecutor want to have this corroboration of the smelling of smoke? It helps the murder case. You would think it would be the defense, Mr Ierace, that tried to bury the Woods story, but no, it was Mr Tedeschi.

SECTION FOUR: A Dark Day in the Courtroom *(published October 1, 2016)*



Monis, on left, with outlaw bkie gang -- not very ayatollah-ish

Many is the tale about Man Haron Monis' background. At the time he died he stood convicted of one crime – the one about sending letters to soldiers' families. (The crime is based on misuse of the postal service!)

He also stood accused as an **accessory** to the murder of his EXwife, and was on bail for that. We've also read that charges have been laid as to sexual assaults that he made on clients who came into his "spiritual healing" business. I don't know if that got as far as the courts – probably not. (The alleged offenses occurred many years ago, outside the statute of limitations.)

In any case, it came up at Amirah Droudis' trial that while Monis was in prison he had the chance to attempt to hire a killer. No one has ever claimed that Monis put out a hit on his EXwife (at least that didn't come up while I attended court). But a witness in the prison reportedly says that Monis *asked someone* to kill the male partner of the EXwife – the step-father of the boys, as it were.

Moreover, it was said in court, but no witness appeared for this bit, that Monis (when outside of prison) tried to "price" a hit

on his sons' grandparents! — that is, the Mum and Dad of EXwife. Hmm. It's the rare son-in-law who would want to remove the best babysitters in the world – grandparents.

It worries me that none of this hire-a-killer gossip was put to the test of cross-examination. It could all be nonsense. And someday the boys may have to cope with all that gossip. Zheesh!

(Think about it, your Dad was accused of masterminding the stabbing of your Mum, and he also considered getting rid of your two grandparents and your step-father. Gee, thanks Dad.)

The Rebels Bikies Gang. The prosecutor, Mr Tedeschi (he of the special wig) -- or maybe it was the Defender, Mr Ierace (similar wig) -- brought up the bikie story. Police detective Melanie Staples, again, sat in the witness box, this time reporting on Monis' attempts to join the Rebels.

She said that Monis had bought a Harley Davidson and cozied up with officials of at least two chapters of the Rebels bikie group, getting as far as “pre-nom” -- pre-nomination, the stage before membership.

The bikie-gang association made it possible for Monis to yet again chat about a hit man contract. Ms Staples happened to say that she had asked some of the key people to make a statement “but bikies traditionally refuse to give any police statements.” Well, fancy that.

As this case is not being handled in an analytical way – perhaps because there is no jury and the aim is to get it over with quickly – there was no discussion as to *why* Monis would have been motivated in the first place to ride a Harley or to socialize with the Rebels. Does it strike you as odd? Remember one of his claims to fame is that he is a peacenik and a devout Shi'ite Muslim (at least until a few days before the Lindt Café siege when he inexplicably converted to Sunni Muslim).

I'll bet he didn't try to spread the message of The Prophet at bikie meetings. Although come to think of it, Officer Staples said that Monis became unpopular with the Rebels for being opposed to drinking. Well, you would, wouldn't you.

Females A through P. The purchase of the Harley Davidson brought up the "womanizing" thing. The bank had told Monis he could not afford a motorbike, so he got Female P to be the backer, to the tune of \$25K. As far as I know, the code letters used for females in this court trial were not initials. "P" does not mean Patty and "F" does not mean Freda, and so forth. They are just a string of assigned codes.

So we are left to wonder how Monis had enough girlfriends to occupy much of the alphabet.

In one case a female, in her 30s, was dying of cancer. Monis had the unmitigated cheek (he does seem to have been a man of absolutely unmitigated cheek) to ask her to bequeath her house to his boys in her will. She didn't though.

That same lady (not sure which alphabet letter she is, I think it is Female M) had put her unit up for sale in order to buy a bigger house where she could mother Billy and Josef. Those boys must be so confused!

I did not hear about the *source* of all these women in the life of our Lindt Café terrorist. Perhaps it was mainly from his spiritual healing business. The murdered EXwife, did enter his life that way. And married him when she was 19.

I was surprised to hear that the elderly mother of Amirah was also Monis' client many years ago. So if this is how Monis met Amirah, this conflicts with N Wahid Azal's notion that she was an ASIO honeypot. Another female, it was said, bought Monis a Mercedes, and then was angry when she heard it had been banged up while being driven by another woman.

Again, I must say, there is no follow-through, in the courtroom, as to any of these stories. They could be totally fictitious, though I do not particularly claim they are.

Fifth Amendment, Anyone? Amirah is not taking the stand in her trial. Let's talk about that. It is common for a jury to impute meaning to that decision, if you know what I mean. Every citizen has a right not to incriminate himself – and legally has a right not to have something “imputed” if he opts for silence. I am imputing like mad. I think if she is a genuine bewronged (falsely accused or meanly set-up) lady, she should want to scream that to the world. Podstava! Podstava! Does she not owe it to her daughter to clear the family name?

Note: I thought it must have been hard for Amirah to listen to the alphabet list of girls and maintain her dignity. Actually she never stirs. At one point they played a video of her late, long-suffering mother and I was sure she would break down in tears but she remained passive.

When Is Perjury Acceptable? On Thursday, September 22, 2016, there was a most unnerving scene in the courtroom. The Defense brought in three witnesses to offer an alibi for Amirah, namely that she was at her mother's home during the fatal afternoon, April 21, 2013.

One witness said the need for Amirah to be there was to look after her elderly Dad who cannot take a shower by himself. I think it is against the rules for me to say more about this witness. Basically, she lied about the event, as was quickly caught by the prosecution attorney, Mr Tedeschi.

I will have to say on behalf of the judge that he communicated respect and understanding to this witness who was probably too young to understand what was really happening.

I don't mean that Mr Tedeschi was browbeating the person, he was not, but all sorts of personal emails were read out and I found the whole thing pretty awful.

Next, Amirah's Mum was brought in to support the alibi story. That is, the old lady (Grandma, or in Greek, Yaya). How so? - as she is deceased -- I hear you ask.

Easy. Like I said, don't pick your nose on the platform, don't take your bra off in the elevator, and *don't give a police interview*. Be bikie-like. Let silence reign!

Yaya had given a police interview in November, 2013 and it was wheeled out in video form. Is that unfair or what. She perjured. (Well, not really as she was not under oath at that time.) The whole thing was outrageous. She was caught lying, post-humously.

For Pete's sake, the daughter, Amirah, was the mum's only helper. Her husband, age 85, is completely disabled by a stroke, cannot talk, and her son (Amirah's brother) is very mentally disabled. If I were Yaya I'd have lied, too. I think Greek family loyalty is a national treasure.

By the way, on an earlier day in court we had seen a video of Monis trying to put pressure on Yaya to retract what she had said to police about Monis being a liar. Monis actually made that video himself, perhaps in hopes of submitting it to court. Amazing.

The Neighbor. An elderly Greek neighbor, a close friend of Yaya, also took the stand to try to support the idea that the accused, Amirah, was in Yaya's home during the Sunday afternoon while the murder in the stairwell in Wellington was taking place. I will call this neighbor "Gloria."

Gloria got the unravel treatment from the Prosecutor – which I grant is perfectly proper under law. Her very white skin never

blushed, though. She spoke through a professional court interpreter, and was more or less defiant about the alibi.

As there was a question about the date, Gloria proffered an explanation of how the Greek orthodox celebration of Easter is on a different date than the Aussie version. When pushed further about the Sunday in question she moaned “I am 69 and have no brain left.” The prosecutor said to Yaya’s neighbor Gloria (who used to visit Yaya every day): “May I put it to you that you are *dying to see Amirah’s (teenage) daughter reunited with (the imprisoned) Amirah* because you care about her?”

At that point I was kind of wishing Gloria would use some colorful language – tho’ her interpreter may have watered it down a bit -- but nothing was forthcoming. I had to do it myself.

“Summing up”. My take on the whole day is this: we are hearing too many important pieces of evidence second-hand from Melanie Staples the homicide detective. I want to watch witnesses squirm. I want to see cross-examination.

Above, I have seemingly “faulted” Mr Crown for doing vigorous cross examination in regard to the alibi for Amirah, but my real complaint on that issue is that *the Defender* should not have invited the alibi witnesses to the case in the first place.

Didn’t he walk through the story with them? Didn’t he have access to the same data that the Crown had, which would undermine their story? Was he, through these easily-unraveled alibi stories, trying to make his client look *worse*?

What the hell is going in here? I don’t know. Don’t ask me. If you can possibly be in Sydney on October 4, please attend the Defense’s summing up. You may be frisked on entry. And don’t be obese, as the door to the public gallery was built a century ago when Sydneysiders must have been reed-like in girth.

SECTION FIVE: The Siege's Port Arthur Connection *(published on October 3, 2016)*



Seascape Cottage at Port Arthur, which burned down the day after the massacre

I offer a new interpretation of the Droudis situation. That is because I have firmed up my belief that Monis was a patsy, and that means a patsy for somebody, right? You can't just be a free-lance patsy. If my patsy theme is not something you want to hear about today, please stop reading. Or, as we say in Boston, if you can't stand the heat, get out of the pressure cooker.

Port Arthur, Again. Let me show an analogy to the Bryant case before we get started on Droudis. Martin Bryant was picked out at an early age, was foddered, and was made to be the patsy for the Port Arthur massacre. That is all provable.

When someone wrote up the story of what Bryant was to do at the Broad Arrow Café (that is, what some *other* poor sod then had to do), that writer also wrote that Bryant would “murder the owners of Seascape.” Once it was written it had to happen!

So poor Sally and David Martin died because the plot development called for it. Imagine it. What am I saying? I am ashamed of talking like that. The Martins' premises at Seascape was going to be needed that day. For example, there had to be a venue

for a “hostage situation” (which makes make federal intervention legitimate, you know).

Happily, “hostaging” also allowed the drama to extend into the night. And it set the stage for the offender’s death by fire.

Fire? Oops, am I talking about Droudis, Bryant, or what. I guess somebody likes the fire angle. Hey, maybe it was the same writer in both cases. Twenty years isn’t much of a gap in a “writer’s” career.

I see the killing of EXwife as having no more purpose than the killing of the Martins. Isn’t that outrageous? (And think what it will cost her young lads in emotional illness.)

Monis. Let’s look at the siege again. A decision came in, probably from overseas, that there needed to be a Muslim terrorist thingiedoo in a capital city. The offender had to look a bit Middle Eastern. I have heard that Monis is in fact Jewish; Iran has a Jewish community. He has got the right accent for an Iranian so I am sure he grew up in Iran. He hasn’t got the square-ish Iranian chin.

Maybe he grew up Muslim. I don’t know, but he is no religious fellow, that’s for sure. You have only to inventory his sins. They say he lied, thieved, and assaulted women. Persons who want to please God at least make some effort to be moral. That is axiomatic.

As for Monis’ being doctrinally galvanized, that is a joke. At a very late stage of the game, a few days before the December 15, 2014 siege, he switched from being Shi’ite (which is normal in Iran) to Sunni, which made it at least vaguely plausible that he was speaking for ISIS, the “Islamic state.” Clearly fake.

EXwife. So there was a siege and then the patsy died. Yes, his own death was “written in.” But today I am not looking at the deaths in the Lindt Café but at the killing of EXwife.

If it *was* like the killing of Sally and David Martin, we really don't need to seek further explanations, do we? In 1996, there was no need to track down the story about Bryant having a childhood grudge toward the now-elderly owners of Seascope.

So also with EXwife. Was she planning to spirit the kids off to Fiji? Doesn't matter. Did she have a fight last year with Amirah? Doesn't matter. Did she fiddle with Monis' bank account? Doesn't matter. Nothing matters. See?

(By the way, none of those things was claimed anyway. "Motive" is not addressed in this case, as far as I can make out.)

Regardless of what was going on in EXwife's daily life, she would have ended up in that stairwell. I am assuming there really was a stairwell death. Maybe somebody could interview the firefighters to find out. They did not come to court as far as I am aware.

What's Missing at the Trial? I have found the court sessions a bit helpful, as they do provide a chance to see how Amirah looks and what her family members say in videos, and so forth. But they don't provide the big scene that needs to be grasped. That scene is somewhere in a boardroom. Or maybe at a pedophile party. Or maybe it's all done by a computer these days -- "the KILL computer."

EXwife needed to be brutally murdered (that is my speculation, anyway) and so it was done. And the local do-er of the deed, the person who wielded the knife, is still unknown. Did Amirah wield the knife? Maybe, maybe not. Even that is more or less irrelevant. If Amirah Droudis performed that killing, she did so -- I feel sure -- as an agent of someone who wanted it done.

Indeed, the prosecutor (Mark Tedeschi, QC) agrees with me. I mean up to a point. He says the real killer is Monis. Good. He understands that A can carry out a horrific deed for B. I say

he's picked the wrong "B" – it was not Monis that arranged EXwife's death.

I think he probably also has the wrong "A." If Droudis had never killed so much as a chicken before, she could probably not have stabbed a human being that day. But at least the Prosecutor is in the ballpark. The knife wielder at the Werrington flats was basically a disinterested party. Right.

There's That 5th Amendment Again! The real Amirah – after all she is a real person – may be going through the trial under an agreement with somebody. The promised outcome would be that she gets acquitted, and paid.

Maybe she has the odd moment of worry, noting that Monis also acted in expectation of freedom and then got cheated!

Legally I think this trial must end with an acquittal, as there's such a lack of evidence that the judge can hardly find it to be "beyond reasonable doubt" that Amirah killed EXwife.

Of course I would like the prisoner, Mrs Droudis, to have taken the stand. But thanks to events at Runnymede, she has the right to not incriminate herself. So here is what I would do if I were in the NSW Justice Department. (Yes it is actually called that.) I would wait till Amirah goes free — and then order her to be arrested as a material witness.

Singing. That's not a punishing type of arrest, and does not give you a criminal record. It's a way of incarcerating you until you sing. Today in court we saw an ABC-TV video of Amirah that shows her being trained to say "Australians will be killed." You can hear ol' what's-his-face training her in the background. She also clearly enunciated the cuckoo phrase "Thank you, Bali bombers." (Note: ABC obtained that video from an old website: SheikHaron.com.) I guess it would be hard to pin a crime on her for any of that, but she *can* legally be made to sing. I want to know what she knows about Monis' chequered career. Heck,

she could even be subpoena'd to the Lindt Café inquest. What a nifty idea. Ah, but that presupposes that someone somewhere wants to find out what REALLY happened at the Lindt Café.

Since 1996, officialdom has NOT wanted to hear what happened at the Broad Arrow Café, so why should we hope that the Lindt Café will be different? (Actually, I have hope.)

My Thesis. I'd better state my thesis again because it's so easy for it to scamper away. I claim that the scriptwriter for the Sydney siege threw in a couple of extra things to pile up the bad reputation of the Muslim terrorist *du jour*. Likely those letters to soldiers' families were set-up for the same purpose.

Conceivably, the allegation that Monis embezzled \$200,000 in Iran is another cooked-up sin. (If the data came from "Interpol," please note that Interpol is a private organization.) The heaps-big item for Monis' bad-reputation was the murder in the stairwell. It "totally clarifies for the public" that Monis was a bad man. A monster, really.

But as far as the death of EXwife goes, don't forget that Monis is on record as having requested a judge at Parramatta Court **to investigate "involvement of ASIO and Australian federal police in her murder."** I hereby quote from the Security Report on Man Haron Monis by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet jointly with the NSW Office of Premier and Cabinet: "14 April, 2014: NSW Police charge Monis with three sexual assault charges dating back to 2002. He is remanded in custody.

16 April, 2014: Monis requests that the Parramatta Local Court investigate his allegation that NSW Police Force and ASIO are involved in the murder of his former partner. The request is denied." Kind of an odd request to make, don't you think?

SECTION SIX: Amirah Droudis Convicted

(published November 17, 2016)



Veiled Amirah Droudis. Photo from Sheikh Haron's website

It has been announced that Justice Peter Johnson of the new South Wales Supreme Court has found Amirah Droudis guilty of the murder of Man Haron Monis's ex-wife. This news came as a surprise to me as I thought there was so little evidence against her that the judge would rule "not guilty."

I do not have a copy of His Honor's ruling. An ABC News journalist, Candace Sutton, noted the following:

"Justice Peter Johnson said he was satisfied that Monis planned the murder and Droudis carried it out. He rejected suggestions Monis may have paid someone else to kill his ex-wife, saying he did not have the financial means and that it was a 'hot-blooded' murder likely to have been carried out by an amateur killer."

"Johnson said 'The killing involved a frenzied knife attack with multiple stab wounds being inflicted to the body of the victim, followed by the gratuitous use of fire.... This crime had the hallmarks of a frenzied attack by an angry amateur killer.'

"Justice Johnson also said while Monis had previously asked members of the Rebels bikie gang to murder his ex-wife, his

requests were not taken seriously and he did not have the money to pay for a professional killing.

Justice Johnson said Droudis was ‘enthralled’ by Monis and ‘adopted uncritically Monis’ view of the world with its extreme and perverse features....’ He said Monis took advantage of [Droudis’] willingness to act at his behest.”

The Elements of a Crime By law, conviction for a crime should include proof of two factors: *actus reus* and *mens rea*. That *actus reus* means the crime must have actually been committed. The *mens rea* means the person must have had the crime in mind.

To judge *mens rea*, one asks if the person had an intention to perform the act, and was aware that it was wrong. The requirement of *mens rea* is not met if the deed was done by accident, in a trance, or under a complete misunderstanding of what was going on.

In presenting their cases, prosecutors typically want to adduce such evidence as eyewitnesses, the weapon, a motive, and any past behavior or remarks by the accused that suggest a plan to commit the crime. The prosecutor may also use police forensic evidence such as fingerprints, DNA, handwriting analysis, and images from surveillance cameras. And they can call on expert witnesses to explain things.

In Amirah Droudis’ case, no weapon was found, no fingerprints or DNA were found, and no video of the killing. There was an eyewitness to the killing, but that witness did not identify Amirah as the person he saw. Thus if Ms Droudis is to be nominated, it will have to depend on some sort of “reasoning” about the case. That is, since no one identified Amirah as the killer, one needs to think why it is likely that it were she who did it.

Theoretically it could have been any person within a height range of, say, five foot three to five foot ten. The person was

garbed-up in Muslim women's clothing. Someone heard the voice but I don't know if he was asked if the killer had an Aussie accent or sounded like a foreigner.

The Prosecution's Case. I was not in the courtroom when the "Mr Crown" gave his closing address, so must rely on the media here. Melanie Kembrey reported it in the Sydney Morning Herald of September 29, 2016, and I now quote her.

I will number the notions that Kembrey said were put forth by the Prosecutor, Mr Tedeschi.

1. Monis "saw himself as the instrument of God.... He had the grandiose delusion of a narcissist that his actions were God's actions and he had the sanction of God to commit this murder."

2. "His so-called love for [Amirah] was completely based on what he could get out of her. This is the sort of man that Man Haron Monis was. He was quite clearly the kind of man who was perfectly prepared to put this woman at risk of her life, at risk of being caught and at risk of paying the penalty for this murder."

3. Mr Tedeschi said Monis had intended for it to appear that his ex-wife was murdered when she interrupted a break-and-enter, but the "ferocious attack" instead took place on the landing outside his rented apartment.

4. Regarding a neighbour who did not identify Ms Droudis in a photographic line-up, Mr Tedeschi said he had chosen a woman who had a "significant degree of similarity" to her.

5. Monis and Ms Droudis also [blamed] other people for the murder when they thought they were being recorded by police "It is evidence of a joint policy by both Monis and Droudis to present their case on the record and to divert suspicion away

from themselves” Mr Tedeschi said. “He was the puppet master pulling the strings during these contrived and often ridiculous conversations.”

6. Monis forged an elaborate alibi for himself at the time of the murder -- including staging a car crash and going to hospital -- but had not included Droudis because he knew she would be murdering his ex-wife.

My Analysis of the Prosecution Case

Let me point out what seems to me to be irregularities in the prosecution’s case. First I should say that Tedeschi was never trying to show that Amirah was a murderer by nature. He leaned his narrative on what all Australians were supposed to understand by this time about Monis.

That is: Monis was a terrible person. He had been arrested for something besides his alleged part in this murder: the postal crime of sending harassing letters to families of soldiers. The police charge that he sexually assaulted his clients came up before his death. I do not recall his denying it, but since we never saw the facts or heard any defense I don’t think it is too reliable. How will we ever find out the details? We won’t.

There is also the claim that he conned women to give him money. As far as I could tell, Detective Melanie Staples was reading to us from her investigations, whatever that means. I don’t think any material came before the judge from which he could gauge the validity of those allegations.

Sure, it sounds like something a cad would do, but did he do it? I personally have the impression of Monis being a cad. But that entirely is from hearing these statements in court. I suppose I should be more skeptical.

The Brainwashing of Amirah. In regard to Amirah’s being coerced by Monis to commit the killing of his ex-wife, I don’t

think anything was actually presented as evidence during the trial. The main thing I would like to see on that score is first-person testimony by Amirah as to *how* she was brainwashed. Since she opted to use her right not to incriminate herself, however, the court could not ask her any direct questions. I did watch videos of her daughter and her mother, and neither of them implied in any way that Ms Droudis had been under coercion by Monis or was “enthralled” by him.

Granted the old lady, Yaya, was video’d months before the siege, so we can’t say she was commenting on *that* behavior. She did express anger towards Monis, in general, but then isn’t it very common for a mother-in-law to have complaints? So did Amirah have any friends who could have spoken up for her innocence by saying she appeared brainwashed? Apparently not. None were called to testify!

The Confusion Caused by the “Double Defense”. We have a problem here. Mr Mark Ierace, SC, the Public Defender, never tried to say “She definitely didn’t do it.” In retrospect I think that is what he should have said. Make the other side prove that she was indeed the killer. If they can’t prove it, she goes free, right?

Instead, prosecutor and defender appear to me to have collaborated on the idea of Amirah having done it, but under coercion. This would normally mean that all attention would switch to that issue and it would require (I think) that Amirah be examined, off stage, by the relevant psychology expert.

As noted above, in Item 3 of the quotes from prosecutor’s summing up, Tedeschi spoke of Monis as having arranged the details of the murder. “Monis had intended for it to appear that his ex-wife was murdered when she interrupted a break-and-enter.”

Again, per item 6: “Monis forged an elaborate alibi for himself at the time of the murder -- including staging a car crash and

going to hospital -- but had not included Droudis because he knew she would be murdering his ex-wife.”

Such remarks are made off the cuff. Tedeschi did not seem to feel obliged to prove that Monis did what he, the prosecutor, claims he did. And indeed that is true – a prosecutor only prosecutes the accused, not a dead person or any other third party. Note: my impression of the alibi creation by Monis is that it is so ridiculous that it speaks of a script.

Portraying Monis . Thanks to this approach, much was said about Monis that did not seem to call for evidence. I am not sure what the “position” was as to Detective Melanie Staples investigating such things as Monis’ attempt to join an outlaw bikies gang.

It seemed that she just wanted to add to the story that was being used by the prosecutor (and the defense, as I noted), that Monis railroaded his partner into doing this or that. Note that if Melanie really wanted to get information from the bikies who “don’t give statements,” she could have asked the prosecutor – or defense – to subpoena that person. *Without that bikie’s “statement” why should we place any credence in what he merely said to Melanie?*

It was also Ms Staples that gave us the seedy background of Monis having cheated or fooled Females A through M.

Monis gave at least one diamond ring, implying he would become the woman’s fiancé while he was in fact in a defacto marriage with Amirah. Again I question court procedure (and I admit I’m not well versed in criminal law). Here we have a bunch of stories of Monis’ crappiness as a human being. The giving of a diamond does not prove that he had a need to kill EX-wife. So what does it prove? It just gives us a desire to mistrust him on any issue. I consider that unfair to us. It muddles our thinking.

As to the matter of Monis' having stolen maybe \$200,000. from a travel agency that he ran in Iran. The report of that, in the files of the Lindt Café Inquest, seem to come from the Iranian government. But on closer inspection, it came from a former member of police in Iran, hence it is a private statement. I don't think it was said under penalty of perjury.

The So-Called Religious Element . In convicting Ms Droudis, Justice Peter Johnson said that Amirah had “adopted uncritically Monis’ view of the world with its extreme and perverse features....”

Do we have any idea what Monis’ view of the world was? I’ve been researching the siege event for 5 months and I can say I haven’t the slightest idea about his thinking. I’m confident it wasn’t religious, in the sense of the way a God-fearing person views the world. There is also much to suggest that he used “Islam” as a way of playing some sort of political game.

I actually share Monis’ (alleged) desire to stop Australia from warring on the unarmed people of the Middle East. I know the way to do this is to influence the decision makers. How would those letters have accomplished that? Surely Monis knew what would come from his letter-sending – disgust with him as an Aussie immigrant.

And why did the ABC and corporate media give him so much coverage when he carried banners and chained himself to the Downing Center? He even got major news outlets to listen to him at press conferences! Wow. When ABC was referring to him as “Ayatollah,” did they not think to ask a leader of the Shi’ites in Australia if he was a legitimate ayatollah? It does look as if he were given special dispensations.

Note: I could sharpen up this addendum with hindsight today in 2023. But prefer to leave it as was. Please see it as analysis-in-real-time, 2016.

SECTION SEVEN: Sentencing and Daughter's Affidavit *(published November 30, 2016)*



Darlinghurst Courthouse

There is a calculator for how much of a person's life could go into a life sentence. Amirah Droudis was 33 when she committed the crime. (I doubt that she did commit it, but am going with the flow here.) She has been in custody for 2 years.

So we look at the Australian Bureau of Statistics projections and see that a woman at 33 has another 48 years coming to her. The defense barrister, Mark Ierace, pointed out that this could mean she spends 50 years in prison – and asked Is it worth it, for the community's sake, to incarcerate her that long?

Other factors for sentencing — found in the sentencing for NSW Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 — include consideration of Amirah's potential for rehabilitation, and the value of deterrence to any other would-be murderer, plus a consideration of the danger to society if she is let out early.

One other factor is whether she has expressed remorse. Justice Peter Johnson said several times that he has no direct evidence of her having expressed remorse – or direct evidence of her having expressed anything. More on that later. I'd say the judge played it pretty close to the chest as to which way he was going to rule. (I mean on the punishment; he already ruled on her guilt on November 3, 2016.) But at 5 minutes before 5 this

afternoon he announced that he is adjourning the matter till February 1, 2017.

The Victim Impact Statement. The mother of the murder victim Helen Lee was in the courtroom today. Her statement was read out by a friend. She spoke of the pain of knowing that her grandsons will never have their Mum attend ceremonies when they win school awards. She said the boys do not sleep well and have nightmares. She did not mention the economic impact on herself, but it may be considerable as she now has custody of them (age around 10 and 12, I think).

Medical Report and Neighbor's Statement. There is an existing record of Amirah visiting the doctor about her left wrist at which an x-ray was taken, and a follow-up visit 3 months later showing that the injury had healed. At the time Amirah told the doctor it was from a fall, but it is common in domestic violence cases for the victim to cover up for the aggressor. The neighbor's statement claimed that in the year before the murder she heard Monis and Amirah (or, at least, "a man and woman") arguing loudly, about twice a week.

Amirah's Daughter's Affidavit. This was the surprise of the day. Amirah's daughter now alleges that ever since Monis moved in with them in 2006, he was abusive of her mother both physically and mentally. I think your first reaction will be: Why is the girl bringing this key point into the story now, as regards possible mitigation of sentence, when she did not bring it in before to assist with the trial theory about Amirah's enslavement (or whatever you call it) to Monis?

As I reported, she was in the witness box circa September 22 (by video link to a room adjoining the courtroom due to her being a minor). She was there mainly to give her mother an alibi. Recall I said that Yaya (Amirah's mum) and an elderly Greek neighbour also tried to claim that Amirah was in Yaya's home while the murder was being committed. I stated at the time that the prosecutor, Mark Tedeschi, made short work of

demolishing that alibi. Therefore I smelled a rat as to why the Defense had tried to pull it off. To me, it made the daughter look like a liar. Anyway, Sara was not in the witness box today. She simply submitted her affidavit. Tedeschi, aka Crown, popped up immediately to remind the judge that if it is evidence, it has to be treated under the Rules of Evidence. The judge said he will enter into email correspondence with Tedeschi about this and also include Ierace (of course).

Support for the Affidavit? So now you understand why there was the medical statement, showing possible violence by Monis (the wrist injury), and the neighbor's old statement as to the sound of argument.

It was also mentioned that Police Detective Melanie Staples found, via a listening device in the apartment, that Monis often lectured to both Amirah and Sara as to how they should dress or behave, per the rules of Islam. But only once did she hear a scream (via the Listening Device), apparently from Amirah, followed by a noise that could have been a slap. Melanie interpreted it as "a backhander."

Needless to say, Ms Staples was not cross-examined on this point. I guess it is not too late for cross-examination, however, as the judge asked Mr Crown if he wants to cross-examine the young irl about the affidavit – oddly, he said No.

Judicial Participation. The judge entered into the fray a lot today, for which I was grateful. Mostly he was resisting the Defense's suggestions as to why the sentence should be a "determinate" one – legalese for "not a lifer." I'll list 4 such interventions by the judge.

Where Mr Crown had emphasized Amirah's role in planning the events of the day of the murder, Ierace offered a reasonable rebuttal. For example, it was said that she had obtained things needed for the killing about one week in advance – the knife, the petrol, the keys to the apartment.

(Note: as I did not attend in August, I am not sure if the parties agreed that Amirah was supposed to enter Apartment 43 — owned by Monis but with EXwife waiting inside to collect the kids. Per that story, a last-minute hitch caused the murder to take place *at* the door rather than inside the door.)

In any case, the judge said — contra Mr Crown — that if Monis was the mastermind, the obtaining of a key does not indicate planning on the part of “the offender.” Note: Amirah is not referred to now as the accused, but always as “the offender.”

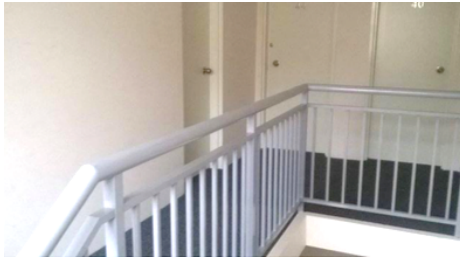
Where Mr Ierace tried to show “per common sense that now that Amirah has learned at the trial of Monis’s infidelity to her, she will be more ready to disown him and his extreme religious beliefs. The judge came in on that one by saying that Female M had died (of cancer) 11 months before the murder, and Amirah continued to be the most on-site of the females (I don’t think he used the word on-site but that was the gist.)

When Mr Crown stated that the recklessness shown by Amirah in endangering other residents of the burning building, the judge pointed out that that is usually an aggravating factor in arson cases. His Honor said that even though this is not an arson case, the danger to first responders, as well as to other people living in the building, was something he would take into account in sentencing.

Where Mr Ierace tried to use the girl’s affidavit to buttress the idea that Amirah was a battered wife, Justice Johnson said a court often hears such a thing through a statement made to a psychiatrist, but here we have nothing to go on by way of direct statement from Amirah that she was abused. His Honor metaphorically threw up his hands. I don’t blame him. This is all so peculiar. There sat the offender, right in front of him, but she had never made the claim of abuse.

SECTION EIGHT: My Eight Complaints

(published January 19, 2017)



W. Morris

*The stairwell. Photo: news.com.au Witness: Wayne Morris,
Photo credit: Chris Pavich at news.com.au*

I doubt very much if Amirah Droudis committed the crime. My guess is that a professional killer did it. For an amateur to have done it, it would surely have been courting immediate arrest. Come on, Folks, it was a stabbing-to-death-plus immolation, all on a stairwell at an apartment complex in Greater Sydney on a Sunday afternoon. Come on.

I feel really bad about criticizing this judge. Either I gauged him wrongly (I definitely thought he was OK), or someone was holding a gun to his nog when he wrote the judgment – most likely the latter.

I'll quote the ABC, as I have not yet clapped eyes on the ruling:

“Justice Peter Johnson said he was satisfied that Monis planned the murder and Droudis carried it out. Justice Johnson rejected suggestions Monis may have paid someone else to kill his ex-wife, saying he did not have the financial means and that it was a ‘hot-blooded’ murder likely to have been carried out by an amateur killer.”

My First Complaint: “Amateur”. Let’s stop right there. As I said, it is NOT AT ALL likely to have been the work of an

amateur. Ms Droudis was not even charged with that 21 April 2013 murder until November 15. It must have been a professional-type job if the cops couldn't nab anyone for 6 months.

Then Magistrate William Pierce let her (and her accessory, Monis) out on bail as "it was a weak case." Let's look at another part of ABC's report on the judge's ruling. Justice Johnson "rejected suggestions Monis may have paid someone else to kill his ex-wife, saying he did not have the financial means."

What? Like that is the only alternative to Amirah being the killer – that hubby had wanted to get the bikies to do it, but lacked funds? I don't think the judge should have reasoned in that strained manner. By the way, an odd thing was mentioned by Melanie Staples. She said the bikies in Perth appropriated Monis' Harley Davidson, during his lifetime and he did not seek restitution. I don't get it. Are you smelling a rat?

My Second Complaint – Peephole. OK the deal with the knife attack is this. A neighbor named Wayne Morris said he saw the stabbing – the knife was moving up and down. Did he mention that the stabber would have had to be leaning way down near her victim on the floor? She would have, right?

So from what vantage point did Morris watch? He says he watched through the peephole. Have you looked through your peephole? You can see the face of a person at peep-hole height. You can see movement. You cannot see the details of the person's body, as the round lens in the peephole distorts.

My Third Complaint – Fire. Then, says the judge, there was the "gratuitous use of fire." I think he means gratuitous in that the victim had already died.

Let's discuss the fire. When I first heard about the murder, I thought it took place on an *outdoor* stair area. Did you think that, too? Well, wrong. It was in a closed-in building. And it was

immediately outside Unit 43, not 'in a stairwell.' "Judge Johnson said "The killing involved a frenzied knife attack with multiple stab wounds being inflicted to the body of the victim, followed by the gratuitous use of fire." – ABC

The killer, whether it be Amirah or another person, was garbed in a long dress with long sleeves. No person in their right mind would light a match and throw it onto a petrol-soaked body, close up, due to the risk of one's own clothes catching fire.

Oops, I am starting to think the incident did *not* take place. This is a surprise; I had not previously doubted that an immolation occurred. Even 15 minutes ago when I wrote that it must have been a hit man job, given the cops' tardiness in pinning it on anyone, I thought it all happened as described. Now I quote an article by Candace Sutton at news.com.au, dated Nov 3, 2016:

"Mr Morris said he saw the female assailant "going up and down like that" with the knife. 'It happened really quick.... I saw at least three or four stabs and the person on the ground just went quiet. Everything just went quiet and I don't know where the knife went and all of a sudden there was a plastic bottle in the [female assailant's] hand and she was pouring ... it all over the body."

"Mr Morris said the liquid was in a 600ml Coca Cola-style bottle with no label, and his fears about the building being set alight made him leave his flat to confront her. He said he saw the woman throw something on the body of the victim which 'just lit up straight away.' He said flames engulfed the body and the wall of the landing, which was also covered in blood."

Excuse me, he could see through the peephole that the bottle lacked a label??? Wait a minute. "His fears about the building being set alight" is what made him open his door? If it were me I'd have scooted out my back door faster than a speeding bullet. But this story – I am now thinking it's a "story" -- has

Wayne Morris somehow recognizing that a lady – a Muslim lady – with a Coke-shape bottle was going to start a fire? I don't think so. It must have never happened before in his life. How could he anticipate what she was planning to do?

My Fourth Complaint -- Face Down.

By the way, Wayne said he saw, during the stabbing, “a person on the ground [EXwife] with her hand up trying to defend herself”. Oh really? She was face up? But Detective Melanie Staples told us about the redhead match, the DNA ridden match, being found on the victim's upper *back*.

Per news.com.au: Mr Morris said after he *refused to return back to his flat*, he saw the woman throw something on the body of the victim which “just lit up straight away”. Go visit someone you know in an apartment building and see how much room there is on each floor. Not much. If she threw something and it lit up he would have been very close to getting burned.

My Fifth Complaint -- Eyelocking

This is from News.com.au dated August 24, 2106:

Another neighbour at the Werrington flats described the aftermath of the murder and the woman he briefly saw before she ran through flames to escape the apartment building.

Jonathon Truupold, who came across the blaze engulfing the floor where [EXwife] was murdered, saw Droudis's “wild eyes” **through the flames**. He said that he had smelt a kerosene-type chemical fire and **rushed from his flat with a bag of cooking flour** to extinguish the blaze. [Totally unbelievable. Totally.]

“As I was tossing flour out of the packet **I looked into the flames and I was confronted with a face**,” Mr Truupold said. [No one in Australia whitepages with his surname.]

“Looking up through the flames ... there was obviously someone standing looking down at me. **“The person seemed startled ... a wild look in the eyes and obviously startled. [“The person?” not “the woman”? Trying to keep our options open, are we?]”**

“They ran through the flames and I got a glimpse and we made eye contact for a millisecond or two.” [Possibly it was Tamerlan? The date was six days after the Boston bombing.]

[Truupold] then saw the woman ‘fleeing the stairwell’ before he returned to his flat and prepared to evacuate the building because of the fire. [But first waiting till the footy was over?]

Justice Johnson ruled: “This was a hot-blooded and frenzied murder by an enraged female attacker.”

My Sixth Complaint – Alibis. You may recall from my earlier articles that by the time I found my way to the court case they were already discussing alibis. I now must think that all of that was claptrap. The Prosecutor made a lot of the fact that Monis’ alibis were so excellent that they had to have indicated planning. Malice aforethought. I *agree*. I think the whole to-ing and fro-in re alibis was scripted. Monis *must have been in on it*.

Monis neatly hit a police van with his Cherokee jeep – conveniently at a location that had a surveillance camera -- and he ostentatiously photographed a tower clock at “3:52pm.” Pardon me if I get the exact time wrong. I do not have any transcript of the case, and the msm never reported even a fraction of what I reported, which wasn’t much.

(Remember this is the crime connected to the moment that “changed Australia forever.” You’d think Channel 7 or someone would be interested. But no.)

My Seventh Complaint – Forensics and Insurance Another thing had to do with Amirah needing to hide any blood

she might have left outside the apartment. This caused the couple to have a conversation that was taped by police. The way the media wrote it up gave the impression that Monis was advising her how to “cover” a forensic issue by saying she had once fallen and got a cut.

She said “No it never bled, but they might have my skin.” This is the kind of thing I’d discuss with *my* husband if I were worried that I could be “set up” for a crime. But most likely Monis held that conversation with her so that it *could* be taped, and bandied about in court and newspaper. Aren’t you sick of this?

There was also talk about Monis taking out insurance policies. If our judge is truly innocent of the chicanery of this case, maybe he would place some probative value on “insurance.” After all, if you die soon after someone has taken out insurance on your life, you’d hope someone would notice and consider you may have been “dispatched” right?

I do want to add something about a conversation between the couple. In a police station, the officer left the room for a few minutes (Probably so they would speak confidentially to each other and be recorded.) “Mr Crown” said their voice changed as they did this, as they did not know they were being eavesdropped. I noticed no change in tone whatsoever.

My Eighth Complaint – Circular Reasoning.

Which is it, chicken or egg. Did Amirah's hatred of EXwife cause the violence? Or does the violence prove hatred?

We all have heard of some case of a woman being so jealous of her husband's mistress that she might do her in. But the jealous wife is more likely to cold-calculate the deed, not act in anger. It's the *male* who will go to town on his wife's paramour, especially if he catches them *in flagrante delicto*. I assume the

business about “passion” had to be floating around in the public mind so no one would notice that this lady, Amirah Droudis, really had no motive to kill EXwife.

There is also circular reasoning in this case about Islam. At times the religion of the Prophet is said to motivate Monis and also to cause Amirah to be devout, having been brainwashed – the judge actually said brainwashed -- for his religion. Yet the prosecutor says that Monis is merely using her to plan some other thing (I don’t know what).

Well, you can’t have it both ways. Either Monis is the dedicated pacifist that he claims to be, or he is something else. In which case, what? Why is he using a partner by converting her to divine matters – what good will it do?

Was he really setting up his lover of several years, Amirah, simply to get her to perform meaningless crime – one that would wreck his offspring? Please criticize the logic, O Citizen.

UPDATE: Droudis was sentenced to 44 years in prison, and at appeal (of the sentence, not the verdict) it was reduced to 35.

Note: from *Law Society Journal*, 2/1/ 2017, by Jane Southward:

"Mark Tedeschi AM QC this year marks 20 years as the Senior Crown Prosecutor in NSW. He proudly admits he has the best legal job in NSW. 'It's fascinating, challenging, varied and has high social value,' he says. Tedeschi has successfully prosecuted many killers, including two who shot dead heart surgeon Victor Chang in 1991, Ivan Milat for the backpacker murders in the 1990s, Phuong Ngo for Australia's first political assassination in which he killed rival John Newman in 1994, and, in 2016, Adeel Kahn for the deaths of three in the 2014 Rozelle fire."

I did not attend those trials, but as for the Droudis case, where the Defense never argued for his client's innocence, I think even a drover's dog could have led a Prosecution to victory.

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APPENDIX A.

The Main Ingredients in a Template for Terrorist Attacks

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The main ingredients [of terrorist attacks] are the same:

The chosen victim is normally a direct enemy, someone who works against their agenda of death, war and total destruction, or one in their own ranks that has become too big-headed or is considered a possible whistleblower

The target is put under surveillance for a month or two, to learn about his habits, and locations he normally visits that can be used for the hit. The surveillance team is often divided into three groups of three people, only connected via radio and walkie-talkies. (This was the case up until incredible hi-tech gadgets and satellites entered the scene).

While doing this, the group on location also checks out all types of escape routes to avoid possible traffic jams, train crossings, bridge crossing, etc., and make sure that the vehicles involved in the hit will not run into problems.

At the same time, a deep investigation into the victim's life is done, to find out any possible enemies or secrets. With the help of this information, multiple false trails can be created to confuse anyone trying to expose the real truth

A scapegoat is prepared, meaning a totally innocent person who will be blamed and sentenced for the crime. He is always a "lone, crazy guy". The reason for that is: he was alone, meaning that there were no other people involved in the crime, no planning nor conspiracy. And "crazy" because, once again, no motive nor reason needed. He was crazy and just went up and killed the guy. Case closed.

False evidence is created which will totally demonize the patsy and make him easy to put away for good.

An international team of assassins is flown in, mechanics from different countries without any visible ties, so that it will be very difficult to pinpoint them by private investigators. Many of them have strong ties to the Gladio network as well as organizations like the CIA.

Support on location is provided by local police officers, former security people, former mercenaries, etc, most of them with extreme right-wing views. They will supply weapons, ammunition, maps, and vital information about the target, vehicles, food, and money. The hit team, who only know each other by code names, will constantly be moved between multiple safe houses.

Just before the time of the hit, some kind of diversion might be created like a fire in an industrial area, tricking the media and local police out of the way.

As soon as the fatal shots are fired, all normal police activity goes into a stand-down mode: everything gets delayed and slowed down, until the hit team has managed to get away. Fake police cars will assist in the get away by stopping any heroic citizen who might start chasing the assassins.

The escape cars go straight to pre-determined locations where the weapons, clothing, and other evidence is taken care of, as well as changing the number plates of the vehicles. The members of the team are then kept in safe houses a few days until things calm down a little, and then be transported out of the country with diplomatic passports.

All payments will be done abroad, sometimes in the form of large quantities of drugs.

A technical team arrives at the crime scene, clears the site from all real proofs, and plants the fake evidence to set up the patsy. At the same time my own investigation moves into action, pushing away all normal type of police involvement.

The same type of agenda now takes over, a secondary conspiracy of silence is accomplished through blackmail and through the fact that most people in power positions will know, maybe not the details behind the assassination, but the real power behind it.

Should they decide to talk, they know that they will be next in line -- thus, the complete silence following most, if not all, major assassinations.

The patsy is then killed or tried in a fake trial, then sentenced to rot away in prison. Case closed. Now and forever.

If needed, one or more so-called commissions, truth committees, or tribunals are created. Their job is to drag it out for a year or so, totally amplifying the cover up, but burying it in tons of documents saying absolutely nothing.

So it is essential to understand that both the investigation, as well as any following committee, are part of the crime, secret tools of the establishment or power behind the assassination.

Please become aware of how these templates are being used, study the structure, and help me make it a lot more difficult for the elite few to carry them out without being discovered.

NOTE: Ole Dammegård, has investigated many terrorist events. See his book *Coup d'Etat in Slow Motion*. Its Volume 1 is about the 1986 murder of Swedish prime minister Olof Palme, and shows a “template of assassination” that includes the assassination of John F Kennedy in 1963 and Robert F Kennedy in 1968. It also deals with the sinking of the MS Estonia.

Ole Dammegård, winner of the Prague Peace Prize, says:

“It is high time to stop this madness and heal the world with love.”

APPENDIX B.

LETTER TO THE CORONER,

by Malcom R Hughes (He declares this Public Domain)

17th October 2016.

The Coroner.

Lindt Cafe Inquiry. P.O. Box A 1150 Sydney South. 1235

Your Honour,

I sent an email to lindtinquest@justice.nsw.gov.au several weeks ago asking if I am able to acquire a transcript of evidence given by Mr Lucas Van Der Walt, but I have had no reply. So I will proceed as though what I have heard is correct information.

You may have already come to a similar conclusion as myself in regards to my observations below:

The news media has informed the public that Mr Tori Johnson died from a head wound caused by a shot fired by Mr Man Monis using his sawn-off shotgun.

We have been told that Mr Monis was armed with a weapon carried in a shopping bag. A weapon, signifies one weapon. Witnesses have testified that weapon was a sawn-off shotgun.

However, I have heard that Mr Lucas Van Der Walt, in his witness analysis, stated that the head wound of Mr Tori Johnson was caused by a lead bullet fired at close range. Surely an expert would not make a mistaken statement to the court. Lead bullets are fired by certain rifles and pistols, not shotguns, which fire lead pellets.

Mr Van Der Walt's assertion could be backed up or denied by the medical person who conducted the autopsy of Mr Johnson's body, being questioned under oath.

I believe that had Mr Monis fired his shotgun at close range, Mr Tori Johnson's wound would have numerous lead pellets inserted in his head or that there would have been much more extensive damage done to Mr Johnson's body.

The point being that the police were using weapons that fire bullets composed with 98% copper, not the old-type lead nose. Pistols are capable of firing 9mm lead bullets. If Mr Monis did not have a pistol and the police didn't use any pistols, who fired that lethal shot? It had to be someone inside the cafe, as Mr Van Der Walt says the shot was at close range. Certain pistols, such as revolvers, also do not eject the cartridge case which would otherwise have to be recovered to conceal a pistol having been fired, if indeed that was the case.

My conscience told me to speak up, as if my assertions are correct, if Mr Monis did not fire the offending shot, neither did he plan the siege.

Yours faithfully, M. R. Hughes

MM notes: Anyone who feels a coroner's report is incorrect can file a complaint to Supreme Court. Per section 85 of the NSW Coroners Act of 2009:

"The Supreme Court may, on the application of the Minister **or any other person**, make an order that an inquest or inquiry that has been (or that has purportedly been) held **be quashed** and that a new inquest or inquiry be held if the Court is satisfied that it is necessary or desirable to do so **in the interests of justice** because of -- (a) **fraud**, or (b) the rejection of evidence, or (c) an irregularity of proceedings, or ... (f) **any** other reason.

"(1) If an application for an order under this Chapter is made by a person other than the Minister, notice of the application must be served on the Minister in accordance with the rules of court of the Supreme Court." [Bolding added]

High School Student Quiz

After reading this book, students should be able to discuss:

The names of the parties to the Inquest,

The legal requirement for becoming an expert witness,

The 3 different ways in which the first 12 hostages escaped,

The importance, for Australia, of the Bella Vista Incident,

A comparison of the siege with Port Arthur's terrorism,

The role of the media in relation to the siege,

The separation of the police commissioner from operations,

Definitions of: entrapment, psy-op, patsy, and provocateur,

Statutory restrictions on a coroner's finding of blame,

The words written on the black flag in the Café window,

The history of the mujahidin, regarding jihad,

How Monis was identified as the person in the stronghold,

Parliament's prerogatives regarding Defense Force data,

The normalcy and necessity of theorizing about conspiracy.

How ingenious are the writers of complicated false stories.

The purposes that the murder of Helen Lee may have served.

Why there can't be justice without truth.

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Timeline. The Sydney Siege, Monday 15 December 2014

8:30am, Tori Johnson gives a tour of the Lindt Cafe to the wife of NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione.

9:30am, Michael Klooster, who has helped Monis with custody case, has coffee in the Cafe, greets Monis.

9:45am, Monis orders Tori to lock the doors.

9:50am, A customer, unable to get in, calls police saying there may be an armed hold-up going on in there.

10:00am, Police arrive and set up a Forward Command Post; police snipers are stationed in the Westpac building.

Morning. Media informs nation that many hostages are held.

Arvo. Prime Minister Abbott says it's a terrifying situation.

3:37pm, and 4:30pm, a total of 5 hostages escape via 3 exits.

The wee hours of Tuesday, December 16, 2015:

12:30am, Negotiator first hears of request made at 9:30pm by Selina Win Pe, that Monis wants Martin Place Xmas lights off.

Later, Monis goes upstairs to see why a toilet visit is taking so long, leaves 9 hostages alone, none leave.

2:03am, six hostages run out via swinging doors at firewell, (lift lobby). Monis chases them and shoots at the ceiling.

2:07? Fiona Ma escapes from main door, leaving only 6 hostages behind: Katrina Dawson, Tori Johnson, Marcia Mikhael, Selina Win Pe, Louisa Hope, and her mother Robin Hope.

2:13am, Monis kills Tori Johnson with a shotgun.

2:15am, Team Charlie storms in via lift lobby; Team Alpha breaches the main door; Officer A puts red laser light on Monis and kills him. Monis was standing close to Louisa.

2:17am, Katrina Dawson is taken to hospital with wounds (from bullets fired by Officer B?); she dies around 2:30am.

All of the above was stated by witnesses at coronal Inquest.

