

OFFICIAL SENSITIVE
TNA RECLOSURE PANEL - Recommendation for reclosure

Case reference: 383.

Decision

File reference: DPP 2/3099

File title: Ernest William, BELL, Ernest William (Jnr), BELL, Peter Edward, BAKER, George Frank and BELL, Sidney: murder of James David SMITH. 5 parts

Covering dates: 1960-1961

Panel decision:

Specifics of reclosure: Whole File

Exemption(s): s.40(2)

To be closed until: 2042

Considerations

Summary of the file and the potential reclosure issue:

Withheld under s40(2) of the
FOI Act

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This piece contains information which constitutes both the personal and sensitive personal data of identified individuals, assumed still to be living

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| <p>Summary of panel discussion and balance of open/closed justification:</p> <p>Factors in favour of non reclosure:</p> <p>Factors in favour of reclosure:</p> <p>Death Index checked (if applicable):</p> |
| <p>Related files at The National Archives (if known) and access status:</p> |
| <p>Other TNA departments alerted (if applicable):</p> <p>N/A</p> |

Background

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| Access information: | Closed whilst Access is Reviewed | |
| Open since and why | 2002 | |
| Flagged by | FOI Request | Date: December 2015 |
| FOI Review by | <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <u>Withheld under s40(2) of the FOI Act</u> | Date: February 2016 |
| Panel authorised | | Date: |

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