Twisted History

Brooklyn – Murder of Josephine Currie

16th February 1969

A 27-year-old Scottish migrant appeared in the City Court charged with the murder of a girl aged 17 at Brooklyn on this day in 1969.

George Lindsay Banner, plant operator, of Chirnside Street, West Footscray, was charged with the murder of Josephine Currie, of Bellair Street, Kensington.

Det-First Constable N. J. McIntyre. of the homicide squad, told Mr J. Moloney, SM, that Miss Currie was at a party in a West Brunswick flat on the fateful night. He said it was alleged that Banner offered to drive her home but instead drove to Brooklyn where he strangled her. Banner had subsequently taken police to a remote area near Frankston where he had taken the body and covered it.

Banner had come from Scotland 10 years ago. He was living with his parents, having separated from his wife who was caring for his young daughter.

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