

**INQUIRY INTO UNSOLVED MURDERS AND LONG-TERM
MISSING PERSONS CASES IN NEW SOUTH WALES
BETWEEN 1965 AND 2010**

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In the early 1990s aged in my mid 20s after getting married I lived at Colo Vale with my wife. Colo Vale is about 10 minutes from Hill Top and I later learned from the media that members of the Milat family lived at Hill Top at the same time as I lived at Colo Vale.

I'm originally from Western Sydney and after getting married purchased a house and land package at Colo Vale. I used to drive into Hill Top to purchase beer.

I recall the timing of the following incidents as 2 bodies had been found in the Belanglo forest, and no other bodies had yet been found in the Belanglo forest:

Not long after the first 2 bodies were found I had driven in to Hill Top and bought beer. On the way home very close to Hill Top I decided to pull over on the left-hand side of the road where there are 2 dirt tracks that lead into the bush. I was driving my HQ Holden. I decided to have 1 beer there and was standing around drinking my beer and moved into a bit of the track that was no longer visible from the road. I was surprised to see white plastic bags filled with items thrown everywhere. It was like they had been chucked into the bush. With my foot I kicked the nearest bag, then I opened the bag. Inside were pornographic movies, there were about 80 or 90 movies. There was also a gold watch that had engraving on the back. I took the watch then thought better of it and threw it away. I was wondering why all these goods were dumped in the bush.

On another occasion, my brother who is 8 years younger than me, so he was about 18 or 19 when he used to come down to Colo Vale with his girlfriend to visit my wife and I. They arrived one time with the girlfriend terrified and my brother freaking out saying that a intimidating guy in a four-wheel drive had approached them and asked them where they were going. There was something about the man in the four-wheel drives behaviour that was terrifying.

I had a long commute from Colo Vale to and from my work in the western suburbs. My car was originally a brown 1971 HQ Holden with a cream roof. I decided to get my car sprayed yellow as I thought that was a better colour for visibility when driving. Late one afternoon I was driving down the Hume Hwy heading home and my car broke down. The fan belt had snapped, and I wasn't tightening it properly and it kept flipping over. It was getting dark. A car came in like a bat out of hell and stopped. In a massive coincidence it was the same car as mine, a brown with cream roof HQ Holden. There were two men in the vehicle. The driver got out and he was wearing a cowboy hat and said as he approached me "you right mate, you want a lift?" I sensed there was something dangerous about them. As a young man aged 26 or 27, I was a very well built muscular manual labourer and fearless in those days. I said no and swore at them to go away. The man in the cowboy hat ran back to the vehicle and they left.

I didn't know of the Milats existence when I lived in Colo Vale. After Ivan Milats arrest I recognised him straight away as the driver in the cowboy hat, and having looked at the Milat brothers in the media I can identify the front passenger was Walter Milat. This information has stayed with me clearly for 30 years and I hope it helps the inquiry.