



Second man charged with bikie brawl murder

POLICE have charged a second man with the murder of Hells Angel's associate Anthony Zervas in a brawl at Sydney Airport on March 22.

State Crime Command detectives arrested two alleged Comanchero members today and confirmed one of those men has been charged with murder.

Bexley resident and Comanchero boss Mick Hawi, 29, was also recently charged with Mr Zervas' murder. Police said detectives attended a home in St Johns Road, Auburn, about 9am and arrested a 27-year-old man they allege was a Comanchero member. He was taken to Auburn Police Station to be charged with murder and will appear at Burwood Local Court this afternoon. A Liverpool man, 26, presented himself at Burwood Police Station about 12.15pm today and is assisting with inquiries.

'Red marks' on alleged rape victim

THE brother of the woman who has accused Labor MP Theo Theophanous of raping her on the couch in his parliamentary office has backed up his sister's story, saying she came home at two in the morning with red marks on her face after the alleged attack.

“**S**he came in very pale, almost in a state of shock and just disoriented. She seemed like someone who's been through something traumatic,” he said. He told the Melbourne Magistrates Court yesterday that his sister's behaviour had changed after the alleged rape, which he was sure happened in September of 1998. He said she had become withdrawn and begun abusing prescription drugs and alcohol to deal with the trauma of what had happened to her, and that it was not until the European summer of 2006, when they were living in



Greece with their parents, that he learned she had allegedly been raped. “This topic is taboo in Greece,” he said. “Fifty years ago, 100 years ago, they were killing people in Greece for this sort of crime. Uncivilised, yes, but if she had mentioned this to my father at the time, something would have happened ... (Theophanous) wouldn't be walking.”

He said that even though a lot of time had passed, he knew that the rape must have taken place in September of 1998, because he remembered his sister coming home late one night around his birthday with the red marks on her face. He said he was on

his computer, and that even though he had asked her what was wrong, she had not answered.

In a statement to the court, he said that on the night of September 10, 1998, his sister had told him she was going to meet Theophanous for a drink.

When she got home, she was in a state of shock and would not say what had happened. “She had red marks along her neck and face. They were stamp-like, red marks,” he said.

He said that in the years after the alleged attack, his sister continued to receive text messages and phone calls from Theophanous.

But Robert Richter, QC, for Theophanous, accused the man of being a liar and a sponger who had concocted the alleged rape with his sister in an attempt to get money. “Did she tell you that she had said to her lawyer that she wanted revenge in dollars?” he asked. “No,” the woman's brother replied. Mr Richter said the man's evidence was inconsistent with his sister's and accused him of changing his story to fit the evidence. “You're changing it now because you know that the evidence that you gave was false and demonstrably so,” he said.

The court also heard that a woman who says the alleged victim called her after the alleged rape and told her about it may not have actually seen or heard Theophanous repeatedly calling or texting the alleged victim, despite saying in her statement that she “witnessed” the MP harassing her friend sexually for a number of years. The woman conceded yesterday that although she had been told by the alleged victim that Theophanous had done those things, she had simply believed what her friend said, and had no way to verify that her claims were true.

The hearing, before magistrate Peter Reardon, continues.

Schoolies with a heart

TEENAGERS are swapping nights of partying and binge drinking at schoolies week for community service. Instead of partying on the Gold Coast, students will go to developing countries to teach English and build classrooms, under a new program. NSW Parents and Citizens' Federation Di Giblin said teens were better off spending time developing a sense of social justice, rather than binge drinking. “It expands their knowledge and put some of what they have learnt in 13 years of schooling into action,” she said. A Reach Out 4 Kids (Rokforce) program in Seventh Day Adventist schools has been taken up by other schools. Avondale School, near Morisset, was the first to sign up, with half of its Year 12 class off to Cambodia later this year. Students will spend two weeks at Wat Preah Yesu orphanage and teach basic English, build a media room and run a children's club. Rokforce co-founder Tanya Lawrence said the move provided a change from clubbing and revelry. “We want kids to learn some of the big lessons, how happiness is not related to money and everyone can make a difference in someone's life,” Ms Lawrence said. Asked about such a program for public schools, Education Minister Verity Firth said: “We are always looking at new ways of doing things and equipping students with important life skills.”

caption: Big Lessons: Avondale's Ashlee Bailliasche, Peter Lamarin, Blair Lemke, Elijah Sheedy, Emma Thomson



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