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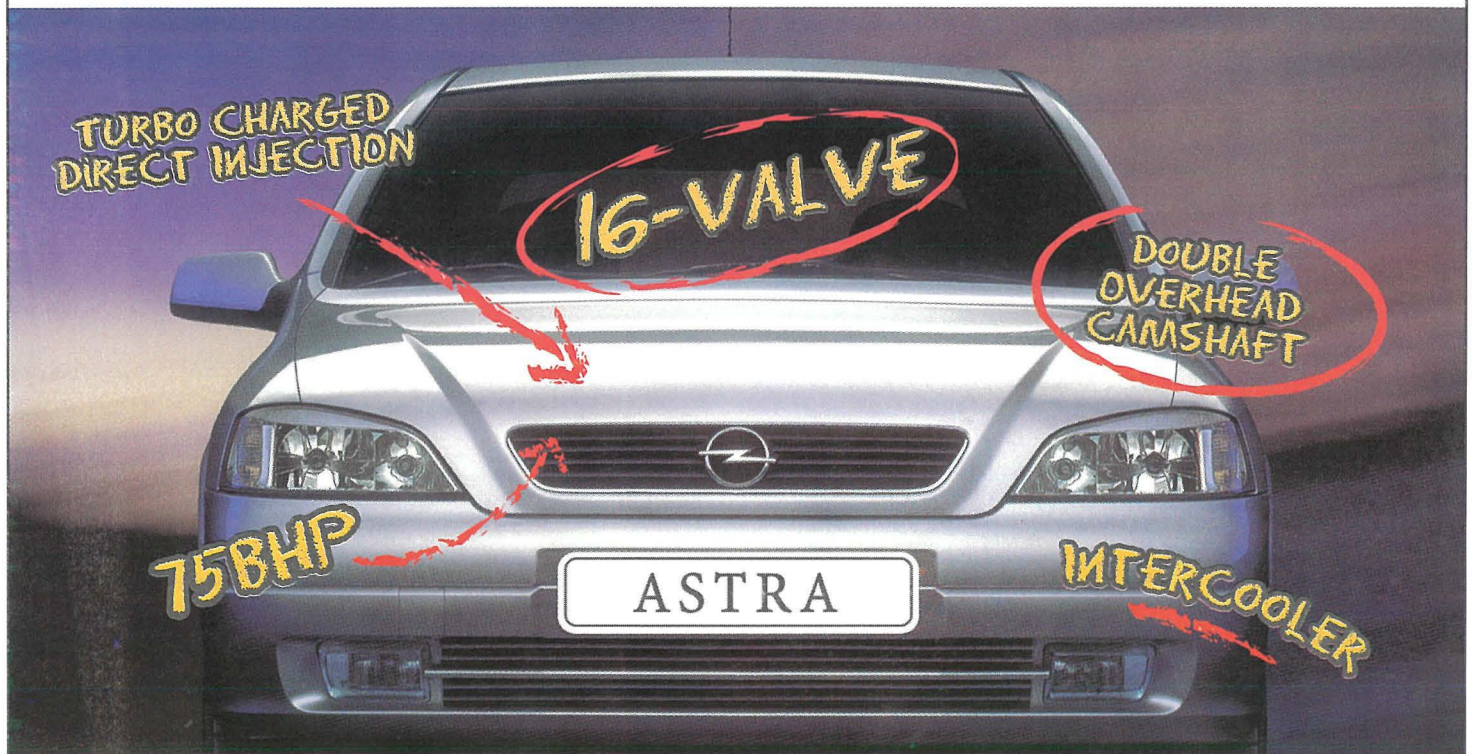
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Iċċelebrajna l-Police Day fit-12 ta' Lulju, 2000. Din hija okkażjoni importanti peress li aħna u s-soċjetà nkunu nistgħu naħdmu flimkien fil-bżonnijiet ta' xulxin. Ĉerti li mis-sena l-oħra sal-lum sar progress kbir. Niftakar li kien l-istess Kummissarju tal-Pulizija s-Sur George Grech li meta ħa l-Kmand tal-Pulizija f'idejha stieden lil kulhadd sabiex jaħdem id f'id mal-Korp tal-Pulizija, liema biċċa xogħol mhux daqshekk faċli. Kollox hu possibbli, imma biex naslu fejn nixtiequ, irridu naħdmu aktar sabiex nilhqu l-ghan tagħna. Tinħass aktar il-ħtieġa ta' relazzjonijiet aktar mill-qrib bejn il-kommunità u l-Pulizija. L-image tal-Korp tal-Pulizija huwa tagħna u aħna rridu nagħmlu hilitna sabiex inżommu l-isem tajjeb tiegħu.

Tajjeb li wieħed jikkellem fuq kundizzjonijiet u salarji aħjar għaliex dawn bilfors iridu jiġu mal-bidla taż-żminijiet però dawn ma għandhomx ikunu konnessi flimkien bejn il-kundizzjonijiet u s-serjetà u d-dedikazzjoni fil-korp. Membri tal-Korp għandhom jagħtu verament is-servizz tagħhom bis-serjetà, b'effiċjenza u skond il-ligi. Din għandha tirrifletti anke fil-ħajja privata ta' kull membru tal-Korp. Fuq kollox aħna għandna nkunu l-mera f'dan ir-rigward.

Il-Korp tal-Pulizija jrid jimxi 'l quddiem. Il-Korp tal-Pulizija jrid ikun ippreparat tajjeb għat-thaddim professjonali fejn l-pulizija u l-kommunità u jiffurmaw għaqda ta' solidarjetà flimkien f'attività waħda fil-ġlieda kontra l-kriminalità. Għaldaqstant, nappellaw sabiex membri tal-Korp flimkien mal-membri tal-kommunità jaħdmu aktar ma' xulxin kontra kull minn irid jikser il-ligijiet tal-pajjiż sabiex flimkien nighxu ħajja aħjar.

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DRITTIJET UMANI U L-ĠIMGHA TAL-PULIZIJA

Sakemm jerga' fl-attivitajiet li se jinżammu fl-okkażjoni ta' Ġimgħa ddedikata għad-Drillijiet tal-Bniedem u l-Pulizija f'Novembru. L-Assoċjazzjoni talbet u giet aċċettata li tiehu sehem f'din l-attività. Id-drittijiet tal-bniedem huma sagrosanti wkoll għall-Assoċjazzjoni kemm bħal membri fil-Korp tal-pulizija għax għandna l-obbligu li niggarrantixxu dawn id-drittijiet liċ-ċittadin kif ukoll bħala haddiema aħna stess li għandna drittijiet ukoll. Dawn irridu naraw li jiġu rispettati wkoll fil-konfront tagħna, fejn aħna għandna nassiguraw id-drittijiet ta' haddiehor. L-istess aħna għandna jkollna d- drittijiet tagħna mharsa.

Inhegġeġ/Nawgura

Filwaqt li nringrazzja lil dawk li għoġobhom jaqraw dan l-artiklu inhegġeġ aktar membri tal-korp biex jiktbu huma ukoll u juru permezz ta' kitba kostruttiva dak li hemm bżonn biex wiehed jirranġa fi hdan il-korp li żgur jagħmel parti kbira f'haġtu. Barra minhekk nixtieq nifrah lil shabi surgenti li fi ftit taż-żmien ieħor se jsiru spetturi kadetti u anki dawk li se jidhlu minn barra biex b'kuraġġ jaffrontaw l-eżamijiet u jinteressaw ruħhom fil-lezzjonijiet li se jkollhom halli meta jasal iż-żmien qasir halli barra li jkunu l-ghira ta' membri oħra fi hdan il korp stess u jkunu den ta' l-uniformi li se jilbsu u jagħtu servizz shiħ li ċ-ċittadin jistenna minna.

Għeluq

Nixtieq minn din il-paġna nringrazzja lill-Kummissarju talli għoġbu jagħti l-awtorità tiegħu biex fl-uffiċċju l-ġdid li M.P.A. għandha għewwa d-depot (dak li qabel kien l-uffiċċju ta' RSM). Tiġi installata linja telefonika diretta numru **232892** u permezz ta' din il-linja stajna nagħmlu użu ta' 'Fax-Machine'. Għalhekk inhegġeġ lil dawk il-membri li jixtiequ jagħmlu użu min dan is-servizz ma' jogħodux lura.

Reġa' jmiss harġa oħra ta' dan il-magazin. L-ewwel ma nixtieq ngħid hu prosit għall-mod aktar professjonali li bih hareġ dan il-magazin u li, għall-ewwel darba dehru intervisti diretti minn nies ta' esperjenza ġurnalistika. Iżda nixtieq nagħmel osservazzjoni, jekk hemm aktar intervisti nixtieq li dawn jibdeu isiru wkoll ma' diversi membri tal-korp li jew ikunu għandhom x'jirrakkontaw tul iż-żmien li għamlu fil-Korp. Nixtieq ukoll li aktar membri fil-korp jinteressaw ruħhom biex jiktbu fil-magazin halli l-għan li għalih johroġ dan il-magazin ikun aktar haġ, u hadd ma għandu jibza' jagħmel kitba kostruttiva għax minn dak li jinkiteb hemm hafna x' wiehed jitgħallim.

'Vacation leave'

Kif jaf kulhadd, is-sajf Malti huwa mimli bil-festi u l-aktar li jbatu huma dawk li jahdmu fid-distretti, li mħabba l-ordnar li jkun hemm jinqalghu hafna problemi rigward il-'leave',

'għalkemm din il-problema mhux biss qiegħda'. Intant dak li rrid ngħid huwa li-M.P.A. irċeviet diversi ilmenti fir-rigward ta' l-ghoti ta' 'vacation leave'. Kif jidher fl-opinjoni tiegħi, dak li jkun qed jiehu vantaġġ minnu, huwa dak, li diversi membri qed jirrikorru għal 'subject form' li flok qed tmur l-ewwel għand id-'Deatail Officer' biex jirrekordja dak il-'leave li jista' jagħti dak li jkun jirrikorri għand l-uffiċċjal tad-distrett, jew diviżjon u għalkemm l-uffiċċjal jirrimarka li l-'leave' jingħata skond l-esiġenza tas-servizz dak il-membru li jagħmel it-talba jehodha kredu li l-'leave' hadu. Hu hawn jibdeu il-problemi mad-'Detail Officer' li fil-każi kollha 'Detail Officer' ma jkollu l-ebda intenzjoni li jzomm il-'leave' ta' xi hadd iżda ġeneralment jirbah dak li jkollu s-'subject form' bil-problemi kollha li jkollu jiffaċċja id-'detail officer'. Għalhekk jidher li wasal iż-żmien li titfassal struttura aktar moderna ta' kif għandu jingħata l-'leave' u dan għandu jsir b'konsultazzjoni bejn il-partijiet konċernati.

Laqgħat

Bhalma kont ktibt fil-harġiet ta' qabel M.P.A. qed iżzomm l-impenn tagħha li kull nhar l-ewwel Tnejn ta' kull xahar iżomm laqgħa fl-uffiċċju ta' l-Assistent Kummissarju, is-sur Cauchi li flimkien mas-sur Gacchino imexxu l-uffiċċju ta' Strategija u Pjanar. F' dawn il-laqgħat jiġu diskussi diversi suġġetti li jolqtu kemm il-Korp innifsu kif ukoll dawk l-affarijiet li jolqtu lil membri. Però l-aktar 'issue' li fil-preżent qed tkun fil-quċċata ta' kull aġenda hija kif il-membri tal-Korp mill-Kummissarju sa l-anqas membru jkunu koperti b' 'Life Assurance'. Iżda waħda mill-problemi li qed niltaqgħu magħha hija l-finanzjament ta' din l-iskeda. Għal hafna din m'hi problema xejn għax hawn min jgħidlek li għandu jkun il-Gvern li jhallasha jew il-Korp, però għadna ftit 'il bogħod mis-soluzzjoni. Iżda nemmen li fil-futur qarib tinstab soluzzjoni għax kemm il-ministru Dr T. Borg LL.D. kemm il-Kummissarju s-sur G. Grech, kemm M.P.A. kif ukoll l-uffiċju ta' strategija u pjanar qed jahdmu biex jingħelbu l-ostakli li wiehed qed jiltaqa' magħhom. Nixtieq ukoll li minn din il-kitba nringrazzja lill-Assistent Kummissarju is-sur Cauchi kif ukoll lis-sur Gacchino għall-mod tajjeb li jilqgħu lilna l-membri ta' l-M.P.A. f'dawn il-laqgħat.

Nuqqas ta' Dixxiplina

Għal min ma jafx biex tnehhiet l-ingravata saru sforzi kbar biex il-Kummissarju aċċetta b'intervent tal-Ministru li l-ingravata għanda titneħha però taht ċerti kundizzjonijiet liema kundizzjonijiet jaqgħu taht proċeduri dixxiplinari, iżda jiddispaċini ngħid li għad fadal min jew b'nuqqas ta' hsieb jew biex nidhru għad hawn min għadu jilbes ġizirajjen u oggetti oħra mdendla minn taht il-qmis. Minn din il-paġna ngħid bla tlaqliq li dan l-abbuż irid jieqaf għax mhux sewwa li mħabba l-ftit jeħel kulhadd, qiegħed fejn qiegħed stazzjonat.



I.P.A International Police Association

During the National Executive Committee meeting of the International Police Association it was decided, in collaboration with the editorial board of the Il-Pulizija, that as from this issue, the Malta Section will be contributing a page entitled I.P.A, on this publication. The intentions of the NEC, are to open another means of communication between its members and prospective members. We will be doing our best to publish the latest news and update information, of what is going around in the world of IPA. Apart from news we also would like to publish contributions by members including their experience with other IPA friends.

For our colleagues who have not heard of IPA, what does the association exactly stands for and what does IPA incorporate: The **International Policate Association** is the largest police independent organisation in the world, with more than a quarter of a million members and National Sections in 60 countries.

- It is open to every serving or ritired police officer, irrespective of rank, Sex, race, colour, language or religion.
- It has a democratic body were every position is open to all.
- Committed to the principlisset out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recognises that any form of torture is absolutely inconsistent with those ideals.

The aims of the Association are: -

- Cultivating friendly relations and mutual assistance between members at home and abroad.
- Developing cultural relations amongst members and broadening their knowledge.
- Encouraging the exchange of police related experiences to contribute to a mutual understanding of professional problems.
- Endeavouring to enhance the image of the police service, improving relationships between citizens and the police.
- Providing a better understanding among people to secure peace in the world.

What has IPA to offer to its members.

- Potential memebtrs when approached to join the Association may ask the obvious question, "What has the IPA to offer me?"
- Definitely there is no pofit, but in exchange there can be a lot of satisfaction. A general assesment what IPA can offer is the following.
- Participate in 'Service through Friendship' with 300,000 members in over 60 sections world wide.
- Personal contacts through visits by individuals and groups of members.
- Develop professional experience by the exchange of the police officers between sections.
- Enhance the image of the police in the countries of its member sections.
- Career development through financial support to members who undertake study and research at academic and other educational establishments.
- Develop youth exchanges and International Youth Gatherings.
- Paticipate in professional eductional programmes at Gimborn.
- Facilitate the research into ones family and assist others through Ginalogy.
Develop ones hobbies, such as camping, skiing, motor clubs, philately, collectors etc. through contact with other members world wide.
- Participate in various types of sporting activities.
- Involvement in family function within the police service.
- Community involvement in non-ipa activities, such as charity functions, sports etc.
- Recieve IPA international information.



How did IPA started and who came out with such idea.

The Association was formed in 1950, exactly 50 years ago, infatc this year in Bournemouth UK we celebrated the golden anniversary. The idea came from sergeant ARTHUR TROOP, from Lincolnshire, England who wanted to create a channel for friendship and international co-opertion amongst police officers. His motion of an Association with development of social, cultural and professional links amongst its members became a reality.

From small beginnings, the IPA message quicky took hold and the formation of new sections throughout the world became rapid. Soon there were sections in the majority of Western Europe, Africa, America, Asia and Australia. The political changes in Eastern Europe in recent years have been the catalyst for increase growth and development.

The Malta section was accepted as a member in Blackpool UK, in 1964.

Who is responsible and who administrate the Association world wide?

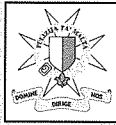
The Permanent Executive Bureau (PEB) is responsible to see that the association is administrated according to the International rules. During the last World Congress held in May at Bournemouth UK, the PEB was elected as follows:-

International President : - Michael Odysios form Cyprus
1st. Inter.Vice President - Jorma Ahonen from Finland
2nd Inter.Vice President - Daniel Condaminas from France
3rd Inter, Vice President - Friedrich Schwindt from Germany
Internatoinal Secretary General - Alan Carter from UK
Ass.Inter.Secretary General - John Waumsley from UK
International Treasurer - Michael Theraulaz from Switzerland
Ass.Inter. Treasurer - Romain Mlny from Luxembourg
Founder - Arthur Troop UK

Our National Section:

The NEC feels that although much more can be done to increase the number of activities and functions within our association, much depeneds on the response of our members to give that extra encouragment to the committee to perform its work. Nevertheless as to our international obligations towards the association and fellow colleagues, these are always performed as expected, through the spirit of 'Servo per Amikeco', service through Friendship.

Members of the force who are interisted to join the IPA with an aim to Service through Friendship, can do so by filling a membership form and attach two passport size photographs. This form can be handed either to Police personnel office, J.C. Gauci, President, Police Academy, Romeo Micallef the Secretary General or to Dione Bugeja the National Treasurer, on Sunday at PHQ from 08:30 to 10:30hrs. Membership fees are, two Maltese Liri for enrolement and one Malta Liri for renewal of membership. As a national section, we are oliged to pay the International Treasurer in Switzerland a levy of 2.05 SF (about 48c) for every member. Unless the renewal fee is payed and the relative stamp for that particular year is fixed to the back of the I.D.card, that member will not be recognized as a member of the IPA. This situation is more effective when dealing with other National Sections. For more information you can contact us on Tel. 22911052 or 344835, or fill in the attched form and send it to PHQ Floriana.



THE MALTA POLICE PRECISION TEAM

BY DRILL TEAM COMMANDER SGT.1036 STEPHEN MALLIA

The year 2000 marks the 12th anniversary of the Malta Precision Drill Team, formerly know as the Silent Drill Team. Since its foundation, way back in 1988, the Team established itself with its numerous appearances, both locally and abroad. The New Millennium was no exception and the Team performed spectacular shows in various towns and villages.

In April on the occasion of the 5th History of Elangance Festival in Valletta organised by Malta Tourism Authority, the Drill Team was invited to a performance in the Palace Square Valletta.

In June, the Vittoriosa Local Council invited the team, to perform another spectacular display in the old city. The Team's performances continued during the hot month of July, on the occasion of the 186th anniversary of the Malta Police Force. These displays were held in Sliema, M'Scala, Bugibba and in Gozo.

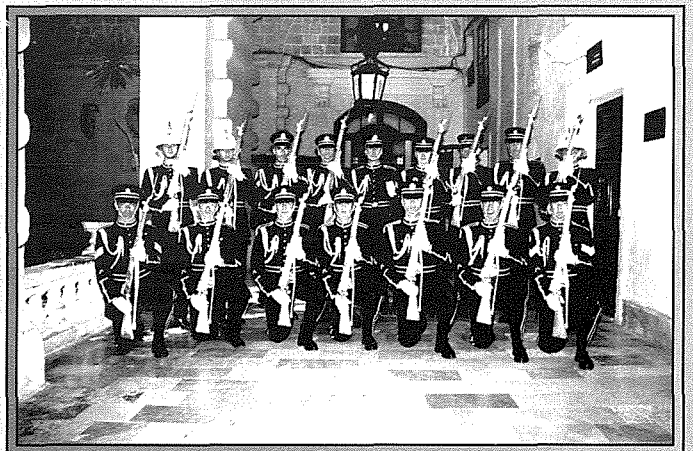
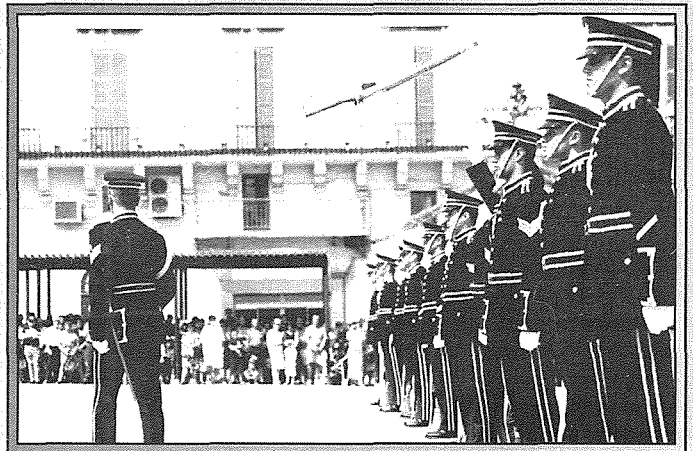
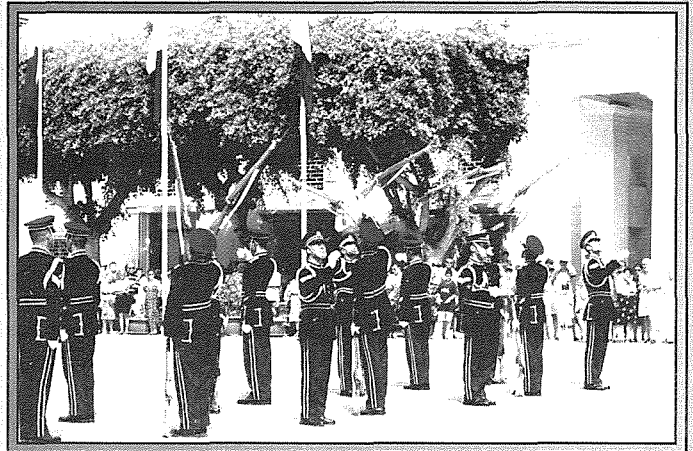
The celebrations reached their climax on Police Day, on the 12th of July 2000 at the Palace Square in Valletta, where the Precision Drill Team performed its display in front of the President of the Republic of Malta Profs. Guido De Marco, the Commissioner of Police Mr. George Grech and many other VIP's. For the occasion the Police Band performed a display and President De Marco inspected the Gaurd of Honour. During performances the Drill Team shows up in a 12 or 16 men formation smartly and elegantly dressed up in the Team's splendid uniform. The Team is under the leadership of Sergeant 1036 Stephen Mallia who is the only veteran form the first original team of 1988, and who is still serving the President Team.

While performing their thrilling display, the Drill Team uses the famous 1941, 133cm long, "Lee Enfield.303" MK4" rifles, each weighing 4.5Kg.

Intensive practice is held periodically at the Police Academy at Fort St.Elmo. This year the team has three new members who graduated from the recruitment of the 21st Basic Training Course at the Academy last March. Team members are selected form the various sections of the force with discipline and courage being the primary requirements.

With "Rythm, Elegance and Precision", being the Team's motto, team work and concentration is a must as each member as to memorise more than '200 risky rifle movements with the spike type fixed bayonets. Some of the manoeuvres involve the tossing of rifles high over their head, and during the 12 minute display no orders are given.

Finally on the half of the Drill Team, I would like to thank the Commissioner of Police Mr.G. Grech, the Deputy Commissioner Mr.J. Cachia and Mr.J. Gauci and Commandant of the Police Academy, for their continuous support. I would like to thank also Mr. M. Morana of the Malta Tourism Authourity, and Mr. J. Boxall, Mayor Vittoriosa Local Council, for their honourable invitations. Last but not least, I would like to thank the public who attended for our performances and appreciated the show with their applause.





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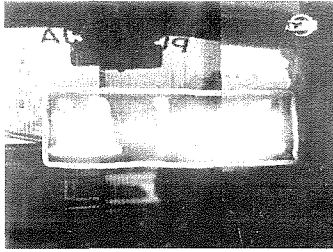
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Filgħaxija tal-jum tas-Sibt 13 ta' Gunju 1999. Il-post - Id-dar tal-familja Gafà li tinsab fi Blokk 1, Numru 4, Triq San Filippu, Vittoriosa. Il-familja Gafà kienet tikkonsisti fil-missier u l-omm, il-vittma Natasha u oħtha Jennifer u żewġ subien. Natasha kienet iż-żgħira, twila 5 piedi u 5 pulzieri, b'xagħar iswed, gustuza, mhux xi tifla ħoxna iżda lanqas irqieqa ħafna. Fis- 6.30pm Natasha infurmat lil ħuha Shaun li dakinhar ma kenitx ħierġa miegħu u ma' sħabhom bħas-soltu għaliex kellha toħroġ ma' ħabiba tagħha, ċerta Karen Said. Fit-8.30pm Shaun kien reġa mar lura d-dar u ra lil Natasha. Din kienet qiegħda tilbes u tipprepara biex toħroġ. Dakinhar Natasha kienet libset kollox iswed. Flok, dublett qasir u karkur. Kien jaf li ma kinitx ħierġa miegħu iżda kien staqsiha fejn kienet sejra. Wegħbitu li kienet ħierġa lejn l-inħawi ta Bugibba u wara tmur Paceville biex tiltaqa' miegħu u mal-ħbieb tas-soltu iżda ma tatu l-ebda ħin. B'dankollu Natasha ftiehemet ma sħabha u għalhekk huma marru d- dar għaliha għal ħabta ta' l-10.30 ta' bil- lejli. Meta ħabtu l- bieb ħarġet tara min kien ġie oħt Natasha, Jennifer li din qaltlihom li oħta kienet diġa ħarġet, iżda li ma tafx fejn marret. Il-grupp ta' ħbieb ta' Natasha kienu Karen, u żewġ ġuvintur bl-isem ta' Sandro u Stephen. Dawn ta' l-aħħar kienu dilettanti tal-muturi u f' dik il-lejla kienu se jmorru dawra bil-muturi bħala grupp. Dawn xi drabi kienu jorganizzaw 'night hikes' flimkien. Ma' dawn il-ħbieb Natasha ftit kienet ilha toħroġ, forsi ħarġet bejn darbtejn jew tlieta għax l-aktar li kienet tkun kien ma ħuha Shaun u mal-ħabiba tagħha Romina.

Għalkemm il-ġenituri tagħha kienu jtuha 'poket money' kull ġimgħa, flus fuqha dakinhar ma kelliex. L-aktar li seta' kellha kien biex tixtri pakkett sigaretti. Dan il-fattur jindika li jekk Natasha ħadet id-droga, fil-fatt kienet ingħatat id-droga mhux xtratha, sakemm ma kienx hemm xi ftehim mod lehor! Ġie stabbilit ukoll mill-persuni kollha li jafuha li lejn Paceville ma resqitx. Hadd minn sħabha ma ra f'xi wieħed mill- istabbilimenti li fihom kienet tkun hi s-soltu. Hu Natasha, Shaun u li għandu 19-il sena ħareġ bħas-soltu u rritorna lura d-dar bejn il-5.00 u s-6.00 ta' filgħodu. Resaq lejn il-bieb ta' barra, daħħal iċ-ċavetta fis-serratura u meta mbuttah il-ġewwa biex jidhol induna li kien hemm xi ħaġa li kienet qed testakola l- bieb milli jinfetaħ. Meta għamel aktar forza, irnexxielu jidhol u hemmhekk sab lil oħtu mixħuta fl-art wiccha 'l fuq bla ħajja. Meta ra li ma kenitx qed tieħu nifs, anzi li diġa kienet qed tiddel il-kulur, tela jġri fuq, madwar 3 sulari taraġ u informa lil missieru li sa dak il-ħin kien għadu riegged. Kif ingħatat l-aħbar qam paniku kbir, niżlu isfel ħdejn il-ġisem bla ħajja tat-tfajla, qabduha minn ħdejn il-bieb u poggewha fit-taraġ.

F' dik il-għodwa tal-Hadd 13 ta' Gunju 1999 fis-6.30 ta' filgħodu l-Iskwadra kontra d-Droga tal-Pulizija rċewew telefonata mill-Għassa tal-Birgu. Dawn infurmawhom li f' residenza fil-lokal kienet instabet tfajla ta' età żgħira mejta u kien il-ħsieb li aktarx kienet involuta xi droga. Il-pulizija immexxija mill-Ispettur Neville Aquilina tad-Drug Squad marru mill-ewwel fuq il-post u kif daħħlu ġewwa sabu lil Natasha Gafà, tfajla ta' 18-il sena 'pozizzjoni mimduda fuq it-taraġ, peress li hekk kif tidhol mill-bieb tad-dar issib mal-ewwel taraġ li jagħti għal fuq. Saret inkjesta mill-Magistrat ta' l-Għassa Dr. Joseph Cassar li ħatar diversi esperti fosthom il-Perit Richard Aquilina biex jagħmel pjanta tal-post, Dr. Mario Scerri, kif ukoll diversi Uffiċjali tax-Xena tad-Delitt. Natasha kienet iċċertifikata mejta mit-tabiba tal-poliklinika tad-Distrett. Kien innutat li t-tfajla kienet liebsa ilbies ta' filgħaxija u kienet tindika li ħarġet il-barra mir-raħal għal xi attività ta' divertiment. Meta soltu ma kienx ikun il-każ, Natasha kienet tkun fil-pjazza tal-Birgu liebsa 'jeans' u ħwejjeg sempliċi.

Maġenb idejha kien hemm iċ-ċwieviet tad-dar li kienet tuża hi stess. Dak il-ħin it-teorija tal-Pulizija iffukat primarjament jekk setax forsi wassalha xi ħadd, fetħilha il-bieb u daħħalha, tefagħha hemm u telaq. Mill-banda l-oħra seta kien il-każ li daħlet ġewwa hi stess, kienet diġa taħt l-efett tad-droga u minħabba l-fatt li kien hemm numru kbir ta' taraġ biex tasal sa fuq, jista' jkun li ma kienx fadlilha saħħa biżżejjed, id-droga kienet qed tagħmel effett sostanzjali fuqha u waqgħet ma l-art hemm



isfel. Il-genituri tagħha fil-ħin li nstabet binthom mejta kienu taħt xokk kbir. Għalkemm membru tal-familja kien diġa bil-problema tad- droga, huma ħaduha bi kbira ħafna u qatt ma ppretendew li kellha tkun Natasha li propju tispicċa hekk! Dwar il-membri l-ieħor tal-familja, dan kien għamel il-programm ta' riabilitazzjoni u kien ħareġ propju f'it jiem biss qabel il-mewt ta' Natasha. L-omm u l-missier ma kienu jafu asolutament xejn li binthom kienet qed tieħu id-droga. Natasha kienet torqod f'kamra ma' oħra. Fil-kamra kollox kien jidher bl-ordni u organizzat u ma nstab xejn li kien jindika li hi kienet tabbuża mid-droga f'kamriha. Kien instab biss id-djarju tagħha però bl-ebda kitba dwar ħjiel fejn kienet tmur u ma min kienet tiltaqa'. Kull ma kien hemm fil-kienu ismijiet ta' ħbieb u numri ta' telephones tagħhom. Dawn il-persuni kienu gew iddentifikati kollha u aktar tard interrogati. It-tfittxija estendiet madwar id-dar kollha. Saret tfittxija sew u fid-dellall però din ukoll irriżultat fin-negattiv. Punt ieħor interessanti kien li lil Natasha il-Pulizija sabuha ħafja. Għalkemm kienet liebsa pulit, f'riġleja ma kellha l-ebda żarbun u lanqas fil-qrib tagħha.

Mill-investigazzjoni li saru nstab li Natasha kienet liebsa b'ħal karkur ta' barra li kienet xtratu tlett ġimgħat qabel. Dan iż-żarbun kienet marret tixtrih mal-ħabiba tagħha Romina li kienet is-soltu toħroġ magħha. Dakinhar huma kienu xtraw par kull wieħed ta' l-istess għamla u allura, hekk l-Investigati kellhom ideja dwar għal liema tip ta' żarbun kellhom ifittxu. Dan kien ta kulur iswed u bil-wedges. Sadanattant, l-għada kienet saret l-awtopsja u nstab li l-kawza ewlenija tal-mewt tat-tfajla kienet dik minħabba f'abbuż ta' droga. Irriżulta wkoll li minn x'ħin instabet Natasha, din kienet ilha mejta bejn slegħa u sagħtejn, jiġifieri mietet bejn it-3.00 u l-4.00 ta' filgħodu. F'dan l-istadju l-investigazzjoni reġgħet ifissat dwar it-teorija li lil Natasha seta' kienet ma xi persuna li għandu vettura BMW ta' kulur iswed. Fil-fatt il-Pulizija saru jafu lil din il-persuna b' din it-tip ta' vettura u dan ġie arrestat waqt li saru diversi eżamijiet forensiċi fil-vettura tiegħu. Dan l-individwu ammetta li kien jaf lil Natasha u li ġieli kienu jkunu flimkien. Hu wkoll kellu l-problema ta' l-abbuż tad-droga iżda l-indaġġini tal-Pulizija dwar fejn kien hu dakinhar u minn eżamijiet diversi li saru, kollox irriżulta fin-negattiv. Ma rriżultax li dan il-bniedem kien il-'boyfriend' ta' Natasha, iżda li sempliċement kienu jkunu flimkien. Ma jidher li kien hemm l-ebda persuna oħra li kellu xi vettura u li seta' kellu xi konnessjoni ma' Natasha. Saru wkoll, eżamijiet forensiċi fuq il-bieb ta' barra tad-dar tal-familja Gafà. Minn fuq tteħdu diversi marki tas-swaba però ma rriżultax li kien hemm marki tas-swaba ta' persuni li mhumieq membri tal-familja. Irriżulta wkoll li Natasha kienet diġa qed tieħu d-droga Eroina, jiġifieri din ma kenitx l-ewwel darba li abbużat minn droga però ma kenitx ilha ħafna tagħmel dan. Dan il-fatt kien irriżulta mill-eżamijiet li kienu saru fuqha u mill-awtopsja. Kienu anke nstabu marki fuq ġismha li jindikaw li diġa kienet itaqqbet f'okkażjonijiet oħra qabel. Hareġ ukoll li madwar xahar qabel mietet, it-tfajla kienet marret għamlet tattoo fuq darha, forma ta' ittra Asjatika, fil-fatt kienet ittra Ċiniza. Sa dak il-ħin l-Investigaturi ma kenux jafu xi tisser din l-ittra. Għalhekk indagaw fejn saret it-tattoo u rriżulta li din kienet firrappreżenta l-ittra 'M'. Għad ma nstabet l-ebda raġuni għala Natasha kienet għazlet din l-ittra. Jirriżulta li t-tfajla dakinhar kienet marret għamlet dan weħidha.

Ta' min jgħid li dak iż-żmien Natasha la kienet taħdem u lanqas tistudja. Xi żmien qabel kienet taħdem ma xi 'Supermarket' fil-vicinanza iżda minn dan il-post kienet spicċat. B'ħala regola Natasha kienet tiffrekwenta ħafna n-naħa ta' Marsascala partikolarment diskoteka speċifika, u l-pjazza tal-Birgu. Kien rari li kienet toħroġ il-barra mill-inħawi tal-lokal fejn kienet tgħix. Kien hemm xi okkażjonijiet fejn kienet titla sa Paceville imma aktar kienet tibqa fl-inħawi tad-dar tagħha. Ma rriżultax li l-ħbieb tagħha b'xi mod kellhom involviment fid-droga u pjuttost kienet hi li ġieli fetħet qalbha ma' ħbieba dwar droga li kienet qed tieħu. Gew interrogati ħafna mill-ħbieb tagħha u kollha qalulna li għalkemm kienet qed tieħu xi droga, iżda qablu li ma kenitx waħda kiesha, anzi pjuttost tifla kwieta. L-investigazzjoni tal-Pulizija għadha ddur madwar l-fenomeni taż-żarbun li sal-lum baqa' ma nstabx. Hemm il-fattur ta' min tassew kienet Natasha u fejn setgħet marret f'dak il-lejl. Baqgħet tissemma Bugibba però iżda ma' min iltaqgħet u x'għamlet, jekk stess marret hemm jidher li ħadd ma jaf. Hemm ix-xhieda taż-żewġ ġuvintur u Karen li kellhom joħroġu flimkien magħha u li aktar tard marru Paceville fittxewha fejn soltu kienet tkun però ma sabuha mkien. Element ieħor hu l-ammont ta' nies arrestati u nterrogati mill-Pulizija, madwar 15 li koll kemm huma kkoperaw u qablu fl-informazzjoni li taw dwar Natasha. Mela allura min kien il-persuna li, mingħajr ħlas, kien ta d-doża ta' droga li waslet fi tmiem il-ħajja ta' Natasha Gafà ta' 18-il sena!

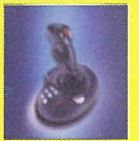
Jekk għandek tagħrif dwar dan il-każ u tixtieq taqsam dak li taf mal-Pulizija, jista' jkun li bis-saħħa tiegħek, min kien il-każ tal-mewt ta' Natasha jinqabad. Cempel issa lil Pulizija fl-istudios fuq in-numri 221111. Jekk trid tista' tibqa anonimu. L-informazzjoni tiegħek tkun apprezzata u kull ma tgħid jinżamm bl-aktar mod kunfidenzjali.

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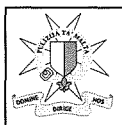


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Kummenti dwar il-kaz tal-lum

Xi persuni qalu li f'dak il-lejl li Natasha ingħatat id-doża fatali tad-droga, huma kienu rawha għal habta tat-8.15pm u t-8.30pm ix-xatt ta' Bormla, ħdejn il-Knisja ta' San Lawrenz. Dak il-ħin kienet liebsa normali, biż-żarbun u miexja waħidha.

Diversi telespettaturi taw id-dettalji kollha ta' l-allegati persuni li f'dik il-lejla fil-fatt kienu fil-kumpanija tat-tfajla Natasha. Dawn kienu ġuvintur.

Xi nies f'dik il-lejla kienu raw vettura għaddeja b'veloċità qawwija u fiela 'wrong way' fl-inħawi fejn kienet toqgħod Natasha. Din il-vettura għal xi ħin ipparkjat f'xi 'side street'.

Dakinhar persuni oħra wkoll qalu li kienu rawha tirkeb f'vettura tat-tip BMW. Jingħad li din il-vettura għal xi ħin kienet ipparkjata int u niezel mill-pjazza tal-Birgu, u allura fejn jingħad minn telespettaturi oħra li Natasha dehret miexja waħidha.

Kummenti dwar kazijiet oħra

Kien hemm referenza għal kaz li kien trattat ħmistax ilu dwar il-qtil ta' Carmela Borg fl-Imġarr. Xi persuni qalu li Borg kienet semmiet min seta kien li se joqtolha. Ingħataw id-dettalji ta' din il-persuna.

Diversi telespettaturi ilmentaw dwar numru ta' vetturi abbandunati u qalu li ilhom jilmentaw dwar dan għal diversi drabi, waqt li oħrajn sostnew li fl-inħawi ta' diversi skejjet qed ikun hemm siringi ma l-art u fil-ħaxix. Dwar droga komplew jidhru aktar ilmenti, partikolarment dwar l-inħawi tad-Detox fejn l-isptar San Luqa fejn ingħad li qed ikun hemm kwantità sostanzjali ta' traffikanti tad-droga u li dawn ħafna minnhom qed ikunu bil-mobile phones.

Abbuż ta' droga ieħor jingħad li qed ikun fil-viċinanzi ta' diskoteka partikolari lejn in-naha ta' fuq ta' Malta. Dwar dan, diġa kellna rapporti simili fi programmi preċedenti.



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Għall-darba oħra, żewġ membri tal-Korp, PC252 Stephen Mallia stazzjonat B'Kara u PC1028 Raymond Farrugia stazzjonat l-għassa ta' l-airport, hadu sehem b'suċċess f'kompetizzjoni internazzjonali tal-Scale Modelling (Figures). Din id-darba PC 252 Mallia u PC 1028 Farrugia, flimkien ma' tliett membri oħra tal-SSM(IPMS Malta), marru Glasgow, l-Iskozja, biex jikkompetu f'dik li hija meqjusa bħala waħda mill-iktar kompetizzjonijiet diffiċli li jsiru madwar id-dinja. Fil-fatt f'din il-kompetizzjoni li saret bejn il-5 u s-6 ta' Awissu, 2000 kien hemm konkorenza qawwija minn madwar id-dinja, saħansitra mir-Russia u l-Amerika.

Il- World Expo, kif inha imsejha, issir kull sentejn; darba issir fl-Ewropa u darba fl-Amerika. Kif wieħed jistenna, ħafna jagħmlu sforz biex jattendu bit-tama li jirbħu xi unur li f'din il-kompetizzjoni għandu valur speċjali. Dawn il-fatturi jgħinu biex il-livell din id-darba kien għoli iżjed milli stennejna.

Onestament ngħid li l-pretenzjonijiet tagħna u ta' sħabna l-oħra Maltin ma kienux kbar. Għalhekk wieħed jistà jimmagina l-ferħ li ħasejna meta skoprejna li bejn ħamsa minn nies li konna rbaħna xejn inqas minn 8 midalji tal-bronz u "Certificate of Merit". PC 1028 rebaħ midalja tal-bronz u Certificate of Merit filwaqt li PC 252 rebaħ żewġ midalji tal-bronz. Dawn l-unuri jieħdu dimensjoni akbar meta wieħed iqis li kien hemm ismijiet kbar f'dan il-qasam li ma rebħu xejn. Dan kollu jikkonferma li għalkemm għad baqa xi jsir, it-talent Malti huwa tajjeb u żgur li kapaċi jgib iżjed unuri lejn pajjiżna.

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INVESTIGATING A SHOOTING INCIDENT

FROM A SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVE

INTRODUCTION

This paper is divided in four parts. **Part 1** examines all the scientific aspects behind a shooting incident in relation to the evidence that involves and which can be a shooting incident. It is not the intention of the author to provide an encyclopaedic knowledge of existing firearms and ammunitions, but a general and brief description is provided to show how firearms function, and what are the main components of ammunition. **Part 2** examines how the police proceed with an investigation of a shooting incident in relation to the scientific evidence. **Part 3** depicts the methodology employed in the case study while **Part 4** is the case study. It is intention of the author to demonstrate and compare practices adopted in Malta and England for **investigating shootings** in the context of **scientific evidence**.

Shooting incidents represent a considerable area of serious crimes investigated by the police. Official statistics show that for the years 1995/6 and 1996/7, 55% of homicides were committed by firearms, in all 79 armed robberies firearms were carried while in only two occasions shots were fired. There was 40 other grievous bodily harm incidents that involved shooting. No firearms were used in all 9 reported suicides. Out of 46 shooting incidents 17% were solved by forensic evidence resulting from examinations of over a 100 suspects and their respective clothing, all primarily examined for traces of gun shot residue (Forensic Lab. Statistic 96/97). In the United States, the most frequent method of killing in homicides and suicides is by firearms, however in England and Wales they only account for 8.59% of homicides and 3.45% of suicides (Chapman & Millroy, 1992). When a shooting incident is reported the district police are the first to arrive at the scene and take initial measures to preserve the scene. The Enquiring Magistrate is informed who appoints respective court experts such as scene of crime officers, firearms experts, forensic medicine experts and others, to examine, recover, collate and report about their findings. No person other than the appointed experts is allowed to enter or disturb the scene. All the evidence recovered becomes the property of the court. The criminal investigation department (CID) takes over the leading role of the investigation and is expected to work in unison with the district police.

Two main areas have been identified where the police must focus their investigation. The **scene of the crime or victim** and the **suspect or suspects**. Both areas of sources are dynamic and unique in various aspects and only a standard procedure, if implemented and adopted at all levels will depict a professional criminal investigation of a shooting incident. The descriptive analysis of this paper should provide enough knowledge on how to distinguish between firearms and the importance of why the distinction must be made by the investigator. Throughout our study unit dedicated to criminal investigations, we learnt that one of the fundamental ingredients of a criminal investigator is to possess accurate knowledge and to be capable of combining and applying this knowledge at appropriate times. It is therefore of utmost importance to not only know but also must understand the importance and the weight (evidential value), specific scientific evidence places on the guilt or innocence of a suspect. It is also of paramount importance to be aware of the laws/rules of evidence ascertaining that all that is done and achieved during a shooting investigation is legal and hence admissible. This paper is also intended to assist the police in future investigations by providing a proposed policy and standard procedure designed to preserve all the possible evidence and bring to end repetitive mistakes which have proved fatal at numerous criminal trails.

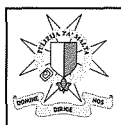
Part 1

Literature Review

Firearms

A firearm is a weapon that uses the force of an explosive propellant to project a missile. The Arms Ordinance (1931) defines a firearm as "...any kind of gun from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged, every component part thereof and any accessory thereto designed or adapted to diminish the noise or flash caused by firing, but does not include any toy gun or toy pistol designed for the discharge of nonmetallic missiles by force of a spring" (Sec. 2 Chap. 66). Firearms may be divided in two main categories; i.e. smoothbore firearms such as shotguns, and rifled bore weapons being revolvers, pistols and rifles (Forest et al., 1983). This difference in their characteristics is obvious as smoothbore firearms have a smooth barrel and the main reason for such a difference is the purpose of the weapon (Fisher, 1993). Shotguns are intended to release a number of pellets normally used for hunting purposes or clay pigeon shooting. There is no need for trajectory stability as the pellets are intended to travel a relatively short distance but spread and scatter in order to cover a considerable large area therefore increasing the probability of hitting the target (Saferstein, 1990, Svensson et al., 1981). Rifled bore firearms have spiral grooves cut into the barrel that impart a twisting motion on the bullet as it leaves the barrel. This gives the bullet a more stable trajectory (Figure 1.0). It is very important to distinguish between these two categories at this stage as further on the search for evidence differs in most shooting incidents although the basic elements may seem alike. The investigator will immediately have indications at what is most probable to look for.

The mechanical processes and functions (characteristics) of firearms are subdivided in four categories (Fisher, 1993, pp. 272/3). These are important facts of knowledge for investigator. A common factor in criminal activities is that criminals seek at least time consuming strategy for committing the crime activities is that choice of the weapon used may be strongly related to the type of offence both in terms of efficiency and effectiveness. An assassination may require a precision rifle using a high velocity, long range capability, whilst a swan off shotgun may suffice for an armed robbery as it would be easily concealed and the shots cover a large surface area considering the fact no precision is required (Osterburg & Ward, 1997). One may add that this is a forensic significance.



White, (1998) identified five different functions that distinguish the type of weapon while Fisher (1993) includes another i.e. the revolver. These may be described as followed :-

Single Shot : a process that requires the weapon to be loaded or unloaded manually each time a shot is fired.

Revolver : a process where ammunition is placed in a rotating cylinder and each time the trigger is depressed a shot is fired, the cylinder rotates and thereby positioning another cartridge in line with barrel (Fisher, 1993).

Bolt action : a process where by drawing the bolt backward and forward the spent cartridge is ejected and a live round is positioned in the chamber.

Manual : is a more complicated mechanism but similar to the bolt action. These are normally referred to as pump action guns.

Self-loading / semi-auto : a process where the ammunition is loaded in a magazine and each time the trigger is depressed is fired, the spent cartridge ejected and a new cartridge automatically positioned in the chamber.

Automatic: a process where a repeating effect is achieved by holding the trigger pressed as shots are automatically in succession until the magazine is emptied. Spent cartridges are ejected in the process. Once the trigger is released the shots will stop.

Firearms are further classified in six general categories that are dependent on the way they function, i.e. revolvers, pistols, rifles, shotguns, machine guns and sub-machine guns. Each category may be further subdivided in other categories depending on its functioning design. Table 1.0 shows how the same types of firearms are manufactured using different functioning mechanisms.

Table 1.0

	Single shoot	Revolver	Bolt action	Manual	Self-loading Semi-auto	Automatic
Pistol					✓	
Revolver		✓				
Rifle	✓		✓	✓	✓ *	✓ *
Machine gun						✓ ***
Sub-machine gun						✓ ****
Shotgun #	✓		✓	✓	✓	

* These are either blowback, recoil or gas operated. In the process of discharging a rifle, apart from firing a bullet, there is a multifunction of extracting the spent cartridge and cocking for reloading.

** Ammunition is loaded either from magazines or from belts. Because of their heavy recoil, machine guns must be fired from some form of mounting such as a bipod or tripod.

*** The only difference is that they are designed to be hand held and the ammunition they fire is the same as that used for semi-auto pistols. These have normally short barrels and lack range and precision (White, 1998).

Shotguns may be single barrel or double-barrelled. Double barrelled is either side by side or over and under.

Ammunition

The first successful metallic cartridge to incorporate projectile, propellant, and primer was invented in 1863 (Doug, 1991) Experimentation during the next 50 years resulted in small-arms ammunition, as we know it today. Ammunition includes a variety of components used to deliver a projectile to a target. Common usage limits the term to devices 'designed to be ejected' from a firearm. Ammunition consists of three basic elements: the **primer** (detonator), the **propellant**, and the **projectile**. Most ammunition also has a casing, or **cartridge**, that encapsulates the primer and propellant and often grips some portion of the projectile. Each component will now be examined (figure 1.0).

The Primer

The percussion cap (primer) was introduced in the early 19th century. This was a soft copper cup filled with sensitive explosive and placed over a nipple with a small hole leading to the propellant. A hammer strikes the cap and fires the weapon. Percussion caps survive in the form of primers located in the centre (centre fire) or the rim (rim fire) of the base of the cartridge. The primer is a shock sensitive composition charge. Rimfire cartridges are almost exclusive for .22 calibre while



larger calibres are normally centrefire. The explosive charge in the primer is a mixture of explosive substances that contains three particular elements i.e. lead, barium, and antimony. This is one of the most important physical trace evidence that can identify a suspect as having discharged a firearm or was in the immediate vicinity of someone discharging a firearm. When the primer is struck by the firing pin it explodes, causes a chain reaction following the explosion of the propellant and consequently pushing the projectile out of the barrel. In this process enormous heat is generated up to 3000 C, and extreme hot gases are produced causing the barium, lead and antimony to fuse in one spherical particle. These gases are released from the front and rear end of the firearm, forming a cloud. The person firing, or others in the immediate vicinity will be covered with deposited particles of gun shot residues (G.S.R). Experiments have shown that the retention of G.S.R on the person, in particular on the hands, face, hair and clothing is not long after six or eight hours detection becomes remote. Washing and rubbing may easily remove such traces (Kilty, 1975).

Projectile (bullet head)

Modern projectiles generally have pointed or rounded noses and are clad with copper or brass. The diameter, or calibre, of a projectile is expressed in fractions of an inch or in millimetres. This is a rather complicated matter and a confusing nomenclature often exists. The calibre normally gives an indication of the internal diameter of the barrel (bore) and other information about the cartridge. It measures in 1/100's or 1/1000's of an inch or in millimetres (Forest et al., 1983, p.p 394-399). As for shotguns (smooth bore), the term calibre is substituted by 'gauge'. The smaller the gauge numbers the larger the diameter of the bore. In rifled bore weapons, the lands engrave the bullet whilst travelling through the barrel. These marks are termed riflings and have unique characteristics often termed striations. The expert may determine the type of ammunition, and the type of weapon used depending on the number of grooves and the twist i.e. whether right or left hand twist.

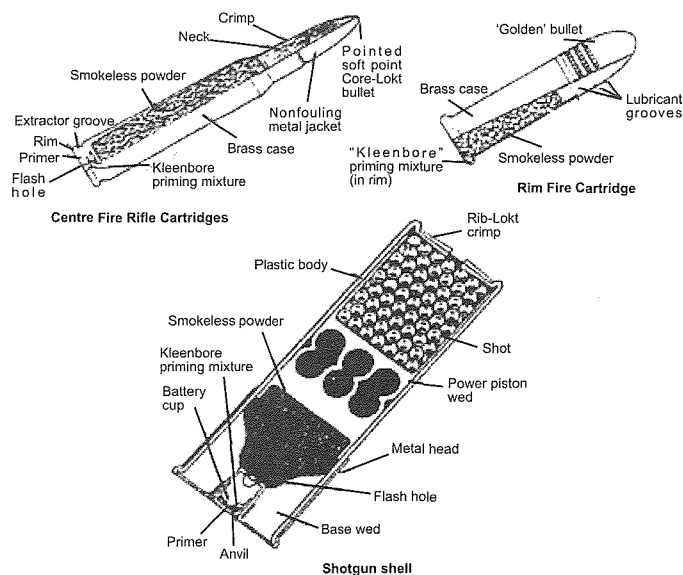
Cartridges

The cartridge is the centre part of the ammunition. All the other components are fixed to it. It contains the propellant that is composition of explosives intended to produce a powerful pushing effect in order to discharge the projectile at a high velocity. The cartridge is valuable source of information and several facts may be obtained by examining marks produced by the firing pin on the percussion cap (primer) at the base of the cartridge and the ejector marks on the side of the cartridge. Other features such as loading marks or the actual make of the ammunition and the firearm/s designed to fire such ammunition may be determined (Fisher et.al 1981).

Other related evidence

The main types of evidence resulting from a shooting incident are obvious as they are visible i.e. the weapons, the cartridges, the projectiles, the impact, while other traces such as back spattering of the blood or human flash on the clothing of the suspects and gun shot residues require microscopic examination. As we have seen, a firearm needs loading in order to be fired. This process requires handling of the ammunition and therefore fingerprints may be found on cartridges left at the scene of a crime (Fisher, 1993; Osterburg, 1997). In many instances preparatory acts take place prior to the offence such as reducing a shot gun into a swan off or removing the serial numbers or any other means of identification. If weapons are found having obliterated numbers there might be restored therefore establishing the original serial numbers while saw marks on the butt (stock) and the barrel may be compared against suspected tools recovered from suspects. Trace evidence examinations for fingerprints and other residues must be undertaken prior to any attempt of other examinations.

Figure 1.0

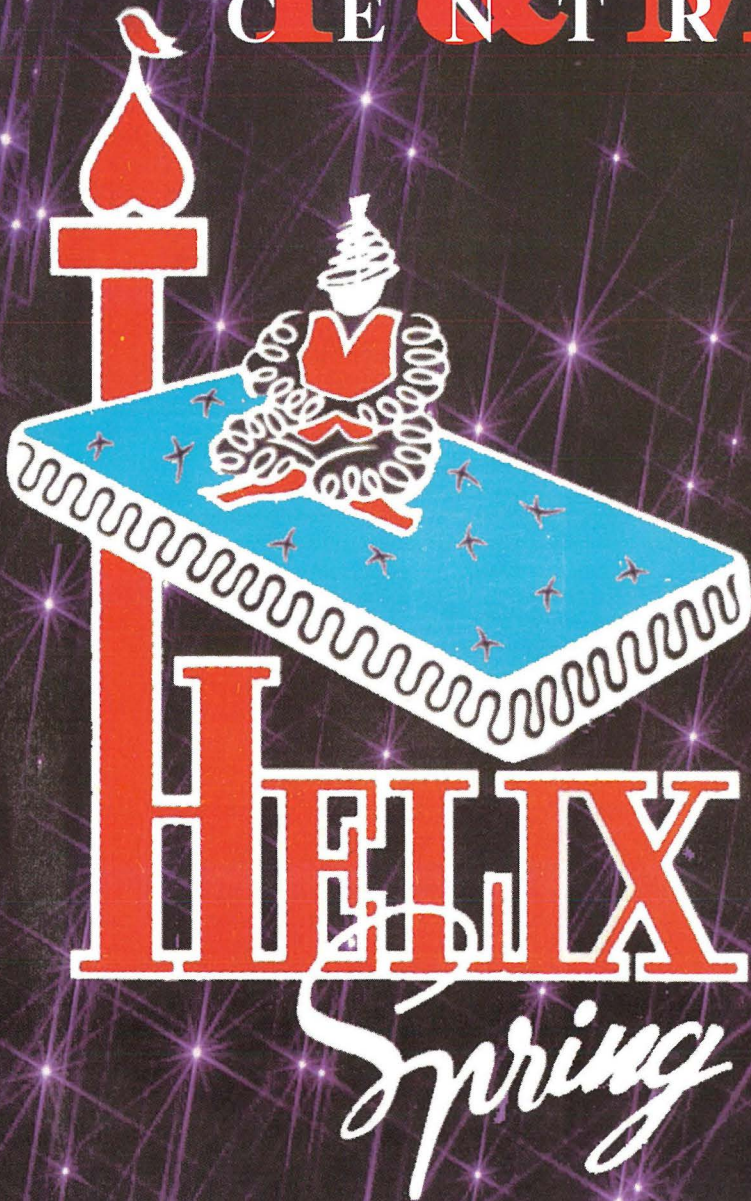


Cutaway views of cartridges (Remington Arms Company, Inc., Bridgeport, Connecticut.)

Forest et al, (1983), p.396, Figure 14-5

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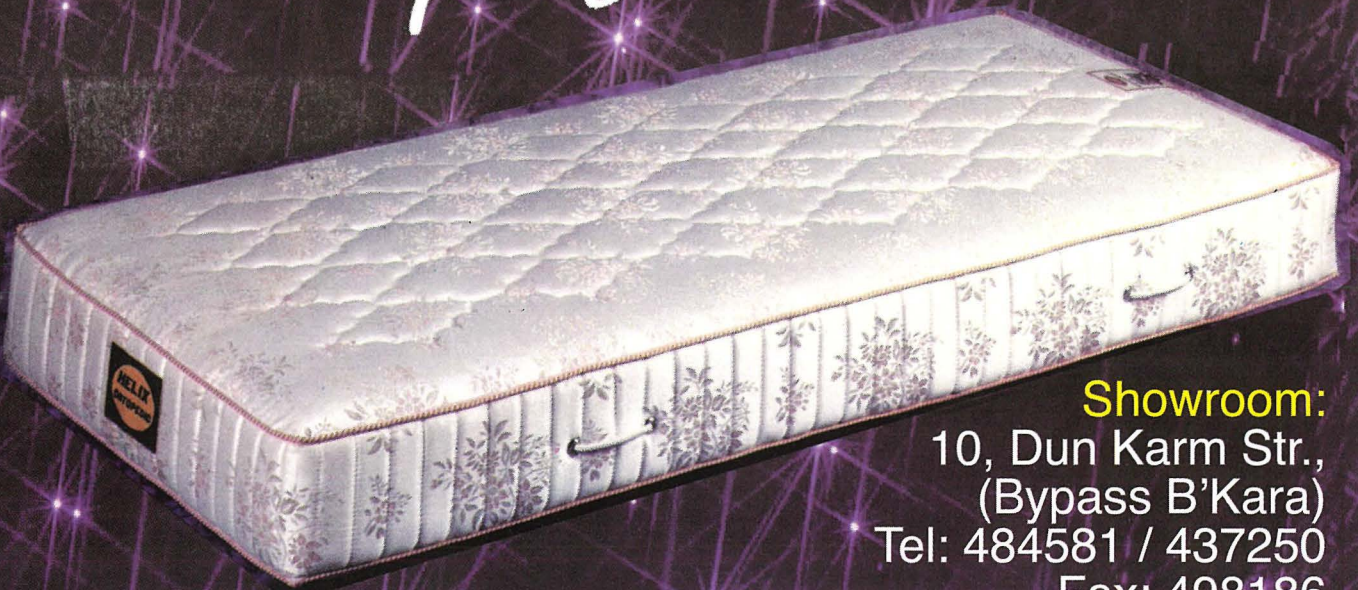
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Part 2

Investigative Approach-England

In United Kingdom the approach of a criminal investigation is somewhat similar to the local scene. One of the major advantages is that in England the police have an **“established serious crime procedure”** (White, 1998). The police are summoned on the scene and immediate steps of preservation are taken. The first officer attending (FOA) is trained to assist the victim, assess, protect or preserve and communicate the information. Notes are taken of persons arriving and leaving the scene while other basic duties such as restricting access to the scene by cordoning the area are fulfilled. The next person to step into the scene would be a **scientific support officer** who would temporarily take over the enquiry. Scientific support summoned to search for and collect the evidence. In U.K. they have an adversarial system and therefore experts are not required to be appointed by the court as the defence council are given the same opportunity to bring forward their own experts. The police have their own experts and other experts hired from private laboratories may also be employed. In U.K. the service is provided by the Forensic Science Service which is a Home Office agency. The most important issue is that the chain of custody is maintained and that the expert meets the requirement criteria to be considered as an expert. *“The expert must have special knowledge, qualifications, training and experience to be allowed to provide opinions on matters outside the knowledge or experience of the ordinary lay person”* (Stone, 1988, p. 188). Furthermore White (1998) emphasises that *“the role of expert witness is to use his or her experience and skill to provide impartial and unbiased evidence to court”*.

The scene of a crime

Shooting incidents are considered as serious crimes or major crime scenes. These are more complex and more resources are employed in the enquiry. A multi disciplinary team approach requires professional management. Adding to the **‘established serious crime procedure’** the investigation will be orchestrated through an incident room. Here all the information is controlled, stored and collated using I.T. packages such as the **Home Office Large Major Enquiry System (HOLMES)**. Communication is of utmost importance and briefing and debriefing is held on standard regular basis. This mini organisation structure has a professional co-ordinator, responsible for maintaining real-time information and liaison between two key players, the **Crime scene manager (CSM)** and the **Senior-investigating officer (SIO)**. The CSM has an overall responsibility to **exercise professional judgement** concerning the scientific means employed such as techniques, personnel, contamination and continuity. Scientific support officers will follow direct orders as how the scene is to be approached. An **‘exhibits officer’** will assume the responsibility to log, control and secure all the evidence recovered, keep the CSM informed who in turn will liaison with the co-ordinator and the SIO.

Arrests

Progressing through the investigation may require arrests and examinations of suspects. Although both the CSM and the SIO are professionally trained, avoiding contamination remains the main responsibility of the CSM. For this reason they have established procedures on how to process the scene of the crime and how to arrest suspects involved in shooting incidents. Officers making the arrest do not carry firearm in order to avoid allegations of contamination. The CSM and the SIO oversee that officers or vehicles that previously attended the scene of the crime will not be deployed to arrests suspects. So much care is given that even plastic car seat covers are fitted in the vehicle for the suspect to be seated on. These will then be included as exhibits. The suspects are not allowed to smoke, eat or drink, or use the restroom prior to the forensic examinations. The main reason behind these rules is to ascertain that the suspect does not destroy the evidence of gunshot residue by rubbing or washing. The suspects may easily throw over themselves the drink in attempting to remove traces and destroy the evidence. The suspects are then conveyed to the station where they will be examined for traces of G.S.R. Even here exists a standard procedure whereas, other than the legal requirements provided under section 63 of the Police & Criminal Evidence Act. 1984 (PACE), scientific procedures are demanded in order to ascertain prevention of contamination. Sealed swabbing kits containing all the necessary instructions, forms and materials are provided. The suspect is then swabbed and the evidence is sealed and handed over to the analyst while complying with respective chain of custody procedures. Having processed both the scene of the crime and the suspects through an established serious crime procedure, the investigator will possess wealth of **lawful** information. Many questions are answered by this proper systematic approach such as type, make and calibre of weapon used, type of ammunition, distance from muzzle to target, trajectory, whether bullet or cartridge match a questioned firearms, and whether the suspect/s fired or where in the immediate vicinity of shooting incident. Last but not least, all the evidence would be produced in court and disclosed to the defence council with peace of mind. This could only be achieved by taking the necessary precautions when recovering the best evidence without shadows of doubt dealing with contamination or improper collection and security and would therefore rule out any counter attacks by the defence council aimed at diminishing the validity of such evidence.

Part 3

Methodology

The requisite length for this paper has limited the author to focus on the least voluminous research method in order to suffice for comparing the English and the Maltese procedures for investigating shooting incidents. A mini structured research method based on a triangulation form was sought to mitigate the problem. A Case Study was preferred based on archival research, participant observation, and interviews. This was decided on the basis of acquiring sufficient knowledge of the local scene. Permission to examine a particular case was obtained from the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the CID while the interviews voluntarily participated. One must accept the fact that all these methods have both, advantages



and disadvantages and that this paper can only provide a brief overview. This case was randomly selected from all the shooting incidents reported in the years 1996-1997, and 1997-1998, which were successfully investigated, had a victim who was injured, someone was charged and the case is closed i.e. it is no longer 'sub-judice' (Forensic Science Laboratory Statistical data). All the cases were given a number that was individually written on a piece of paper folded and placed in a bag. My three-year old son was given the privilege to draw one case. It took quite some time to persuade him not to overturn the bag.

Archival research

The criminal investigation department (CID) file, the district police file and the Forensic Science laboratory File were examined and all the relevant notes regarding the investigative approach in relation to the evidence recovered from the scene and from suspects were noted. Particular attention was given to the stated methods adopted by the investigating officers and their direct subordinates and to the initial actions taken by the district police.

Interview schedules-Depth Interviews

This was conducted with the investigating officer who was in charge of the investigation and the scientist responsible for the analysis of G.S.R. They were briefed on the purpose of this paper and participated voluntarily. A depth interview was performed, this freely allowed for probing and elicited all the relevant issues related to the steps taken in the investigation to preserve all the evidence at the scene and on the suspects and the analysis that followed. An appointment was scheduled at their leisure, in their own office and each interview took about two hours.

Participant observation

The author of this paper happens to be the court appointed expert who conducted the examinations on the two suspects. The actual procedure related in the court report and personal observations are elected to compliment the other two methods.

Limitations - General critique of the research

The fact that this is a short paper limits the author to analyse only one particular case, conduct only two interviews and provide observations from one case. Therefore this is not a representative sample and cannot be used for general inference. Many other related issues had to be left out such as methods of handling and preserving the evidence or other specific techniques. In the archival research there are several disadvantages as the police files lack certain details and many important issues may be left out. Unlike U.K. practices, the local police do not make use of standardised 'fill in forms' often reduced to tick box formats tended to rule out omissions. "*Data may deliberately be fudged to give a favourable impression of the agency*" (Hagan, 1997, p. 252). There are also advantages as at the time of compiling notes and other reports they were unaware of future studies. The interviews have similar disadvantages. Bias or caution not to let loose accurate information in order to cover possible mistakes taken during the investigation may distort the interview. As regards to participant observation, the author's observations were those that needed to be observed at *that time*. Therefore observations made today are based on recollection and on what is documented in personal notes and the official court report. Furthermore the author may claim with confidence that he has served as a scene of crime officer for 14 years and the real problems were in fact personally encountered. This holds for claims of strong personal basis on the subject, even though objective criteria have been maintained throughout the study. Finally one may only generalise by and large about these findings however any part is subject to replication.

The Local Scene

Under section 63 of the Police and Criminal Evidence act (1984) (PACE) there are the conditions under which samples may be taken from suspects. The Maltese criminal code (Sections 397 et seq.) is somewhat similar. This empowers the Enquiring Magistrate to order the taking of samples by court appointed with such regulations as may from time to time be made by **Minister** responsible for justice. Such regulations do not exist. English police forces, as perviously mentioned, have established procedures or police manuals guiding them on what and how things should be done. The Malta police force issues from time to time what are referred to as General Head Quarters (GHQ) circulars in which instructions for specific duties are provided. Nothing is found related to such specific duties of swabbing of suspects. There is only a norm that throughout the years has been practised without being questioned.

Part 4

"Case Study"

Late in the evening the divisional police received a call that a shooting incident occurred in the harbour area and that an adult female was shooting for help as she was shot in the lower part of her body. Two officers went on the scene and necessary action was taken to provide medical assistance. An ambulance conveyed the victim to hospital while the police remained on the spot. The divisional inspector was informed who then informed the duty Enquiring Magistrate. Court experts were appointed and the scene of the crime was processed accordingly. The CID was informed and immediately took the leading role in the investigation. Preliminary investigation lead to the arrests of two adult males, one having a gunshot wound in his leg. The Enquiring Magistrate was again informed and granted permission for the swabbing of the suspects and to appoint another court expert to perform such duty. In the mean time these were interrogated and later



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examined by the court expert for traces of Gunshot Residue (the author himself). A swan off gunshot and two spent cartridges were recovered from the sea-bed in the vicinity of the incident. Gunshot residue was found on both suspects. One had a considerable number of G.S.R particles while the other has a few. Only one of these two males was charged with attempted murder, stood trial and was convicted.

Confidentiality

Any information that may lead to the identity of the parties involved has been purposely left out. The respondents from the police and the forensic laboratory are not concerned about their identity but in order to avoid the lead to the actual case it was best deemed appropriate to leave out such details.

Discussion of Findings and Recommendations

The first officers attending the scene had to ignore basic rules of the preservation of evidence, as there was a life at stake. Once the victim was given medical attention and conveyed to hospital the police vacated the residence and secured the scene until the arrival of the court appointed experts including scene of crime officers. There are no records of persons arriving or leaving the scene. Each officer has a personal notebook in which notes are jotted down. These are hardly ever referred to until the trial, which in our legal system may take place 4 years after arraignment. Minimal disturbance of the scene was reported in the forensic files. The divisional police arrested the suspects in the vicinity of the crime but there is no record of whether the officers who attended the scene had used the same vehicle that conveyed the suspects. There are no records that indicate whether the suspects were handcuffed or whether the officers effecting the arrests carried firearms. Handcuffs are not part of the police uniform and are stored in the station safe. Firearms are also stored in this 'Safe' therefore there is a question of whether the handcuffs are contaminated by G.S.R. Neither the investigators nor the scientists have queried about the possibility of contamination. An important aspect is that during the interrogation of these two suspects no questions were asked of their whereabouts during the same day. This would aid the scientist to account for any particular traces that may be found during the analysis. Basic questions such as the last time they had washed their hands or had a swim were not asked. The scientist did not emphasize the importance of having such information. This would have rendered a more credible and valid interpretation of the findings. However both suspects confessed but gave different versions of what had actually happened.

The CID file and the divisional police file contain only copies or reports, statements made by the suspects and correspondences. These do not contain any incident forms. The F.S.L file does contain standard forms such as the sample taking consent form, submission of articles forms (similar to the MPFSL form), any analysis sheets displaying the exhibit numbers, time of analysis and other relevant information. From the participant observer's perspective there are a few observations that need to be mentioned. The suspects were examined (swabbed) separately in the investigators' office. The first suspect was seated on a chair with both hands on the desk. The chair did not have a plastic cover. The swabbing kits are similar to those used by the FSS with the exception that they are prepared by the FSL due to some improvisations and financial restraints. The second suspect was seated on the same chair, in the same office with his hands on the same desk and was also swabbed. Both suspects were interrogated before being examined (swabbed). The interview with the scientist was more like a discussion. He provided wealth of information on valid issues that need to be addressed in a criminal investigation in order to build a watertight case. The results obtained from the analysis of the G.S.R swabbings taken from suspects, may only hold strong, if the scientist is supplied with all the unnecessary information surrounding the case. The scientist cannot be ruled out of the investigation and be handed only the exhibits that need to be examined and left in isolation. He or she **must** have sufficient background information in order to be able to provide an impartial **expert opinion**. The fact of finding G.S.R particles and their quantity are relative to several factors such as the place where found e.g. on the surface of the hands, on the face, hair, nostrils, inside ears and clothing. Retention of G.S.R is very low especially on the hands and after a few hours it is not likely to detect this type of evidence. Therefore time should not be wasted and a suspect should be examined prior to any other questioning. Finding these particles on the hands after a considerable time from the incident may indicate contamination. It is important for the investigator to furnish the scientist with the information regarding what type of weapons were used, how many shots were fired, whether indoor or outdoors, the last time the suspect washed, and whether the perpetrators were wearing any hoods or gloves. The scientist had requested this type of information several times and in his opinion the investigator should provide this information as it is in the arrest of justice to interpret the result in the context of all the information surrounding the case. The investigator revealed that CID personnel have neither received basic training in criminal investigation and nor training in interviewing techniques. He is well aware of all the evidence that may evolve from a shooting incident, as firearms have always been one of his main areas of interests. He also confirmed that they do not practice an established serious crime procedure and all his colleagues use different approaches or styles. He would prefer to follow a standard procedure and is also aware of British system as he once had the opportunity of working alongside English investigators. " We do not have interviewing rooms and interrogations have to take place in the offices ". At present there are building constructions, which should include adequate interviewing rooms and are expected to be operational by the end of 1999.

The Malta police force does not have and neither follows any standard procedure of what it expected or should be done by investigating police officers when dealing with shooting incidents. There may be instances when decisions and actions taken by the police jeopardise the end result of the investigation, either by contaminating the scene of the crime or by contaminating the suspects and thereby rendering the evidence that may be found useless. The questioning of suspects does not cater for the needs of the scientist and there seems to be lack of communication. Each party is working in isolation. Communication seems

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to be the main problem and emphasis for the adoption of standard procedures throughout the criminal investigation is the only solution. Criminal investigation is both an art and a profession and therefore can be taught and learnt. The main ingredients include abundant energy, experience, maturity, perseverance, wealth and knowledge and good management. There seems to be an underlying common factor, i.e. lack of training that is contributing to the many shortcomings in local investigations of shooting incidents. It is important to **'think forensic'** in everything we do and take advantage of the advances of science. We cannot invent the wheel but at least we should provide smooth roads for the wheel to turn on. To start with it is a must to develop an established serious crime procedure and provide training at all levels in order to understand the importance of preserving the evidence and that each step is recorder as it may be needed for future reference. Efforts must be made to convey the message that actions taken by any officer may jeopardise the end result of an investigation especially when it depends of scientific evidence. The proposed policy and procedure will only focus on the procedures required to be adopted at the stage of arresting suspects, suspected of being involved in shooting incidents.

Proposed policy and procedure.

Prior arrest.

- a. The same officers attending the scene of the crime should not proceed with arresting suspects unless it is the only means of apprehension.
- b. Vehicles, which are used at the scene of the crime, cannot be used to convey suspects.
- c. Officers who effect the arrest are not to carry firearms.
- d. Handcuffs are to be washed under running water after removed from the safe or after any use on other suspects.
- e. Officers must declare that they had not been involved in any shooting incidents at least for the **past 24 hours** including including in any hobbies such as hunting or clay pigeon shooting.
- f. When suspects are apprehended from their residence a full set of extra clothing is to accompany the suspect. The ones worn will be removed by the forensic experts and replaced by the extra clothing. The others will be retained for examinations, therefore becoming court exhibits. Officers are also to carry adequate packaging materials such as large paper bags (envelopes) and proper exhibits labels in order to place extra clothing and any other questioned clothing that may be recovered from the residence. Clothing must be packed separately.
- g. Once in police custody the officer is not to loose sight of the suspect. These may attempt to remove the evidence by rubbing or washing. If suspects are apprehended from their residence they should not be allowed to use the bathroom.
- h. The officer is to avoid unnecessary contact with the suspect.
- i. The car seat must be covered with a disposable plastic cover and this should than be folded and submitted to the scientist as an exhibit related to that particular suspect.
- j. While in custody suspects cannot be allowed to use the restroom.
- k. Cannot be allowed to consume any food or drink or smoke.
- l. Suspects cannot come in contact with other suspects or witness.
- m. The Enquiring Magistrate must be immediately informed in order to appoint a court expert and grant permission for the examinations on the suspects.
- n. The scientist must be provided with all the relevant information surrounding the case, such as how many shots were fired, what type of weapon is suspected, whether they were wearing hoods or gloves and whether any spent cartridges, bullets, weapons or clothing were disposed of by the perpetrators and found by the police.

The Interview / Interrogation

- o. The investigator must skilfully enquire into whereabouts of the individual during that day of the shooting incident keeping in mind any materials that may have come in contact with the suspect.
- p. The investigator must determine that last time the suspect had washed his hands or other parts of the body, and the last time he or she changed clothes.
- q. The investigator must also determine if the suspect had been in any shooting incidents (such as hunting or clay pigeon shooting) other than suspected involvement.

Conclusion

This paper has briefly discussed the basic ingredients required to succeed when investigating shooting incidents. It has covered how our British counterparts manage serious crime operations and examined how a shooting incident is handled locally. It is important to note that this is the first study of the sort that has ever been conducted in Malta and is definitely not the last. Many important issues have been raised in relation to the credibility and reliability of the evidence especially regarding the probability of contamination. This paper has identified some of the problems and provides an alternative way how to remedy the situation. In spite the fact that is limited to one case study, it is evident that our criminal investigation lack professionalism and team effort and experiences many shortcomings. Most, if not all of the key-players work in isolation and do not share their problems. One cannot implement the proposed procedure without previous training in various fields especially management, science and investigative techniques within the context of the law of evidence. Frequent meetings and conferences are a few of the basic necessities which create a working environment that promotes teamwork, where problems are shared and action is taken in order to implement the necessary changes. This paper will only help throw some insight into the problem and elicit awareness. Finally, if we want to strive for excellence we must learn from what other police forces have already achieved and design an established serious crime procedure within the framework of our legal system.



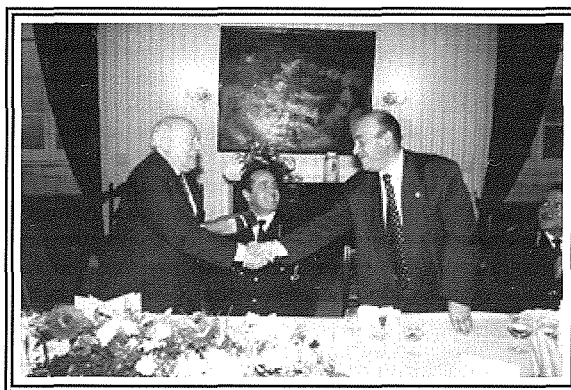
APPRECIATION ANTHONY MIFSUD TOMMASI

The saying goes: "When reading all the epitaphs on the graves, at the cemeteries, one wonders where the bad ones are". Humans nature being what is, we tend to shower praise on our departed ones as a matter of course and out of genuine respect. This is certainly not the case with our beloved Anthony Mifsud Tommasi, Former Deputy Police Commissioner and ex-Commander of Police Academy who passed away on 17th May 2000.

The praise we shower on our "Toni" is fully deserved and the respect in which he was held was amply testified by the vast attendance during his funeral mass "presentee cadavere" at the Paola Parish Church.

Govt. and Opposition representatives, The Commissioner himself and his high ranking officers as well as Officers and Men of all ranks of the Police Force and the Police Academy, Legal and Constituted Bodies paid their final respects as did members of the Community from all walks of life.

AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN : No better title can describe the personality and character of this great gentleman. His name was and will ever be, synonymous with the Malta Police Force. When he joined the Force in 1956 he was posted at Zabbar. My first personal encounter with Anthony Mifsud Tommasi was in the same year when I also joined the Force as a Constable. It was at then Schreiber Sports Ground at his home town in Paola when the Police Football Team played a friendly match with the team of his former-mates of St. Michael Training College. Being a Second Class MFA Reference until he joined the Force, Mr. Tommasi refereed this match. That was our very first encounter which I can still vividly recall, some 44 years on. He was then transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department where he was a brilliant investigating Officer. He retired from the Police in the Rank of Deputy Commissioner after serving for 35 years, then he continued with his sterling teaching at the Police Academy.



I had the privilege to work closely with especially when an Inspector at the Traffic Dept. Mr. Tommasi was also very active in the sports administration, especially in the late 60's and early 70's when the districts Football League and Knock-Out Competitions were held. He used to attend at many football matches and never missed a presentation of trophies occasion either assisting the Police Commissioner or being the presenter himself.

Something special Mr. Mifsud Tommasi besides his loyalty and dedication to his work, was his kindness and consideration to his subordinates. He was always ready to hear anyone, including newly appointed recruits who wished to speak to him. He was always ready to give advice to all who asked for it.

My friend an ex-colleague Eddie Attard, writing a similar appreciation in a local paper recently referred to a letter he had received from Mr. Tommasi in 1990 on his 34th Anniversary in the Police Force. It said (quote): "As I look back down memory lane, I recollect some very nice people with whom I worked and others not so nice. I put you in the top category" (unquote). This was a letter from a Deputy Commissioner to an ex-Constable.

Until very close to his death, he used to write to many whom he held high with words like: "To a loyal and trusted friend" - I was one of them - and happy to say so. When I was doing research for my book "L-istorja Sportiva tal-Pulizija Maltija" he was a constant source of inspiration to push me forward to complete my work. He used to provide me with photocopied material of anything connected with my research, which I appreciated a lot. It was the same when my colleague Eddie Attard was doing research for his other important publication: "Il-Pulizija ta' Malta 1814-1956".

Looking at his photo we say: "Here was a man - when come such another".

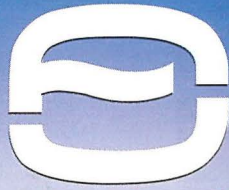
Thank you, Sur Tonin on behalf of those who know you and the fortune of working with you.

To all members of his family we offer our genuine sympathy for his great loss.

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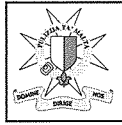
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Għaqda Pulizija Pensjonanti

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Minn din il-harġa qed nassumi r-responsabbiltà ta' dawn il-paġni li jkopru l-attivitajiet ta' l-Għaqda tal-Pulizija Pensjonanti. Ser nagħmel mill-ahjar biex ir-rappurtagg' f'dawn il-paġni jkun varju u nformattiv kemm jista' jkun. Irrid f'ismi, f'isem shabi tal-Kunsill kif ukoll f'isimkom qarreja, nizzi hajr lil-sehibna Vincent Zahra (Vici Pres.) ghax-xoghol siewi li ta bil-kitbiet tieghu f'dawn il-paġni għal tul gmielu ta' snin

“ IL- PULIZIJA ” Añbarijiet u attivitajiet mill-Għaqda tal-Pulizija Pensjonanti.

Laqgħa Ġenerali Annwali 2000

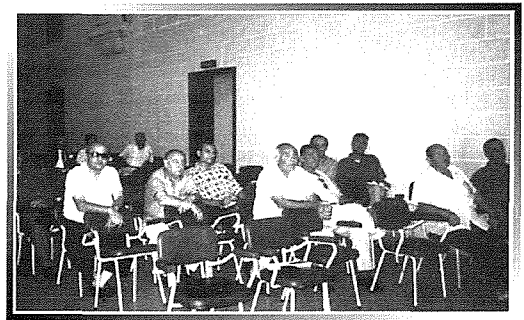
Il-Laqgħa Ġenerali Annwali ta' l-Għaqda tal-Pulizija Pensjonanti saret fil-VILHENA HALL, fid-Depot tal-Pulizija, L-Furjana, nhar il-Hadd, 4 ta' Gunju, 2000.

Qabel il-laqgħa, il-membri tagħna attendew għal Quddiesa li ssir kull nhar ta' Hadd u li kienet ukoll b' sufragju għal ruh l-ex-Assistent Kummissarju PAUL MAMO u li għaliha attendew ukoll is-sinjura Mamo, it-tifel tagħhom (PC) Joseph u familjari oħra. Qaddes ir-Rev, Fr. Raniero Zammit, Kappillan tal-Korp. Wara l-quddiesa, il-membri tagħna ġew servuti bil-kafè u xi sandwiches fil-O.R. Canteen. Il-Laqgħa Ġenerali bdiet fl-10.00am u tmexxiet skond l-Aġenda kif ċirkulata lil-membri.

1. Inqaw il-minuti ta' l-añhar laqgħa Ġenerali li ġew approvati.
2. Is-Segretarju, Gigi Muscat imbgħad qara r-Rapport Amministrattiv li fih ta dettalji dwar laqgħat tal-Kumitat, rappreżentanza f' Seminars u attivitajiet oħra kif ukoll ir-rappreżentanza li ssir fuq bażi regolari f'isem shabna pensjonanti mad-Dipartiment tal-Politika Soċjali dwar 'Claims' jew diskrepanzi fejn tidholl il-pensjoni jew benefiċċji oħra.
3. Għalkemm ma kienx hemm mozzjonijiet mgħoddija lis-Segretarju sa qabel il-laqgħa, saret mozzjoni miss-Sur Felic Testa li tgħid għandu wieħed jippretendi li jkollna Kworum diċenti waqt il-Laqgħat Ġenerali. Il-President spjega li din tal-Kworum kienet problema li jiffaċċja kwazi kull Kumitat jew Għaqda. Però wiegħed li din il-proposta titressaq għad-diskussjoni mill-Kumitat il-gdid.
4. Sar imbgħad l-Indirizz tal-President, is-Sur Azzopardi li elka x-xoghol siewi li sar mill-Kumitat għall-benefiċċju tal-membri, it-tberik biex jinstab post addatat għax-xogħol ta' l-Għaqda, l-għajjnuna li jagħtina l-Kummissarju, is-Sur George Grech kull meta niġu b'zonnu u affarijiet oħra. Għamel referenza wkoll għal konkurrenza sabiħa li kellna fir-"Reunion" ta' tmien is-sena u talab li tiġi osservata minuta silenzju b'rispett lejn il-memorja ta' shabna li hallewna matul l-añhar sena.
5. Peress li ma kienx hemm nominazzjonijiet għal hatra ta' membri fil-Kunsill, hliet ta' dawk li kienu servew fis-sentejn li għaddew, l-istess membri ġew eletti mhux kontestati.
6. Fid-diskussjoni añharija, is-Sur Felic Testa issuggerixxa illi, biex l-attivitajiet ta' l-Għaqda u x-xogħol li jsir mill-Kunsill għal ġid tal-membri jasluk aktar għall-attenzjoni tal-membri kollha, tiżdied folja li tiġi nfijsata fil-"Magazine" "Il-Pulizija". Vincent Zahra risponda li dan mhux permess bil-ligi tal-posta. Alfred Debattista (P.R.O) wieħed li kellu jagħmel mill-ahjar biex aktar informazzjoni tasal lill-membri forsi b'zieda ta' aktar paġni fil-"Magazine", għall-użu ta' l-Għaqda, kif fill-fatt qed nagħmlu. Sar suggeriment ieħor mis-Sur Testa biex jekk jista' jkun, f'okkazjonijiet u Manifestazzjonijiet Nazzjonali, membri ta' l-Għaqda jieħdu sehem anke permezz ta' Standard ta' l-Għaqda. Il-laqgħa ntammet fil-11.30am.



Sedja



Attendenza

SHUBIJA FL-GHAQDA

Fir-rapport tiegħu waqt il-Laqgħa Ġenerali Annwali, It-Tezorer infurmaha illi għandna 368 membri registrati fl-Għaqda. Dawn jikkonsistu fi 310 Maltin u 58 Għawdxin. Però fost dawn hemm numru ta' membri li mhumiex regolari fil-ħlas ta' shubija minkejja l-fatt illi t-Tezorer ġibdilhom l-attenzjoni għal aktar minn darba. Meta wieħed iqis ix-xogħol li l-Għaqda ttwettaq fir-rigward ta' rappreżentanza mad-Dipartimenti konċernati dwar il-pensjoni u benefiċċji oħra, huma ta' l-iskantament kif wieħed jaraha diffiċli li jhallas il-mizata tassew limitata ta' Lm1. Għalhekk minn dawn il-paġni nappellaw lli dawn il-membri biex ma jirregolarizzaw il-pożizzjoni tagħhom mat-Tezorer.



Għaqda Pulizija Pensjonanti

PREMESIS:

Għalkemm bl-ghajnuna siewja tas-Sur George Grech, Kummissarju, il-Kunsill tagħna għandu l-facilità fejn jiltaqa' fid-Depot, (post maqsum mal-Malta Police Association u l-Police Dependants assoc) tibqa' x-xewqa ta' l-Għaqda tagħna illi jinstab post aktar adattat li forsi jservi wkoll ta' Police Club. Qed naghmlu mill-aħjar u naghthu s-sehem tagħna kollu biex din ix-xewqa ssir rejaltà.

DONAZJONI:

Somma sabiha ta' Lm100 miġbura (u miżjuda) waqt ir-riċeviment tal-bidu tas-sena l-ġdida li sar fl-Officers' Mess, giet mghoddija lil Eċċ: Tiegħu, il-President tar-Repubblika għal Community Chest Fund, mill-President tagħna is-Sur Joe Azzopardi, fil-preżenza tal-Kummissarju, is-Sur George Grech, fil-Palazz il-Belt.

GHOTJA:

Somma ta' Lm100 giet mogħtija lill-Għaqda bhala donazzjoni, minn pensjonant membru li ma jridx juri ismu. Kellna wkoll donazzjoni ta' Lm10 li ssir kull sena, mis-Sur Edward Bonnici Soler (Ex-Asst. Kumm:-) kif ukoll kuntribuzzjoni iżgħar minn Walter Camilleri..Lil dawn is-sinjuri niringrazzjawhom minn qalbna.

REVIŻJONI U STAMPAR TA' L-ISTATUT.

Saret revizzjoni ta' l-Istatut ta' l-Għaqda wara li xi emendi proposti mill-Kunsill kienu ġew approvati fil-Laqgħa Ġenerali Annwali tas-sena l-oħra. Sibna wkoll sponsor, membru pensjonant tal-Għaqda, is-Sur Carmelo tal-"CARINI STORES", ta' Sta. Venera, biex issa ninsabu f'pizzazzjoni li dan jiġi stampat mill-ġdid. Kopja ta' l-istatut ser titqassam b'xejn lill kull membru pensjonant meta l-istampar ikun lest.

HARĠA U IKLA F'GHAWDEX.

Attività oħra ta' suċċess kienet il-harġa/ikla f'Għawdex li giet organizzata nhar il-Hadd, 11 ta' Ġunju 2000. Grupp sabiħ ta' 80 pensjonanti u n-nisa tagħhom (kienu jkunu fuq il-100 li ma kienx għal xi mard u problemi oħra) kellhom trasport provdut f'Malta minn diversi postijiet magħżula sakemm twasslu ċ-Ċirkewwa biex rikbu l-vapur tad-8.45am għall Imġarr. F'Għawdex reġgħu sabu t-trasport jistennihom fejn ittiehdu għal xi hin Victotia qabel ma marru jzuru s-Santwarju Ta' Pinu. Fis-1.00pm morna Marsalforn fejn l-ewwel kellna l-ikla fil-Lukanda Calypso u wara, kien hemm hin liberu sa ma sar il-hin għar-ritorn lejn Malta. Din kienet okkażjoni oħra mhux biss ta' divertiment iżda li tat ċans lil hafna mill-pensjonanti tagħna jiltaqgħu ma hbieb antiki, kemm Maltin kif ukoll Għawdxin. Prosit lil Kumitat li ha hsieb din l-attività.

IL-186 ANNIVERSARJU MIT-TWAQQIF TAL-KORP.

Matul il-ġranet li fihom il-korp fakkar il-186 sena mit-twaqqif tiegħu, l-Għaqda Pulizija pensjonanti hadet sehm f'zewg attivitajiet partikulari.

Nhar il-Hadd 2 ta' Lulju,2000 għadd ta' pensjonanti attendew għal quddiesha li saret fil-kappella taċ-Ċimiterju u wara, għat tqegħid ta' kuruni tal-fjuri fuq l-oqbra tal-Korp. F'din iċ-ċerimonja, l-Għaqda kienet rappreżentata mill-uffiċjali tal-Kunsill, immexxija mill-President, is-Sur Joe Azzopardi.

Attività oħra li nvolviet lil pensjonanti kienet quddiesha oħra, din id-darba fil-kappella tad-Depot. Fiż-zewg okkażzjonijiet qaddes il-kappillan tal-Korp, Patri Raniero. Wara din il-quddiesha il-pensjonanti attendew għas-solitu riċeviment mghoti mill-Kummissarju, is-Sur George Grech, fl-"Officers' Mess" tad-Depot.

Għal darb' oħra għadd ġmielu ta' pensjonanti attendew għal dawn l-attivitajiet.

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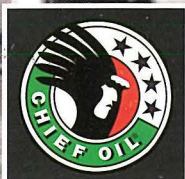


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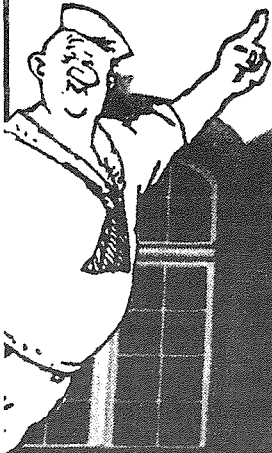
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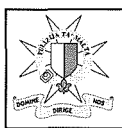


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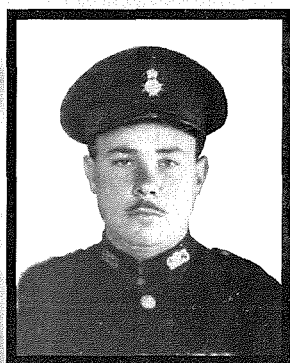
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Mutual Help Association

Minn Pc.193 J.Mamo

X'inhuma s-sitt liri li nħallsu mal-paga kull tlett xhur u għaliex inhallsuha? Nistgħu ma nħallsuhomx u ma nibbenifikawx mill-benefiċċji tagħna?

Dawn huma wħud mill-mistoqsijiet li spiss nisimgħu minn kollegi membri fil-korp.

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Billi għandi l-inkarigu tal-"Mutual Help", ser intikom fit tagħrif dwarha u l-istorja tagħha, u nħalli f'idejkom biex tiġġudikaw kemm hu siewi l-iskop tagħha. Biżżejjed ngħidilkom li kemm ili fit-tmexxija ta' dan il-fond, hija kbira ħafna d-dieqa li nħoss ġo qalbi meta tiġi għandi l-armla jew ulied ta' xi ex-membri biex jgħiduli bl-aħbar ħażina. Ngħidulhom x'ngħidulhom lil dawn in-nies, xejn m'hu ser jimla l-vojt kbir li jkun hallielhom dan hunu, u l-ammont

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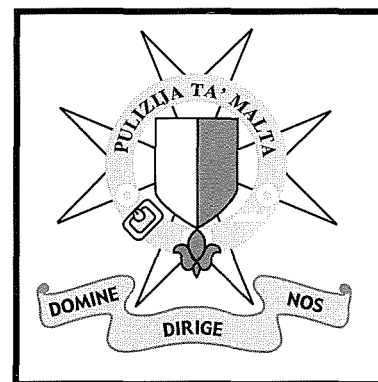
Sa minn żmien il-Kummissarju Salvatore Galea, fl-1936, kienet issir ġabra fost il-fizzjali u tinghata lill-armla ta' Pulizija bhala għajnuna għall-funeral iegħu. Għal bidu din kienet issir fuq bażi volontarja iżda l-quddiem saret obligatorja għall-membri kollha tal-Korp. Kien propju hawnhekk li twaqqfet il- "Mutual Help Association", fejn il-quddiem saret magħrufa bhala 'tal-mejtin'!

Ex-membri li kienu spiċċaw mis-servizz ukoll urew ix-xewqa li jibqgħu ihallsu l- kontribuzzjoni u jibbenifikaw minn dawn il-flus wara li jġu nieqsa.

Fir-rigward tal-"General Fund" fost il-funzjonijiet li din taqdi, għandha funzjoni simili tal-"Mutual Help". Filwaqt li familjari ta' "serving member" li jkun għadu kif miet jibbenifikaw mil-"Mutual Help Ass.", dawn jiehdu wkoll l-istess ammont mil-"General Fund".

Il-lista ta' hawn taht tagħti rendikont ta' xi thallas, mill-fond fis-sena 1999. Għal kull każ, il-pagament kien ta' mhux inqas minn Lm660 ħlief għal tmien każi fejn il-mibkijin ħutna mietu qabel is-sena 1999 u għalhekk il-familjari tagħhom irċivew matul is-sena li għaddiet, benefiċċji ta' mhux anqas minn Lm330. Il-ħlas totali kien ta' Lm16,760.

Is-somma li tiġi mogħtija mil-Mutual Help Association tvarja minn-numru ta' membri kurrenti, għaldaqstant bħalissa qed jinghataw l'ammont bi-żvista riċentement f'dan il-magazine.



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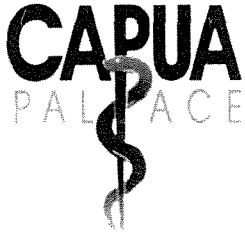
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Antenatal Care

Capua hospital's maternity unit runs a parentcraft programme that also includes a physiotherapy session. Midwives trained in maternity education present this programme in seven sessions.

Labour and Delivery Support

During labour, the midwife taking care of the mother-to-be will carefully monitor her progress. She will be constantly with her to offer her support and to ensure a delivery that is as natural and comfortable as possible.

Postnatal Care

Follow-up care begins immediately after the birth of the baby. The midwife provides care and advice on breast-feeding, infant care and much more. Because a mother is so unique, the maternity unit team gives tailor-made care and advice once the mother and baby leave Capua Hospital. Three postnatal home visits are organised and continuous telephone advice is available. Besides this, visits to the maternity unit itself for the baby weighing and further advice are encouraged at any time.

Child Development Support

Once a woman becomes a mother, she has her own story to tell. At Capua's maternity unit they enjoy listening to their client's experience in postnatal groups, providing support and education about child development.

for further information one can contact CAPUA HOSPITAL and ask for the Maternity ward on telephone: 335235 or fax: 330226

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THE FIRST TORCH RUN (MALTA)
HELD ON THE 20TH MAY, 2000
FOR THE 2000 SPECIAL OLYMPICS EUROPEAN GAMES
HELD ON THE 22-28 MAY, 2000, BELGIUM - NETHERLANDS.

Athletes, Colleagues
Members of the Press

The question that arises from you all today is: why are we here today? Usually when a Press Conference is called by the Malta Police the first thing that comes to mind is that the Police have cracked some vicious circle and that we have some artifacts to display, or that the force is to make use of some new equipment to enhance its manpower. But to our pleasure and satisfaction, today this is not the case.

This Conference was called because the Malta Police Force is to embark on a different mission. In November of last year, Mr. Paul Micallef, who is the President of the Special Olympics (Malta), has contacted the Police Commissioner, Mr. George Grech to discuss if a Torch Run could materialise within our Law Enforcement framework. Ever since, the contacts have grown, matured and as a result of this, today we are here to promote this event.

The aim of this run is to raise awareness and funds to help the disabled athlete, in particular those with mental retardation. We are all aware that these athletes need help and attention, but surely we are not here to promote our pity to their regards by taking advantage of the generosity of the Maltese people, but we are here to promote the issue that these are people like you and me; that they have all the **right** to integrate both socially and morally in our community; and that **they** are capable of things that you can do. Although they are people with mental handicap we want them to realise that there are others who believe in **who they are and in what they do**.

The Commissioner of the Police, Mr. George Grech, as stated before, was more than happy to welcome and encourage his Police Officers to take part and participate in this event. The Police is not only there to punish the offender but also to bridge any partnership with the community. Such event is the first of its kind for the Malta Police (and surely not last) and discussions are underway for such activity to be organised on a year basis.

What is the Torch Run? As one can see from the brochure, it is the largest fund-raiser and public awareness vehicle for the Special Olympics. It is a series of Torch relays where Law Enforcement officers carry the Special Olympics "Frame of Hope" over hundreds and even thousands of miles to the opening Ceremonies of World Games.

The route takes each athlete through 6 different villages where the torch gets exchanged in front of every village Police Station. The route is as follows:

Starting point is from Mdina, goes up to Mosta, continues to Birkirkara, Hamrun, Valletta, and to Ghar id-Dud in Sliema. From there all the athletes proceed to St Julians Police Station.

During this run the Minister Tonio Borg and Permanent Secretary will also take part in this run.

25 Police officers are taking part in this Torch Run, of whom 2 are in the rank of Inspectors. The athletes are the following:
Inspectors: Edward Mangion and Brian Zammit.

Police Sergeants: 423 Nazzareno Grixti, 621 Pierre Calleja, 95 Jean Farrugia and 65 Ruth Inguanez.

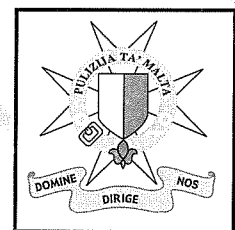
Police Constables: 1478 Julian Grima, 651 Jesmond Azzopardi, 720 Paul Bonnici, 1587 Albert Bonnici, 1105 Noel Pisani, 135 Joseph Buhagiar, 1010 Emanuel Vassallo, 1595 Mark Cassar, 1518 Marvin Camilleri, 685 Daniel Scerri, 875 Patrick Zerafa, 511 Mario Saliba, 1366 Mario Decelis, 1036 Stephan Mallia, 418 John Rapinett, 260 Kevin Azzopardi, 971 Patrick Pisani, 3 Kevin Grima, 35 Priscilla Caruana, 185 Vanessa Xuereb.

Along the route encouraging the athletes one will also find the helping hands of the Boy Scouts who will also be collecting funds for the event. Knowing the generosity of the Maltese public we encourage them to participate in their donations.

I hope that with your help, the general public will participate in this good cause, in not only encouraging our athletes during the event but also accepting these people as part of society no matter from which strata they come.

I wish to conclude with the oath of the Special Olympics and the motto of the Malta Police.

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me brave in the attempt". THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS OATH





ALEX BORG

Top local Snooker Player

Home: Mosta, Malta

Age: 29

Occupation: Clerk at Maltacom

Personality: I am a trusting person, sometimes too trusting. Then again I'm not easily offended.

Where I am now:

I was awarded Sportsman of the Year '99, and in the same weekend, won the Continental Cup '99 in France.

Where I want to be:

Win the World Title!

Why I do what I do:

It's something you're born with. I've been playing since I was six. I love it and it relaxes me.

Motto:

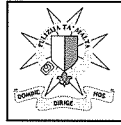
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ITTRA LIL-EDITOR

Ghaziz Editor,

Bhala għalliehma u omm ta' membru tal-korp tal-Pulizija jiena qrajt b'interess kbir l-artiklu fuq il-vjolenza fid-dar. Jiena nħoss qalbi tuġaghani hafna meta nara li din il-pjaga qed tikber tant f'pajjiżna. Iżda b' dispjeċir kbir iehor irrid niġbed l-attenzjoni tal-qarrejja dwar pjaga oħra li tant qed tikber u tiżdied fl-iskejjel tagħna, u rrid ngħid li jekk din il-problema ma nilqgħulhiex fil-bidu nett se tkompli tikber u tħalli effetti ferm koroh fis-socjetà tagħna. Ma nistax ma nitkellimx fuqha, kemm mill-ezperjenza ta' omm u kemm ta' għalliehma ġo skejjel primarji u skejjel sekondarji. Hija l-problema tal-“bullying” kemm tal-vittma u kemm ta' min jagħmilha tal-“bully”. It-tnejn għandhom bżonn għajjnuna kbira, għaliex jekk din il-problema ma nilqgħulhiex sakemm tkun għadha qeghda tinbet, l-istituzzjonijiet korrettivi se jkunu mimlija b'nies bħal dawn.

M' għandniex ninsew li l-“bullying” jagħmel hsara psikoloġika kbira għaliex lill-vittma jnaqqas dak is-“self esteem” li hu tant importanti fl-iżvilupp tal-karattru tal-bniedem, speċjalment lill-adolescent li jkunu tant fragli fl-emozzjonijiet tiegħu.

Xi tfisser propja l-kelma “bullying”. Din il-forma, biex tighid hekk, għandha tlett tipi ta' fattizzi:

- Agressjoni b' intenzjoni.
- Relazzjoni ta' poter li mhux ugwali, din tista' tkun fizika jew mentali
- Riżultat ta' uġiegh u dwejjaq.

Hija ntimidazzjoni repetuta ta' vittma li tiġi wżata minn persuna ta' saħha fizika jew mentali, jew grupp ta' nies, biex jikkaġunaw uġiegh fiziku jew mentali fuq persuna oħra, jew aħjar il-vittma.

X' jikkaġuna dan il-“bullying” fil-bniedem li jeżerċita l-“bullying” jew aħjar x' jagħmlu “bully” lill-bniedem? Hemm hafna fatturi imma l-aħhar kawża prinċipali hija l-influenza tal-familja fuq il-“bully” innifsu. L-aħhar fattur huwa l-attitudni negattiva ta' l-omm jew tal-missier. Ikun hemm nuqqas ta' mhabba li mingħajrha l-bniedem ma jistax jgħix u jikber. Dan narawh saħansitra f'animal jew anki pjanta li ma jikbrux fejn hemm għaqda u għożża. Fattur iehor huwa l-preferenzi qalb l-istess ulied fejn l-omm jew il-missier jibdew iqisu lil dan it-tifel jew tifla bhala anqas mill-oħrajn u jibdew ma jikkalkulawhx jew ma jinvolvu f'xejn għaliex iqisuh m'hu tajjeb għalxejn. Hawnhekk reġa' daħal is-“self ego” fejn l-individwu jista' jaddotta l-parti ta' “bully” biex jiġbed l-attenzjoni u juri lill-oħrajn li hu tajjeb għal xi haġa, anki jekk fis-sens negattiv. Inzommu f' moħħna li uliedna, għalkemm uliedna, m'humieħ aħna. Huma individwi oħra b' fehmiet differenti u ma nistgħux nindaħluhom f'hajjithom sa ċertu punt. Ma nistgħux ninponu fuqhom. Bħalma jgħid il-poeta famuż Kahlil Gibran poeta mill-Lebanon, fil- poezija tiegħu “It-tfal tagħna” huma speċi ta' dinja għalihom, huma dar oħra t'Alla u għandna nrispettaw l-oppinjoni tagħhom u naċċetawhom kif inhuma, bin-nuqqasijiet tagħhom bħalma għandna aħna l-ġenituri stess.

Jista' jkun ukoll li l-omm jew il-missier huma “bullies” oħra nnifishom. Għalihom il-poter tagħhom jużawh taht forma ta' storbju vjolenti w emozjonali ġod-dar. Barra minn hekk, fattur iehor li bih jitravwem “bully” hija dar fejn hemm il-“laissez-faire” policy”. Itemm hekk, dixxiplina ma teżistix, kolloxx xejn m'hu xejn, u t-tifel jew it-tifla jagħamlu kull ma jiġi għal idejhom, bla ebda ‘guidelines’ ta' dixxiplina ta' ġenituri. Bħal ma jgħid iz-żejjed hu n-nieqes.

Kif, bħal għalliehma u ġenituri nistgħu nighnu lil dawn l-imsejtna vitma tal-“bullying”? Infemmuhom li m'għandhomx jgħid għalihom, il-“bully” jaqbad magħhom b' mod sodista. Din narawha anki fit-tfal tal-blanijiet iż-żagħar. Però, bhala kbar, m'għandna qatt neħduhom biċ-ċajt u nwaqqgħuhom għaż-żuffett. Għandna nieħdu passi immedjati mill-awtoritajiet ikkonċernati, noqgħodu nisimghuhom jtkellmu bil-kalma kollha, ma ngħajtux magħhom u nighnuhom jibnu kunfidenza fihom innifishom.

Nibdew mill-mod kif jimxu, bhala bidu. Il-bully jagħraf lill-vittma tiegħu mill-mod kif jimxi, jtkellem eċċ. Nighnuhom biex jipprivaw l-apparenza tagħhom, jimxu b'mod kunfidenti, u ż-żgħar speċjalment, ngħinuhom bħal meta per eżempju jkollhom rih u mnehirhom iqattar. Dawn l-affarijiet jistgħu jattiraw “bully”, pero aħna l-kbar fid-dover li nikkontrollaw is-sitwazzjoni u ma nħalluhiex tiggrava. Ma nistgħux nighdu ‘rajt ma rajtx, smajt ma smajtx’. Irridu niċċekjawhom dawn l-affarijiet mill-bidu nett. L-għalliehma, fil-klassi fid-dover li tagħti lezzjoni waqt l-“Istudji Soċjali” fuq dawn l-affarijiet fuq ton ġenerali.

Wara kolloxx jekk noqogħdu passivi f'dawn l-affarijiet, bhala edukatur t'ulied il-poplu nkunu qieghdin immorru kontra t-twemmin tan-nisrani. Fl-iskejjel hawn nies esperti fil-psikoloġija u jistgħu jgħinu hafna, b'mod diskrett lil dawn l-individwi li għandhom tendenzi li jkunu ‘bullies’ jew ‘bullied’ minn haddiehor. It-tnejn huma hżiena. Dawn in-nies esperti għandhom it-tattika speċjali jilqgħulha din is-sitwazzjoni.

Il-bniedem huwa individwu differenti mill-iehor. Kulhadd għandu emozjonijiet partikolari tiegħu u fid-dover li ngħinuħ jiżviluppa karattru sod u responsabli, inkella se jkollna soċjetà dgħajfa u bla pedamenti.

Mela, ma' l-ewwel sinjali ta “bullying”, nieħdu passi u nagħmlu hilitna biex inwaqqfuh. “Nip it in the bud” huwa l-motto.



Introduzzjoni

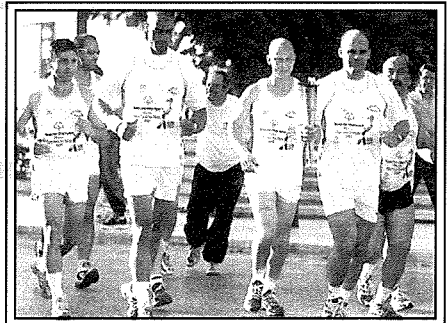
Minn din il-harġa qed nassumi r-responsabilità ta' Editor ta' l-Isports għal dan il-'magazine'. Dan ix-xogħol kont diġa għamiltu għal madwar 18-il sena meta kont inservi fil-Korp bejn l-1956 u l-1981. Thajjart li nagħti dan il-kontribut għaliex kont qed nara li ma kienx hemm min hu responsabbli li jżgura li dawn il-paġni sportivi jidhru fuq bażi fissa u regolari. Sa ftit ilhu, materjal sportiv kien jiddependi minn ftit nies bħal Insp. R. Cilia u PS. 621 P. Calleja, fost oħrajn. Il-hsieb tiegħi huwa li dawn il-paġni sportivi jkunu organizzati sew, fuq livell li jixraq lil dan il-'magazine' tal-Pulizija. Biex dan il-kontribut tiegħi ikun konsistenti jkollli bżonn l-ghajnuna ta' dawk kollha li jiehdu hsieb jew jorganizzaw attivitajiet u mpenji konnessi mal-membri tal-Korp, ta' kull tip. Għalhekk nistieden lil kull min ikollu tagħrif biex jgħaddih lili permezz ta' PS. 512 M. Ellul, (C.M.R.U.), l-Editor tal-'magazine', jew icempilli fuq tel. No. 223026. Peress li dan il-'magazine' jintbghat ukoll barra l-pajjiż, ser nara li l-kitbiet ikunu kemm fi-Isien Malti kif ukoll bl-Ingliż.

Nirringrazzjakom bil-quddiem.

Alfred Debattista (Ex Spettur)

Police Torch Run For Special Olympics

26 members of the Police Force, Consisting of two Inspectors (Edward Mangion and Brian Zammit), four Sargeants and 20 constables took part in the symbolic Torch Run to raise funds and public awareness of the Special Olympics European Games for athletes with disability in Groningen, the Netherlands. A 20 strong team of athletes and trainers represented Malta in the Games held between 27 th May and 4 th June 2000, in Belgium and Holland. The Torch Run was carried from Saqqajja Hill (Rabat) and was relayed through six towns and villages, exchanged in front of Police Stations at Mosta, B'Kara, Hamrun, Valletta and Sliema, finishing near St Julian's Police Station. The Run was co-ordinated by Asst. Comm. J. Brincat, Insp. R. Cilia, P. Calleja and W.P.C. Carol Fabri, together with Mr. Paul Micallef, President of the Special Olympics (Malta). In Torch Runs law enforcement officers carry the Special Olympics "Flame of Hope" to the opening ceremonies of States, National, Regional and World Games. The idea was conceived in 1981 by Richard La Munion, then Chief Police in Wichita, Kansas, U.S.A.



Police Officers running with the symbolic torch at Castille Place, Valletta.

G.P.S.A. Tournaments

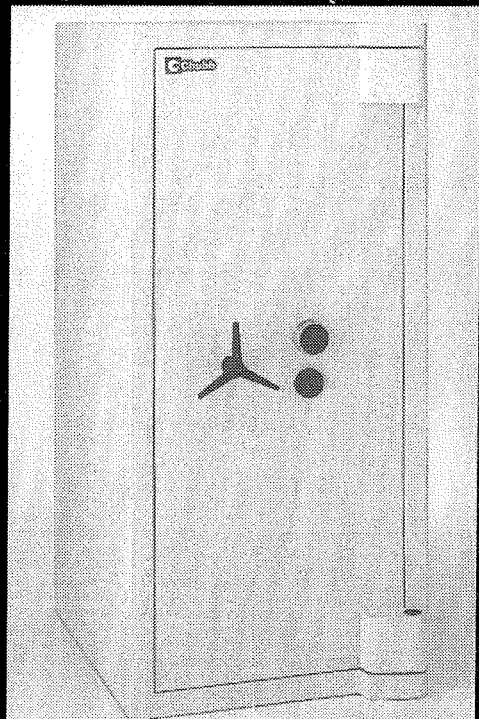
Wara li ntemmu l-kampjonati tal-foolball, il-"Govt Parastatal Sports Association" organizza diversi kompetizzjonijiet INDOOR, bħal Darts, Table Tennis, Snooker u pool, għall-haddiema tal-Gvern u korpi oħra. Teams tal-Pulizija hadu sehem fid-Darts, flimkien ma sebgha teams oħra, kif ukoll fil-Pool fejn waslu sal-final iżda tilfu mal-Corradino Correctional Services 0-3. Ġie wkoll organizzat tournament tal-Football 5-A-side tat-teams tan-nisa. Il-Pulizija hadu sehem flimkien mat-teams tal-Forzi Armati, Min. ta' l-Edukazzjoni, Enemalta, Bank of Valletta, HSBC., Methode Electronics, ST. Microelectronics u Toly Products. It-team tan-nisa tal-Korp imexxielu jasal sal-Final kontra Min. ta' l-Edukazzjoni iżda tilef bl-iskor minimu ta' 0-1.



It-Team tal- Pulizija (Football)



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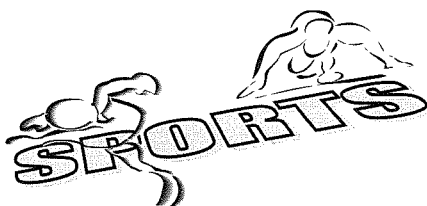
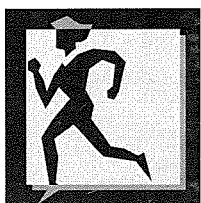


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Football

Meta ntemmu l-kompetizzjonijiet tal-Football tal-Gvern u Korpi Parastatali, it-team tal-Pulizija li ha sehem fit-Tieni Divizjoni, spiċċa fit-tielet post, bi 15-il punt, wara c-Champions HEALTH (21 punt) u Maltacom (18-il punt) It-team taghna kellu hames rebhiet (minn 8 loghbiet) tilef tlett darbiet, filwaqt li skurja 22 goal u qala' 12.



It-team tal-football tal-Pulizija fil-Belgium

PULIZIJA SPORTIV TAL-PASSAT



Anthony Mifsud Tommasi

F' din ir-rubrika behsiebni nfakkar lil numru kbir ta' membri tal-Korp li fil-passat ghamlu isem ghalihom u ghall-Korp fil-qasam sportiv.

Peress li l-introduzzjoni ta' din is-sensjela habtet mal-mewt tas-Sur Anthony Mifsud Tommasi, deherli ghandi nibda propju bih. Dan qed naghmlu wkoll b'rispett lejn il-memorja tieghu.

Is-Sur Tommasi dahal fil-Korp bhala Spettur, f' Jannar ta' l-1956. Huwa serva lil Korp f'diversi karigi u spiċċa fil-grad ta' Deputat Kummissarju. Wara nhatar kmandant fl-Akkademja tal-Pulizija fejn kompli jghin fit-tahrig tar-rekluti u ta' Uffiċċjali futuri tal-Korp.

Qabel ma ngagga fil-Korp, is-Sur Tommasi kien REFEREE kwalifikat fi hdan l-M.F.A. u rreffja ghadd ta' partiti bejn l-1951 u l-1955. Meta dahal fil-Korp huwa rreffja ghad ta' partiti li t-team maghzul tal-Pulizija kien jilghab ma diversi teams kemm Maltin kif ukoll tas-Servizzi Nglizi.

L-ewwel partita li naf li rreffja kienet dik ta' kontra "Mater Admirabilis Training Collage" li saret f' Jannar ta' l-1956 fix-Schreiber Sports Ground (Illum Pace/Grasso).

Aktar tard, is-Sur Tommasi involva ruhu fl-amministrazzjoni meta minn fl-1968 bdew isiru loghbiet fil-kampjonat tad-Distretti tal-Korp u kien ta' inkoraġġiment kontinwu lil min kien jorganizza attivitajiet sportivi ghal membri tal-Korp.

Waqt li nsellem lil dan l-isportiv, ex-kollega u habib, naghti l-kondoljanzi lil mara u l-familja tieghu kollha

(F'harga ohra) Gejtu Psaila.

RE-UNION ta' I-EX-Footballers

Nhar it-Tlieta, 4 ta' l-Lulju, 2000 numru sabih ta' ex-Footballers tat-team tal-Pulizija, iltaqghu, wara tant snin, fil-FANAL RESTAURANT, Wied-il-Ghajj, ghal-ikla, flimkien man-nisa taghhom, li serviet bhala re-union tal-hbieb antiki li fi zmien jew iehor iffurmaw parti jew hadmu, f'edizzjonijiet differenti tat-team maghzul tal-Korp.

L-organizzatur prinċipali kien l-ex Spettur Alfred Debattista ("ID-DE") flimkien ma Aronne Lombardi, Guzi Cassar, Lawrence Mallia u Alex Barberi.

Il-Kummissarju, is-Sur George Grech ma setghax jattendi minhabba impenji ohra. Bhala mistiedna ta' l-unur kellna lill-Asst. Kumm. u s-Sinjura J. Brincat.

Din kienet attivita' mistennija u mixtieqa li taf twitti t-triq ghal-attivitajiet ohra, forsi, min jaf, xi loghba football ta' l-anzjani in-nifs jippermetti !!!



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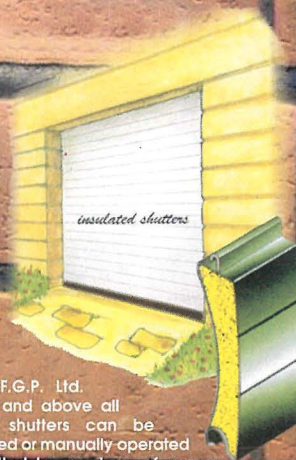


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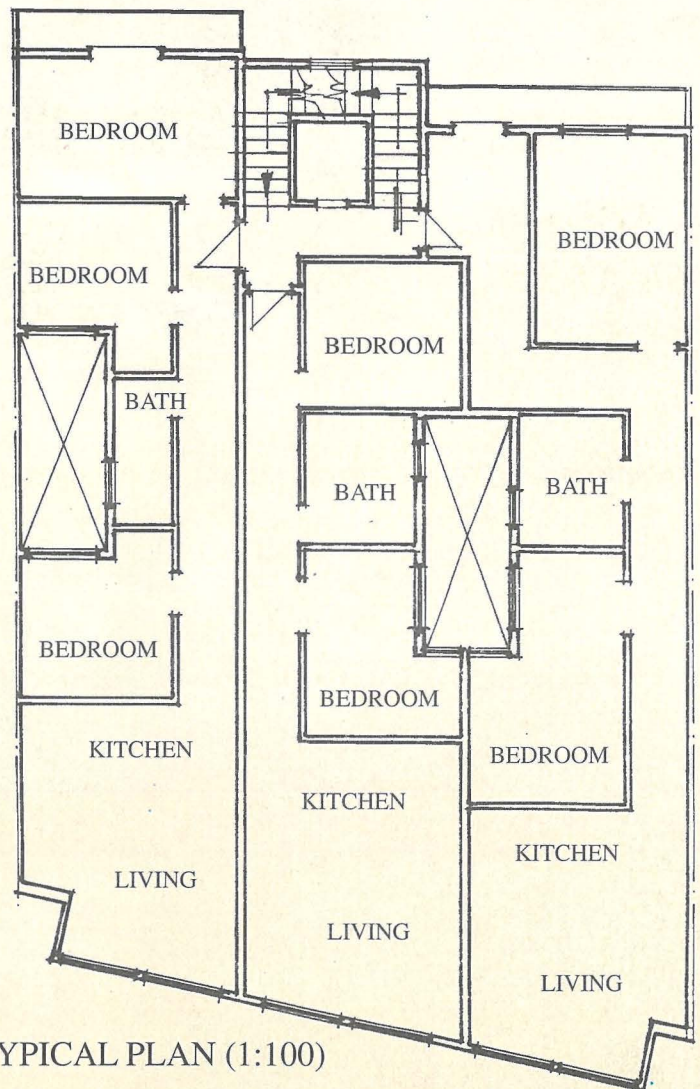
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