

NEW ZEALAND POLICE

JOB SHEET

OFFENCE:	OPERATION TAM
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09.01.98
1700 hrs

Receive job sheet notification from Ron FARRELL regarding sighting of possible suspect vessel.

Speak to:

Ron FARRELL
C/- Furneaux Lodge
Skipper of 28 ' yacht RIPPA
Ph: 025 323 295

States:

"I saw a vessel matching the description of the ketch you are looking for moored in Furneaux in the inlet (I've spoken to Tom FOGARTY).

At the time I was on a tender and this ketch was moored around BING TANG and a party boat called DOUBLE TROUBLE (26' Cresta craft). BING TANG was a plastic yacht.

I don't recall much about the ketch, other than the name MAE NZ, which was written in black on the bow. The letters MAE were in block letters and the NZ was in letters about quarter of the size. I can't recall whether the last two letters were NZ or AZ but it was something like that.

The hull was white and it had a blue stripe through it, below the water line. The stripe was about 8" thick and was about the same distance down from the top of the deck, as it was wide.

I was low down in the water and didn't really get to look at how many masts it had. I think it was on 31 December 1997 I saw it.

I also saw a guy in the bar matching the description of the suspect guy talking to Reg in the bar at Furneaux. The guy had been standing in the foyer by the restaurant and I saw Reg shake his hand. That would have been about 2.00 pm in the afternoon.

The guy talking to Reg had darkish hair, not fair hair, but I don't recall much about him".

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M D Reid
Detective 8607
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