

# Tim May 2008 – “our mate in 4wd-ing always”



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# Vicious road rage attack

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Investigations are continuing into a road rage attack in Adelaide's south that left a 28-year-old man in hospital with life-threatening head injuries.

The man was driving with his father in a silver Ford Fairlane when he had an altercation with the occupants of a small, dark coloured car on Seacombe Road at Dover Gardens.

Police say the victim stopped in Aaron Avenue at Darlington, where he was assaulted and repeatedly kicked in the head by two large men of Maori appearance.

Detective Senior Sergeant Sid Thomas says the victim's father was the one who called for help.

"The father did witness some of the incident and was present at the incident in Aaron Avenue but he did not see a lot of the assault incident, well as you can imagine he's quite distraught," he said.

Resident Jessica North says she was unaware of what was happening.

"We thought 'Oh it's just a few people messing around out the front there' and the police came and told us that someone had been actually quite badly injured and may not survive," she said.

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**It's with great sadness that we have learnt that one of our regular visitors on our club trips is in hospital in a very serious condition.**

**Tim was attacked last week in a road rage incident that has left him in hospital in a coma.**

**A great number of our members have come to know Tim quite well since he started joining us on club trips last year. It's incomprehensible to the club members that this could have happened to one of our mates. We've all come to know Tim as a fun loving lad always ready to help out others in need and eager to join in with whatever is happening on our trips. He loved the challenge that four wheel driving can be and was always ready to give it a go and encourage other members to do likewise.**

**To his family and friends please know that our thoughts and prayers are with Tim and all of you at this time.**

**Tim is and always will be our mate in four wheel driving.**

## Blind father listened helplessly as his son was fatally bashed

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TIMOTHY Chadwick's legally blind father could only sit and listen helplessly as his son was brutally beaten in a road rage attack that ultimately cost his life.

On Tuesday night, four nights after he was bashed unconscious, the Woodcroft man, 28, died in the Flinders Medical Centre.

His death was yesterday declared a major crime as detectives hunt for the two men involved.

At about 9.30pm last Thursday, Mr Chadwick and his father were driving home from the Seadiff Hotel, travelling in a silver 1990 Ford Fairlane sedan with green and yellow personalised number plates.

At the intersection of Seacombe Rd and Davenport St, it is believed Mr Chadwick accidentally cut off an oncoming car.

The other car - described as a small, dark vehicle - followed the Chadwicks along Seacombe Rd and right into Braeside Ave at Darlington.

Both cars turned left onto Glen St, into Grace Rd and stopped in Aaron Ave, where Timothy got out of the car as his father stayed in his seat.

Detective Inspector Doug Barr of the Major Crime Investigation Branch said Mr Chadwick was brutally bashed, including being kicked into unconsciousness and left on the side of the road.

His father could only sit through the attack before rushing to his son's aid and doing all he could to comfort him before paramedics arrived.

A command centre will be set up tonight near Seacombe High School in the hope anyone with any information will come forward.

**I have just learnt the sad news that Tim passed away this morning.**

**The condolences of the whole club are extended to his family and friends. Tim will be greatly missed but never forgotten by all his friends at the High Range 4wd Club of SA Inc.**

Article by Barbara Sampson

## Why would anyone kill my Tim, mother asks after road-rage bashing

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**THE mother of road rage murder victim Tim Chadwick this afternoon tearfully pleaded for those responsible to give themselves up.**

Diane Chadwick, who was supported by several of Tim's friends at an emotional press conference, described her eldest son as someone happy and peaceful who "never had anger in him".

"He was just caring and wonderful. Tim didn't deserve it, he was only 28. I just don't get the connection that somebody would hurt my Tim," she said.

"I don't know how I am going to get through this Sunday, Mother's Day. My children are all I have.

"This past week is a nightmare, my other son said you have 30 seconds in the morning when you wake before you cry, because that's before reality sets in," she said.

Detectives from Major Crime and Sturt police will set up a command post tonight between 8pm and 10pm at Seaview High School, near Aaron Ave - where Tim was brutally bashed last Thursday leading to his death in Flinders Medical Centre Tuesday night.

Tim, who worked for SA Pine at Wingfield, had been driving his legally blind father home in a silver Ford Fairlane from the Seacliff Hotel at about 9.30pm last Thursday when he unintentionally cut off another car at the intersection of Seacliff and Davenport Rds.

The Chadwicks were followed along Seacombe Rd by the small, dark car, through Darlington backstreets to Aaron Ave where Tim got out of the car.

His father could only listen helplessly as his son was brutally attacked by two men described as having Maori accents.

Initial reports also suggest the men were of heavy build.

"If anybody out there knows anything and can wrack their brains for anything, Tim was a special person, I love him so much, I miss him so much and I am sure there are others who can understand what it's like - the pain inside when you lose someone who is so wonderful," Ms Chadwick said.

"Please come forward and do the right thing. You need to come forward with the truth because I need answers - please give me answers."

Tim, an avid four-wheel-driver and fisherman, had recently moved back home after the end of an eight-year relationship. Of his two brothers, one finds the family home too overwhelming to stay at and has moved out since Tim's death.

Anyone with any information should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.