



Patience pays off . . . Private investigators (from left) Leo Nardi , Ben Gilmore and Bernardo Luis, with police officers yesterday cornered the man suspected of murdering gay rights activist Steven Morris in Greyville, Durban

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"Just before 4pm, my investigators Bernardo Luis, Ben Gilmore and Leo Nardi spotted the suspect, who emerged from a public toilet in Greyville. They followed the man to the corner of Cross Street and Dartnell Crescent, where they cornered and arrested him. The man had been living in the toilet for several weeks."

Horne said he was in contact with Morris's family, who were delighted at the arrest.

"Morris's parents are at present on holiday to try to recover from the tremendous stress since the murder of their son. They want to know why their son was killed.

"Friends of Morris's who heard of the arrest rushed to

the scene where police were busy with investigations and hugged each other," said Horne.

The investigator believes that the motive for the murder could have been a dispute over money, but police are still investigating the exact motive.

Morris, who was described by friends as a "gentle soul and free spirit", was a University of

Natal graduate.

He owned a restaurant in Westville, but he later moved to Johannesburg and worked in advertising.

He was involved in the annual Gay Pride celebration.

In 2003 he formed the Magmor tour company to promote Durban as a tourist destination for gay people.