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# 'Jesse James' abuse claim

THE MAN who shot three police officers in Brisbane last month and later killed himself was sexually abused at a top private school, a schoolmate claims.

A former Brisbane Grammar School student said Nigel Parodi, whose body was found in bushland north of Brisbane last weekend, had confided to him about being molested by former school counsellor Kevin Lynch.

Lynch, 64, committed suicide in 1997 after being charged with seven counts of indecent dealing with a student from St Paul's School, Bald Hills, where he worked after quitting Brisbane Grammar School.

Three other former Brisbane Grammar School students have also told a Brisbane newspaper that Lynch serially abused them.

The discovery of Parodi's decomposed body last Sunday ended one of Queensland's most intensive manhunts.

Parodi, 32, who liked to be called Jesse James, was found lying on his back with a single gunshot wound to the head. A gun believed to be a .22 calibre weapon and ammunition were nearby.

The gun fanatic had been on the run for three weeks since he fired 12 bullets into the three police officers as they sat in a patrol car near his home at 4am on May 1. Police had



VICTIM: Nigel Parodi.

been called to the quiet cul-de-sac in West Chermshire by a neighbour fearing he would be shot by Parodi over a dispute involving a dog.

Constable Sharnelle Cole, 26, was shot eight times in the face and upper body but managed to radio for help. She underwent massive facial surgery after her jaw was shattered in the attack.

Her partner Constable Darryl Elliott, 27, was shot in the face and back and Sergeant Christopher Mulhall, 36, was shot in the buttocks and arm.

Parodi's body was found by one of 100 State Emergency Service volunteers in bushland at the Chermshire Hills Reserve, a few kilometres from where Parodi shot the officers.

A Brisbane Grammar School spokesman said the school was committed to undertaking a full investigation into the abuse claims.

A spokesman for St Paul's School declined to comment.