

# Investment property bought for Allison Baden-Clay secretly sold by accused murderer husband

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AN investment property bought for murdered Brookfield mother Allison Baden-Clay and her brother Ashley has been secretly sold by her husband, accused murderer Gerard Baden-Clay.

The Gold Coast unit jointly owned by the siblings and their partners was held in the name of World of Top Step Pty Ltd, the company owned by the Baden-Clays.

From his prison cell at Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre, Baden-Clay wrote to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission advising his wife was no longer alive, making him sole director and secretary of the business, according to documents lodged in the Supreme Court.

Allison's parents Geoffrey and Priscilla Dickie later learned the property had been advertised for auction on September 16.

Mr Dickie said in an affidavit: "I am concerned that the advertising of the property for sale by auction indicates Gerard is taking steps to dispose of an asset in which Allison's estate may have an interest."

However, despite Baden-Clay having valued the unit at \$400,000 to \$450,000, documents showed it was sold before the auction.

Mr Dickie's lawyer Matthew Windle said in an affidavit: "On September 3 I received information that the property at 8 Abalone Avenue, Paradise Point, may have been sold prior to auction.

"As such, I emailed the selling agent, Mr Tim Zampech.

"On September 4, at approximately 10.10am, I spoke with Mr Zampech by telephone. He confirmed to me that an offer on the property was accepted."

Mr Dickie was yesterday given an interim order to take control of her estate from Baden-Clay.

Justice Glenn Martin yesterday ordered Mr Dickie be appointed as administrator of her estate until the outcome of Baden-Clay's trial.

Mr Dickie had applied to take over administration of his late daughter's estate, collect and protect her assets and pay the estate's debts.

Barrister Caite Brewer, for Mr Dickie, told the court the parties, including lawyers acting for Baden-Clay, had reached an agreement regarding the granting of the interim order.

The decision means Mr Dickie will have to reapply to the court for a permanent order in the event Baden-Clay is convicted of Allison's murder.

However, Baden-Clay would be reinstated as executor of his late wife's estate in the event he is acquitted of the charges.

Baden-Clay, who was charged with murder on June 13 after his wife went missing from her Brookfield home on April 20, intends to fight all charges.

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