

NARRATOR: On 15 October 2015, 16 months after the death of his first victim, Stephen Port was finally arrested for the murders of four young men. The Met Police moved the case from Barking and Dagenham to a specialist homicide unit.

A year later, the families of the victims finally saw Stephen Port brought to justice. Port was found guilty of murdering four young men, and of drugging or sexually assaulting a further seven. He was ordered to spend the rest of his life behind bars.

The loved ones of Port's victims have been left to deal with the catalogue of police failings.

SARAH WALGATE: Stephen Port, he is a liar, and yet the police continually believed him. It made me furious. Absolutely furious. They didn't want to investigate it and it was just easy enough to believe him. Perverting the course of justice; job done; case closed.

I truly do believe that the Barking and Dagenham Police that investigated Anthony's death, and the others, are homophobic. And I genuinely believe if Anthony had been a girl left outside like trash that they would've put more effort into it. A lot more effort into it. But as they were all young gay boys, they didn't. They did nothing.

DONNA TAYLOR: Stephen Port took Jack's life but they let that happen. As far as we're concerned, they're just as guilty as him. They should be held accountable for his death because they could have prevented it and we have to live with that for the rest of our lives.

MANDY WHITWORTH: I don't think they cared at all. They couldn't have. For 15 months we believed Daniel had taken his own life. We were going to suicide