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**Interim Report of the investigation into the death of  
Mr Anthony Patrick WALGATE**

On Thursday the 19th June 2014, Police officers attended outside 47 Cooke Street, Barking after receiving a call from the London Ambulance Service (LAS) to say that they were on scene with a male aged about 20 years old who was deceased. This recorded as CAD number 1209 of the 19th June 2014 which was received at 0418hrs.

**Summary of Police Investigation**

**Initial actions:**

Officers attended and were met by the solo ambulance crew of K351 who was first on scene. The paramedic stated that they had received a call from an anonymous man from mobile number 07973854105 who stated he was a passer-by and had found Mr Walgate collapsed in the street. He said he thought he had a seizure. The paramedic stated that the control room had to call him back 4 times as the call kept cutting out and that he arrived on scene at 0405hours.

**Deceased:**

The paramedic stated that when he got to the scene it was apparent that the male had been there a while and that his body temperature was 24 degrees. His body had been covered over by a red blanket on his top half and officers could only see his left knee sticking out from under the blanket. He was leaning up against a small outbuilding at the communal entrance of flats 59-70 Cooke Street, Barking.

PC Middlemiss and PC Benson were first on scene and lifted up the blanket from the top of the subject to allow a visual examination. He was leaning up against the outbuilding in a sitting position with his head leaning to his left shoulder, he was of skinny build, about 20 years of age and was wearing a black zip up hoody with the hood up, black tight fit jeans with the flies undone, black trainers, he also had a black satchel to his left hand side of his body which was undone. In the satchel was a student card, oyster card, bank card, shirt top, toothbrush, deodorant, tablets and a small empty brown bottle. A passport was found in the subject's bag with the details Anthony PATRICK WALGATE DOB 08/05/1991 PNCID 10/154970X.

His mouth was open and his bottom lip appeared to be swollen and what looked like dry blood on his lip and inside his mouth. The FME Dr Munro pronounced life extinct at 0751hours.

Informant/Witness:

The informant was traced using mobile phone subscriber's checks to give an address of 62 Cooke Street, Barking (i.e. the same location) and Stephen PORT was identified as the informant.

*Stephen PORT:*

*A statement was taken from him by DC Malcolm Young. He stated that he returned home from work to find the deceased collapsed outside the main entry door to the block. Mr Port moved the male away from the entrance a short distance leaning him up against a wall. He noted that the male was 'gurgling'. He went inside his home address and called 999 and did not return to the male, he saw the blue lights of the emergency services and decided to go to bed.*

A statement was also taken from the Flat-mate of Stephen Port - Glen ALDWINKLE who stated Port was homosexual and recently split with his partner. His statement indicates he does not know the deceased or ever heard Port mention him.

Scene:

A Crime Scene Manager was called as was the Homicide Assessment Team who arrived at the scene. DCI Chris JONES from SC&01 attended and gave written advice. A photographer was also called to document the scene. The body was removed and no further control of the scene was maintained. Statements have been provided by officers attending, both from the emergency response team, Borough CID officers and Homicide Assessment Team officers.

Post Mortem Examination:

A Special PM was commented at Queens Hospital on 20/6/14 and conducted by Dr Olaf BIEDRZYCKI. Also present were  
CSM: Cheryl KYNASTON; Photographer: Wayne RANKIN; Coroner's Officer: Theresa STEADMAN

SC&01 Officers present

DS Wayne SOUTHON; DC Tony DAVIDSON (Continuity/Identification)  
Exhibits (Borough); DC Dave Parish; DS Martin O'DONNELL

Result was inconclusive/analysis ongoing.

Pathologist commented on the following:

- Heavy brain/lungs - possibly points to drug use/overdose
- Bi-lateral bruising to the pectoral maj. muscles (just under both arms)
- No blunt force trauma injuries, no obvious cause of death
- Deliberate self-harm marks on leg
- Bruise on chin.

CSM advised sending off the following to the FSS (or current equivalent):

- Vitrous humour

*Eleanor GREEN:*

*Miss Green stated she was very good friends with Anthony she was aware he was meeting someone from the website where he advertised, he rarely met people overnight. She happened to ring Anthony at 2210 hrs on 17/06/14 who informed her he was working and could not talk they agreed to talk in the morning but she had been unable to contact him since*

A photograph of Stephen Port was shown to China DUNNING and she confirmed that it was the same person in the photo sent from Joe Dean in the message.

A warrant was obtained to search Port's address and arrest him.

Stephen PORT Interview:

Port did not request a solicitor for his interview. He stated that he met Walgate online and they swapped numbers. He arranged to pick him up at barking Station at 2215hrs and went cack to Port's flat. They chatted and he offered Walgate a drink. They chatted, kissed and went into the bedroom. Apparently Walgate asked if he minded if he took something to get high and went into the bathroom before they had sex. He apparently had a squeezey bottle and a brown bottle with him. Walgate was described as "hyper" and Port took poppers. Walgate was sick and went to the bathroom to take more stuff and came back more hyper than before, they had sex again. It was past midnight and Walgate got ready to go but he stated he appeared shaky and didn't look well, saying he was really tired. He was taken to the bedroom fully clothed. Port stated he had a shower and got into bed next to him.

Port got up the next morning and got ready for work. He stated he could hear Walgate snoring/breathing. He later texted Walgate that he could leave whenever he wanted. When he returned at around 10pm he noticed Walgate hadn't moved. He touched him and he made a gurgling noise, and his hands felt warm. He said he knew drugs could knock you out so didn't think there was anything wrong. There was apparently a little blood and vomit on the pillow. When he eventually went to bed, he saw that Walgate hadn't moved and there was no snoring. He made gurgling noises. He slept until 3am and when he awoke felt Walgate was stiff. He panicked but thought he was in a coma and didn't want to be accused of hurting him. He lifted him up under his arms and took him outside and around the corner before calling an ambulance.

He stated that he hadn't used escorts before and didn't know about the costs. He'd said yes to the £800 initially but they agreed on a couple of hundred when he picked him up in the car and agreed payment the following morning. He gave the name Joe DEAN and wrong address and sent pictures before sending the right address.

He said he told the police that he just found Walgate in case they thought he'd murdered him.

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Port has one record on PNC and was arrested following an allegation that he gave his partner poppers (drugs) and had non consensual anal sex with him - 30/12/2012. No further action taken - withdrawal statement made by victim.

**Initial Toxicology screening results:**

Traces of citalopram, diphenhydramine and chlorphenamine (antidepressants/antihistamines) were present - further tests to measure the levels are pending.

Gammahydroxybutrate (GHB) was picked up in the urine screen - further work to verify its presence in the blood has been requested. Common drugs of abuse were all negative.

With regards to 'poppers' apparently the lab have never had any success in picking up the constituents in blood so do not propose to analyse the blood for the alkyl nitrites (poppers).

Estimated time for results is September. Unfortunately we have not had authorisation to finance fast-tracking the samples but are in regular contact with LGC staff who appear to be assisting in expediting the results.

**Family/Medical/Police History**

Anthony's father stated he was not aware of any current medical complaints, however he did have childhood asthma. He and his mother had split some time ago and she had remarried. His father had little contact with him since he left for college 3 years ago. He had regular contact with his mother and also has a brother and only saw each other when they returned home. His friends believed he suffered from depression and had seen his GP about it. They also stated he said he may have an overactive thyroid but this was something he could live with. He regularly took various recreational drugs and sleeping tablets. Irrelevant

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**Signature**

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Preliminary Post Mortem Report

CD ROM of scene, and Post-Mortem

Civilian Statements: Stephen Port; Anthony Neil (LAS); China Dunning; Glen Aldwinkle.

Police statements from officers attending scene and PM

Oyster Card and Mobile phone evidence summary.