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DC H

Stephen you've got an understanding of why you're here following on from an hour and a quarter interview that took place last night with some other officers who are no longer on duty today and it will be my intention to question you further on those points but it relates into an investigation that we're currently running whereby a gentleman I think you know by the name of Anthony was discovered deceased nearby your home address. During the account summary which I've got here in front of me, which is a note that was prepared by the interviewing officer there's number of variations that go on from beginning to end of the account that you gave last night, yes?"

PORT

"Yes."

DC H

The purpose primarily of this interview is to get your true and final account okay, so that we don't get it mixed up with stuff that you've said and then you've changed your mind and thought well actually I want to change that account. We want one final truthful account from you so we just iron out all the question marks, alright?"

PORT

"Yes"

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DC H

'So perhaps you can start from the beginning and just talk me through everything that 'discovering Anthony'

PORT

"I met Anthony first on line, start speaking on line, swapped phone number, we used to meet Barking Station. I did give him my address and details, (inaudible) with me picking him

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up after work at Barking Station. So after work about quarter past ten I picked him up at the station, come back to mine, we'd chat and just carry on chatting, I offered him a drink and he didn't want one at that time. We just got on really well, we kissed and touched and he asked if I was ready to go to the bedroom. Yeah, he asked if I minded if he took a little bit of stuff to make him high, he asked inaudible I don't want any myself I don't really do anything like that with my boyfriend. He asked for a glass of water, he went to the bathroom, prepared himself. I waited in the bedroom. 10 minutes he came into the bedroom, he was quite hyper. We had sex for about half an hour. He then was slightly sick, sicked up little bit of sick, just on the bed sheets. I said are you okay, he said yeah I'm fine that's normal, I wiped it up with cloth, he went to the bathroom said do you mind if I take some more stuff. I said go ahead I'm just gonna clean up your sick, he was in the bathroom for about another 10 minutes, come back to the bedroom. Again we had sex for about 45 minutes and this time it was gone midnight, I've had enough now do you want to go home get your last train. He said okay he got dressed, got himself ready, he was sick again before he left. Are you sure your okay do you want me to get you some help, he said no I'm fine. He seemed a little shaky (inaudible) puking but he wouldn't (inaudible). Just before he went to the door I said are you sure your okay you really don't look very well, I'm really really tired. I feel really really tired then he just repeated I'm just really really really tired. So I took him to the bedroom, put him into bed, covered him up, he was still fully clothed. He even still had his shoes on, I just put him in bed like that and just left him. I freshened up myself, had a shower, went to bed myself, (inaudible) and until my alarm went off the following

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morning, looked over he seemed fine (inaudible) ... I didn't think anything was wrong so I went off to work. I spoke him, I text him (inaudible) he can let himself out and leave when he wants to. So I left for work, about half one got him 10 o'clock just after 10. Actually he was still there in my bed, I was a bit shocked, a bit surprised I thought he had left. I looked at him he was sleeping, I didn't think anything, I honestly didn't think he was dead I thought he was just really in quite a deep sleep, when you take any kind of drugs it does knock you out for a while, I myself have been out for like 15 hours when I've had stuff in the past. So I thought he was just still sleeping so again I just left him and I felt he was still warm, still wrapped up. I just carried on, had a shower, watched the TV, had something to eat, just carried on. I thought he'd wake up in a second he'd be fine so I had to go to work again, I had a quick shift so I (inaudible) a rest, I went to work again and when I come home four in the morning he was still there and I'd left him there so long I panicked, he hasn't moved. I picked up my phone, I was gonna call an ambulance and he's in my bed they're gonna think I did this to him. I still didn't think he was dead, I thought maybe he would wake up but he was just, I wanted to get him some help so I tried to lift him. I lifted him up (inaudible) I lifted him outside, put him just outside my door but he didn't look comfortable so I moved him just around the corner then I called the ambulance and waited for the ambulance till I saw the lights then went back inside and that was (inaudible) when officers arrived."

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"Let me just try and put some context into what you say, so a bit about yourself Stephen..."

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"Yes."

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because of Facebook, single again he noticed then he called me. I wanna come see you, I'll come down the weekend I'm free. I said okay."

00.18.55 DC H "Okay fine that was just my misunderstanding before I was confused at which weekend you'd met [X1] So what email account have you used to email Anthony?"

00.19.10 PORT "{Inaudible}.co.uk."

DC H "Sorry can you spell it (inaudible)."

PORT "StephenPORT2003@yahoo.co.uk

DC H "One thing is we may want to look into that account to look at the email exchanges that went on, was it just the one email and then move onto other communication devices?"

PORT "Yes."

DC H "So are you happy to provide with your password and allow access should we choose to, to look at the mails?"

PORT "Yes, I do regularly delete them though but er yes."

DC H "Okay what's the password for that account?"

PORT "[DPA] with a capital letter."

DC H "[DPA]"

PORT "[DPA]"

DC H "[DPA] Okay and what device did you email it from, because you can email from a number of different devices."

00.20.34 PORT "Just the laptop at home."

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DC H "And did you provide him with any drugs at all. I know you're saying no poppers and he brought the other stuff, was there anything of yours that he did take?"

PORT "No. No I'd only ever do that with my boyfriend if I had anything like that but no. No I had no drugs on me or in the house. Poppers was the only stimulant I wanted to use that night."

DC H "So there's no drugs in your flat at all?"

PORT "No."

DC H "Alright so he's gone into the bedroom, he's taken off his clothes, all of his clothes?"

PORT "Yes."

DC H "And he's laid down on the bed facing up?"

PORT "Facing down."

DC H "And then you've undressed and you've gone on top of him. You've massaged him and?"

PORT "Put some lube on his, on his arse and he seemed the way he was moving himself, seemed ready, so put it in, I'm ready so I did. Changed positions to like a spooning position, I put my arm around him in a spooning motion, we was like that for about 10 minutes then we changed positions again to lay on his front. Then he wanted to do, he pushed me up to do it like a doggy style, he pushed up with his hands, pushed his arse back so that I was kneeling and he was on all fours."

DC H "Did you use protection, were you using a condom?"

DC H "And it was at the West Ham bus garage was it?"

PORT "Yes."

DC H "And did you hear anything during the day?"

PORT "No."

DC H "You didn't have any communication with him at all?"

PORT "No."

DC H "Did you try, did you try and what's app him?"

PORT "No. No I didn't I thought it just best to leave and if he wants..."

DC H "Before you met him on Tuesday night you'd been communicating with him on his phone, so he had his phone on him then. Did you see him with his phone at all?"

PORT "No, cos I asked him to turn it off while we was er having sex, he agreed that he would do that, that was fine."

DC H "Did you see him with the phone turning it off?"

PORT "No I didn't (inaudible) er took it to the bathroom (inaudible) his bag, didn't see him with his phone when he turned it off."

01.06.38 DC H "How, you know, if you didn't see the phone what was it that made you think can you turn your phone off if its something you hadn't even seen him use, what made you think of that?"

PORT "Erm generally just didn't want to be disturbed when you're you know, (inaudible) if your having sex and the phone goes off."

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DC H "Is it something you've asked people before to do?"

PORT "Erm no I usually do it when I'm with the boyfriend and he normally does as well, that's just natural that we don't like being disturbed when we're having intimate times, it's very distracting."

DC H "But you didn't see him use the phone, you haven't seen the phone?"

PORT "No"

DC H "You haven't touched his phone?"

PORT "No"

DC H "And you don't know where his phone is now?"

PORT "No"

DC H "So you don't know if it was in his jeans, in his bag, in his jacket?"

PORT "Erm I presumed his jacket but when I asked him that's where he went, it was in the hallway but I didn't see it, like see him actually do it but it was his jacket he was touching when P asked him to turn his phone off." DC H "When you asked him to turn his phone off, he did go into the hall and he was near his jacket?"

01.07.56 PORT "Yes his jacket was hanging up in the hallway that's where I presumed his phone was."

DC H "Was he wearing that jacket when you put him to bed, you say he put his hood up because he was feeling cold?"

PORT "Yes."

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DC H "He was in the jacket in bed?"

PORT "He was in the jacket yes."

DC H "Okay obviously a number days have passed since you ended up you know being arrested by the police, is there a chance that that phone's in your house anywhere?"

PORT "It could have dropped out of his pocket and under the bed, it's a possibility."

DC H "And the sheets themselves have they been changed?"

PORT "Yes I changed them because of the smell of his sick."

DC H "But there was no sign of the phone in the bed or anything like that."

PORT "There was no sign of the phone in the bed no."

DC H "And you didn't panic and dispose of it or anything?"

PORT "No."

DC H "Okay just we need to be 100% clear from this cos as I say this is our one final chance of getting everything straightened out..."

PORT "No."

DC H "Yeah, no."

PORT "I had lots of cloths and I was wiping up sick and I didn't see any phone."

01.08.59 DC H "Alright so you finish work at 10?"

PORT "Yes."

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- PORT "I did get some and I didn't really want to think about it, I just didn't (inaudible) it can't happen that stuff, this boy he's gonna wake up he will be fine."
- 01.23.18 DC H "And you thought about calling an ambulance but you didn't at that stage because you panicked, why did you panic?"
- PORT "Er just if he was in a coma, he was hurt I didn't want to er obviously be accused of hurting him or being responsible being questioned, being point of sale. Er my place turned in to a crime scene if."
- DC H "There's a comment here Stephen and perhaps you could, perhaps you could recall on some previous experiences of your own, it says here that you said that you didn't assault or kill Anthony and the reason you didn't leave him in the bed is that it would look suspicious just like last time, but the words that are recorded here I don't know what was said in the interview but perhaps you could just mention about whether that was playing on your mind and what that was about?"
- 01.24.26 PORT "Er yes. Last time I was helping a friend to the station, he was he was quite unwell, well not unwell he just looked like he'd taken something, he wasn't with me at that time. I took him to the station, got him some help, got him a medic and then the police dragged me to a corner and five officers. I said what's wrong. I said his name's [X3] he's a friend and they searched me didn't have no drugs on me and they said what am I doing, I just, on my way to the boyfriends. Er and they said we saw you on a 623 searching his bag, why I was looking through his bag. Looking for his phone so he can call

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