

Pre-Interview Disclosure relating to Mr Stephen PORT

Personal Details:

Name: Mr Stephen PORT

Date of Birth: 22.02.1975

Address: 2, COOK STREET, BARKING, ESSEX, IG11 7AF.

Arrest Details:

Custody Number: 01KW/5015/14

Offences:

1. Theft of Mobile Phone - Section 1, Theft Act, 1968.

2. Perverting the Course of Justice - Common Law.

Place of Arrest: 2, COOK STREET, BARKING, ESSEX, IG11 7AF.

Time of Arrest: 14:12 Hrs.

Significant Comments: Nil

Circumstances:

On Thursday 19.06.2014 police were called to outside 59, COOK STREET, BARKING, ESSEX, IG11 7AF by Mr Stephen PORT of 62, COOK STREET, BARKING, ESSEX, IG11 7AF.

He stated that he came home from work in the early hours of the morning, saw a male slumped against the entrance to his block of flats. To gain entry he moved him, subsequently called the London Ambulance Service and then went to be.

At the location was a deceased male - Mr Anthony Patrick WALGATE. He was found propped up against a bin cupboard in an open pedestrian area. Life was pronounced extinct at 07:51 a.m. His underwear was on back-to-front and the zip to his trousers was damaged. Missing from Mr WALGATE was his mobile phone. (Other personal effects have been recovered).

Mr WALGATE worked as a male prostitute. He had arranged to meet a client on 17.06.2014. The client provided the deceased with his details as follows;
Joe DEAN DOB 02.02.1986 of 72, ST. ANNES ROAD, IG11 7AF.
The client agreed a price of £800.00 for the services of the deceased.

Mr WALGATE attended the BARKING area on 17.06.2014 at 22:13 Hrs.

The client sent a photograph of himself to Mr WALGATE. This image has been identified as being Mr PORT.

On 19.06.2014 Mr Stephen PORT provided a statement to police and stated that he happened to pass by the deceased and found him in the street. The following is an extract from the statement;

'I approached my front communal door to the block. I saw a male lying on the floor, his head was lying towards the door with his body curved. He was lying on his right side with his left arm sticking up, with his elbow bent, forearm back towards his body. I could not get in to my door. I tried to rouse him by slapping his face. He didn't wake up, but he made a gurgling noise. I lifted him up putting my hands under his armpits and sat him upright. He was still in the way so I lifted him and put him against the wall by the post box. He still didn't wake up. It was still dark and he had a hoody on which covered most of his face. After I moved him to the seated position by the wall on the floor, I called 999'.

This account is now believed to be false. There is now information to indicate that Mr PORT had arranged to meet with the deceased on 17.06.2014 and that the deceased travelled to meet with him in BARKING to engage in sexual activity.

The deceased was found some 15-20 meters from the front door of Mr PORT and the post code of the client that the deceased was due to meet - IG11 7AF - is the same as Mr PORT'S home address.

On 26.06.2014 police obtained a search warrant under Section 8 PACE 1984 at BARKINGSIDE Magistrates Court in order to search 62, COOK STREET, BARKING, ESSEX, IG11 7AF for the following;

1. Mobile phone belonging to the deceased, Mr Anthony Patrick WALGATE.
2. Controlled Drugs that may have contributed towards the death of the deceased, Mr Anthony Patrick WALGATE.
3. Evidence that the deceased, Mr Anthony Patrick WALGATE was at 62, COOK STREET, BARKING, ESSEX, IG11 7AF.

Police attended the address on 26.06.2014 and the door was answered by Mr PORT. He was arrested and cautioned for the following offences at 14:12 Hrs.;

1. Theft of Mobile Phone - Section 1, Theft Act, 1968.
2. Perverting the Course of Justice - Common Law.

He made no significant comments.

The premises at 62, COOK STREET, BARKING, ESSEX, IG11 7AF have not been searched at this time.

Police wish to interview Mr PORT in relation to the outstanding property, his knowledge on the circumstances of the death of Mr WALGATE and the content of his statement given to police on 19.06.2014.

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26.06.2014