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DS Mc. "I'm going to talk about a male called [X3] And I asked you about him yesterday, whether you knew him, whether he'd ever been to your address before and I don't have a photograph to show you so I apologise for that, and you decided not to answer any questions in relation to him. But [X3] says that he had initially met you via the internet on a website called Fit Lads I'm just going to check to make sure, that was one of the websites that we had discussed yesterday, and it was, you used to have an account with Fit Lads and your user name was Until We Meet 2012. So a website you used to use, [X3] says he met you on some time ago, and we're going back to 2014 or thereabouts.

Did you still hold that Fit Lads account in 2014?"

DS Mc. "Did you used to use it and then maybe that website was overtaken by something like Grinder?"

DS Mc. "Do you recall meeting [X3] around May or June of 2014?"

DS Mc. "He says that there was contact on one occasion by Facebook and I think you'd met four or five times in total, is that right?"

DS Mc. "[X3] says that he made contact with you and you seemed like a nice guy essentially, that it didn't just seem that you were after sex and that

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attracted him to want to meet with you, because a lot of the other websites it's all sort of sex related and people want to meet for sex, but he wasn't really interested in that, just wanted to meet you and have a chat to you and sort of make contact with you, is that right?"

DS Mc. "So he saw you as a nice guy Stephen and he wanted to meet up with you, and eventually he did meet up and he went to your house. On one of the occasions there he said that your boyfriend's brother-in-law was there and his wife had kicked him out.

Who was that?"

DS Mc. "Your boyfriend's brother-in-law, who might that be?"

DS Mc. "Okay, he doesn't recall the person's name. This is a straight man. He thinks he might have met him once before. So he describes the scenario the three of you are in the living room. You and he went to the bedroom. He says he was very tired and he was sitting on the bed and then he lay down, and that Stephen was massaging me... so you were massaging him. He thinks his shirt was off. You were dressed.

Do you recall that event in your mind?"

DS Mc. "He said that you gave him Poppers. They lasted a couple of seconds, they were really strong and he describes getting this sort of 'rush' feeling. Will you accept that in that photograph we saw from yesterday that there were some Poppers on the side of the bedroom table?"

DS Mc. "And that you do use Poppers?"

DS Mc. "Tell me what they do Stephen, what do Poppers do?"

DS Mc. "How do they make you feel?"

DS Mc. "Do they make you relax so that you can have anal sex with men?"

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DS Mc. "So it doesn't hurt?"

DS Mc. "Is that right?"

DS Mc. "He said that you were massaging him and at some point he fell asleep. He wakes up and he was on his side, on top of the bed. He said he felt disorientated, didn't know what the time was. You came in, opened the door and you brought him in a cup of something in a white plastic disposable cup.

Do you recall giving X3 a white plastic cup with something to drink?"

DS Mc. "What was in the cup Stephen?"

DS Mc. "Was it a cup of water or was it a cup of something else?"

DS Mc. "Were there any drugs in that cup?"

DS Mc. "You approach him saying it was water or something and he was thirsty, it looked clear, he said it was half full, didn't really taste of anything but it completely knocked him out.

So, X3 he hasn't come to your house for sex, more for companionship, meets up with you, there's some intimacy around massage. You give him some Poppers, it knocks him out, you then give him something to drink and he's then really zonked out, so what was in the cup?"

DS Mc. "He says the next thing I remember was being on the floor, screaming, shouting, I was out of my mind, didn't know where he was, what the time was, he was in pain, he was disorientated. He said he felt like he was going out of his mind, he didn't know where he was.

So what did you give him?"

DS Mc. "When we go back to the signs and symptoms of use of GHB it says there are videos of people who have taken GHB and show individuals who are

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completely unaware of their surroundings, their own well-being. GHB users may be utterly unable to communicate coherently, may engage in wild body motions, falling repeatedly, flailing their arms and legs and their facial expressions may be a frantic series of grimaces and eye rolling. That's someone who's on GHB.

X3 says he's going mad. So did you give him GHB?"

DS Mc. "Did he know you were giving him some drugs?"

DS Mc. "I suggest he wouldn't have accepted them because it doesn't appear that that's why he's gone to meet you."

DS Mc. "He says he could barely dress himself. He describes a New York painting in your room, and do you know when we looked in your bedroom photograph yesterday we saw the sort of sky-line, it looks something similar to New York, but you tell me if that was something else. Was it New York or even if it wasn't New York it was very consistent with **X3** account isn't it."

DS Mc. "He said that you were holding him up because he was physically unable to walk. He was being held up. He felt he couldn't walk. He was weak, he was disorientated. It was dark. It was night-time. So he's gone to you one day, it looks like he's been knocked out almost all over night and then it's probably the following evening, so what's been happening in the period in which he's been knocked out? Have you had sex with him during that time?"

DS Mc. "Has anyone else had sex with him that night?"

DS Mc. "He describes that he's walking along the town centre. I assume that's Barking Town Centre. People were looking at him. He saw a man next to a pub and that he was shouting, he felt dizzy and eventually you sat him down on some seats at Barking Train Station and that's when he realised where he was.

So did you take **X3** back to the train station in Barking?"

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- DS Mc. "Did you then start to search through his **DPA** bag?"
- DS Mc. "What was you searching for Stephen?"
- DS Mc. "Were you looking for his address to make sure he got home safely or were you looking for his phone for instance to take from him so he couldn't identify who he'd met and where he'd met him?"
- DS Mc. "Why would you go through his bag?"
- DS Mc. "What's the reason?"
- DS Mc. "Were you looking to steal some stuff from him, is that the reason?"
- DS Mc. "Were you being a good Samaritan, trying to make sure he got home safely, to call someone?"
- DS Mc. "And tell me if that's the case, if that's what you were trying to do then let me know." DS Mc. "Because it doesn't look good does it, you've given something to someone who is so out of it, you've taken them back somewhere in a public place and then you start searching through their bag. So what were you doing?"
- DS Mc. " **X3** said that he was vomiting something that was green in colour, didn't know what it was. Were you able to help anyone at that time as to what he was being sick with?"
- DS Mc. "Did the police get called on that occasion?"
- DS Mc. "Well maybe I can help you that they were. The police were called because this man was being so violently sick, you were seen searching through his bag and so they wanted to know what was going on. And so they did turn up and I've got a statement of PC OWERS who's a police constable with British Transport Police, and that having arrived at this incident and **X3** was throwing up some sort of green liquid she requested an ambulance because they were concerned about his physical wellbeing.

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What did you tell the police officer?"

DS Mc. "Well let me help you there. She says that she spoke to you and that you were separated and that you had told the officer that you didn't know what had happened to [X3] because [X3] had turned up at your house in an already intoxicated state.

Is that right?"

DS Mc. "So you told the police officer that and yet what [X3] says he's just gone to meet you at your house for some companionship, in a fairly fit state. So you've lied to the police officer.

So why did you lie to the police officer at that time?"

DS Mc. "Were you scared that you'd get into trouble?"

DS Mc. "Stephen if you've never had any contact with the police and the police start asking you questions, sometimes it's easy to panic isn't it.

Not sure what to do so you... and the first thing that comes into your head and say, 'I don't know, I don't know what's wrong with him, he turned up like that', is that what happened?"

DS Mc. "Conversely were you aware that you had given him some drugs and realised that if you'd actually said "I've given him some drugs" that you would realise you were in trouble ... so you invented a story?"

DS Mc. "You then go on to say to the police officer that you admitted taking Meth some point before coming to the station, but you believed [X3] had taken some Meth or G, which is a street name used for GHB. Is that right?"

DS Mc. "So tell me about that then, tell me then how does it get so that you turn up at the station, the police officer says 'What's gone on' you say, 'He turned up in this state'. You admit to taking Methadone but you then say that you believe that he had taken GHB.

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How do you arrive at that?"

DS Mc. "Is it the fact that you saw him taking some GHB or did you administer GHB in whatever liquid you gave to him at your flat?"

DS Mc. "Well then tell me, explain to me how you could say to a police officer, 'I think he's taken GHB.'"

DS Mc. "It's a bit of a strange thing just to come up with isn't it, if you didn't know. Why not just say 'I think he's on drugs' He's obviously taken something he's not feeling very well but you're very specific."

DS Mc. "I put it to you that you did give him some GHB and that's the reason why he was so disorientated on that occasion? What do you say?"

DS Mc. "And that you were searched by that police officer for any property in case you'd actually stolen or taken anything from his bag.

X3 was spoken to and said that he had met you on the internet and that he'd been at your house all day and that's consistent with what he's telling us now, so his story hasn't changed has it, it's consistent. And he described you as a white male, pale skin, 6'4", slim build, distinctive large nose, messy fair coloured hair, wearing a blue and white check shirt.

In fact we've even got a statement from a paramedic who turned up as well because **X3** had symptoms of vomiting and abdominal pain and that he felt dizzy, faint and had vomited, and he denied taking any drugs or alcohol.

But that would be about right wouldn't it, because he hadn't taken any drugs or alcohol to his knowledge.

You'd given them to him.

What happened after that meeting with **X3** was there any more contact between you and he at all?"

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DS Mc. " [X3] had gone home and made some excuse to his parents because they were concerned about him, he'd been away from home and he [DPA] and wasn't aware of anything else, but obviously clearly was concerned that whatever had been given to him was a drug and he's actually started to research that drug to see what it could possibly be and that he made contact with you to ask you what it was, is that right?"

DS Mc. "He said that you did text him back at one point and he thinks it was maybe the following week. He didn't think you were being truthful. Basically you said it was nothing, it was probably something insignificant, it wasn't a Class A drug or anything, he thinks you said it was a Class C drug.

So have you told [X3] you'd given him a Class C drug?"

DS Mc. "He said he was angry and kept texting you, wanted answers, you wasn't really answering any of his questions. He says at one point, your brother-in-law, is how he describes him, responded to one of his texts as it turned out that you had loaned the phone to someone else. Did you loan the phone to somebody? You just nodded your head there. Who was that to?"

DS Mc. "Well you've clearly loaned it to someone because you acknowledged that by the nod of your head, so who was it you gave it to?"

DS Mc. "And the response by the texter whoever that person was, says that Stephen had given something to his boyfriend and he puked as well, same as me. So who he you referring to?"

DS Mc. "Did you have sex with [X3] without his knowledge?"

DS Mc. "I think it's quite clear Stephen that you did meet him but there's further conversation that makes me believe that that's true, there's conversation he said that you said that you was a Chef in West Ham, that you previously a two door car and you even spoke about an ex-boyfriend called [X1] and I suggest

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that's [X1], So I think what [X3] says all seems to make sense doesn't it.

And the fact that you were stopped by a police officer at that time, and the comments that you gave to that officer confirms that you were with him on that occasion and I suggest that you gave him some drugs that he hadn't consented to taking.

Is that right?"

DS Mc. "Is there anything you can help me with in relation to that incident to do with [X3]"

DS Mc. "How are you feeling, do you want a drink?"

PORT "Yeah a pause please."

DS Mc. "Do you want to stop for a minute?"

SOL. "I wouldn't mind a break as well, I've got some messages that I need."

DS Mc. "Right we shall just pause this for a second and the time now is 2.40pm."

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