

Tape counter times	Person speaking	Text
	PS	<p>ERM, SO WE WENT THROUGH ALL THE DOCUMENTATION, WE'VE GONE THROUGH THE BODY. AND THAT WAS PRETTY MUCH IT. AND I WAS JUST CHECKING AS WE WENT AND HAD LONG DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TWO CID OFFICERS THAT PRESENT, ER TOGETHER WITH INSPECTOR HARMAN, MAKING SURE THAT THE DECISIONS AND THE CONCLUSIONS WHICH I WAS FORMULATING IN MY OWN MIND, NOT GUIDED BY THEM, WERE THE RIGHT ONES. ERM, AND ONCE I'D KIND OF DONE THAT ER, AND I TOOK A STEP BACK FROM THE SCENE AS IT WAS, I WAS ABLE TO THEN START GOING, RIGHT OKAY, SO YES WE HAVE A BODY HERE, ERM WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE AREA WAS THEN ONE OF MY NEXT THINGS, ONCE WE'D DEALT WITH THE SCENE AS, AS A, AS A SCENE, ERM DO WE NEED TO BE CALLING OUT ANY BODY SPECIALISTS AT THIS POINT. WELL I'VE AGAIN DISCUSSED THIS WITH THOSE THAT WERE PRESENT, SOME OF WHOM MAY WELL HAVE BEEN MORE EXPERIENCED THAN I IN THAT AREA, BUT I WAS EXPLAINING, I REMEMBER EXPLAINING THAT I DIDN'T SEE A NECESSITY AT THAT TIME DUE TO, I, I WAS STRUGGLING, IN FACT I COULD NOT SEE ANY SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT OBVIOUSLY GABRIEL WAS THERE AND HE HAD DIED, ERM THERE WAS NOTHING INDICATING TO ME THAT THIS IS HOW HE HAD DIED, AND THERE WAS NOTHING INDICATING TO ME THAT CLEARLY SOMEBODY ELSE WAS INVOLVED. ERM, AND I KNEW ER, THAT I HAD TO HAVE SOME ELEMENT OF SUSPICION IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY ER, THE CALLING OF A HAT CAR, ER AS THEY'RE KNOWN IN THE MET HOMICIDE TASKING ER, ASSESSMENT TEAM; I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S A FAMILIAR TERM ACROSS THE COUNTRY. ERM, BUT OBVIOUSLY IF THERE WAS AN ELEMENT OF SUSPICION THEN MY DECISIONS AT THAT TIME WOULD CLEARLY BE THAT ER, AND IS STATED IN POLICY, I CONTACT THE DI, ERM NOTIFY THEM OF EXACTLY WHAT'S GONE ON, AND IT'S THEIR JOB TO DISCUSS WITH ME WHAT MY REASONS ARE FOR MAKING THAT DECISION AND THEN TO CONTACT THE HAT CAR. BUT YOU HAVE TO BE JUSTIFIED IN DOING THAT, YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO BE IN A POSITION TO SAY, THIS IS WHAT I'VE GOT AND THIS IS THE REASONS THAT I FIND THAT THERE IS A SUSPICION AND THIS IS WHY I NEED YOU TO ATTEND. I DIDN'T HAVE THAT, I DIDN'T HAVE IT IN FRONT OF ME, I, I WAS HAPPY. ERM I'M EXPERIENCED ENOUGH TO MAKE DECISIONS, I MADE THE DECISION, ERM HAVING LISTENED TO THE ACCOUNT, HAVING TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT EVERYTHING THAT WAS IN FRONT OF ME AT THAT TIME I DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT IT WAS SUSPICIOUS. YES IT WAS UNEXPLAINED,</p>

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	PS	YEAH.
	SW	But there's some other activity that you er, pushed along as well.
	PS	<p>ERM, SO IN TERMS OF THE CONTEXT AROUND THE AREA IS, IS A VERY GOOD POINT, IS ONE THAT I WAS ABOUT TO MENTION TO BE FAIR AND I TOOK MYSELF OFF A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT ROUTE. BUT ERM, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ME TO KNOW WHAT TYPE OF AREA IT WAS IN TERMS OF WHAT WERE WE DEALING WITH HERE, IS THIS A QUITE, VERY QUITE LOCAL AREA ONLY VISITED BY THOSE VISITING GRAVES, OR ARE WE DEALING WITH SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. ERM, I WAS TOLD PRETTY MUCH AT THE OUTSET THAT THIS IS AN AREA KNOWN FOR ERM, STREET DRINKERS, ROUGH SLEEPERS, DRUG TAKERS, ERM AND THAT'S THE KIND OF THING THAT WAS GOING ON THERE ON A VERY REGULAR BASIS. ERM, AGAIN I'D NO EXPERIENCE OF THE AREA, ER BUT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ME TO KNOW IF THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS, BECAUSE THAT HELPED ME AGAIN WITH MY DECISION MAKING PROCESS. ERM, IF THAT HADN'T OF BEEN THE CASE WOULD IT HAVE CHANGED ANYTHING, NOT NECESSARILY TO BE HONEST, BUT IT WAS CERTAINLY AN IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR ME BECAUSE TO KNOW THAT THIS IS AN AREA THAT PEOPLE COME TO TAKE DRUGS, WHICH IN THE BACK OF MY MIND WAS WHAT I WAS THINKING, BECAUSE I COULDN'T SEE A CONCLUD, I COULDN'T MAKE A, AN ASSESSMENT AT THE TIME EXACTLY WHAT HAD CAUSED GABRIEL'S DEATH, ERM, HOWEVER, YOU KNOW BEING HONEST HE WAS A SKINNY, ER HIS BODY WAS VERY SKINNY, ERM AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT I COULD TELL IMMEDIATELY HE WAS ON DRUGS, BUT I'M A POLICE OFFICER AND IF I LOOKED AT SOMEONE I THINK I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO ASSESS THE SITUATION WHERE I MIGHT THINK ACTUALLY IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THIS GUY WAS TAKING DRUGS, AND THAT'S THE KIND OF PERSON THAT HE LOOKED LIKE. WITHOUT BEING, I DON'T WANT THAT TO COME ACROSS WRONG IN ANY SHAPE OR FORM, ERM BUT IT LOOKED TO ME THAT IT COULD BE POSSIBLE THAT HE WAS A DRUG USER.</p> <p>ERM SO, YOU KNOW, PART OF THE TASKING PROCESS AROUND THAT WAS THEN FOR ME TO ENSURE THAT WE HAD DONE INTELLIGENCE CHECKS, ER ARAOUND THAT AREA, AND IN PARTICULAR ABOUT HIM, SO ER, MAKE SURE THAT ER, THE MERLIN DATABASE FOR INSTANCE WAS CHECKED.</p>
	BW	Yeah.