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FYI

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At the bottom of this email are the initial details on the HAT return of the Unexplained Death of Anthony WALGATE in which the MIT 20 and DCI Chris Jones. have assisted KG BOCU death occurred on 19/06/2014

Recent Update on the Investigation

The deceased was found by a man (Mr Stephen PORT) returning home to the block of flats and claimed to have found the deceased by the doorway to the flats. He called an ambulance and returned to his flat. A SPM was held in relation to the death which was inconclusive at this stage. There were no physical injuries present that would have caused his death. Due to the fact that some organs were enlarged the pathologist suspected that he may have died from a drug overdose and we await toxicology to determine whether this is the case. The case remained one that the BOCU had primacy for but with the support and assistance from SCO1 MIT 20.

In the last few days it has been established that Mr Stephen PORT was a client of the deceased who was a sex worker. They may be reasons why he did not tell the police at the time, such as he did not want the a deceased sex worker found in his flat. However the facts need to be established the BOCU have a prisoner in custody and the flat is now a potential crime scene. Mr PORT has been arrested on one occasion in the past for alleged non consensual sexual activity with a sex worker but was never charged.

I was informed of the above last night at 9pm and the local DCI wanted me to take on the investigation. I have not taken that decision but have made what I consider a pragmatic decision to ensure that we clear the ground in front of us at present and then decide where that leaves us. I will then be able to make a proper assessment

In the meantime I have appointed Det Insp Andrew Kelly (MIT22 at Barking) to attend KG with DS Stuart Reeves and as many DC's from Support Team (MIT7) that are required to support the BOCU in the investigation and in particular: -

Interviewing Mr PORT
Dealing with the Crime Scene
Family Liaison Strategy
Tracing the victims Missing Phone
Reviewing the enquiries already undertaken.

DI Eugene McCathy is the contact at KG. I have also spoken to the BOCU Superintendent and is aware of what is to take place.

The above measures are to ensure that nothing is missed and that the investigation has sufficient expertise to undertake the tasks. As these tasks are completed it will hopefully shed light on the

circumstances of the as yet unexplained death of Anthony WALGATE. Should I consider that it points to a homicide more than a drug overdose or that the investigation at that stage is beyond the capabilities or capacity of the BOCU I will make the decision for SCO1 to take the investigation on and relieve the BOCU of any investigative role.

To relieve the BOCU at this early stage is not my preferred option as: -

- From experience it will just delay the process of getting on with the investigation at a critical stage
- Some of the BOCU knowledge of the investigation will not be available to a new team of investigators
- The death has not been established as a murder.
- SCO1 taking primacy now would leave family members believing that it is a murder and it is sometimes difficult to get them to accept it is not if that is the outcome.

Primacy will be regularly reviewed as the investigations undertaken produce results.

John Sweeney
D/Supt SCO1

FROM HAT RETURN ON 19/06/2014

19/06/2014 KG Section

Unexplained Death

Anthony Patrick WALGATE (dob 8/06/91)

Found O/S 47 Cooke Street, Barking

At 04.18hrs the occupant of no 62 Cooke Street a Mr Stephan PORT returned home from work to find the white male 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. PORT noted that the male was gurgling, he went inside his home address and call 999. PORT did not return to the male, he saw the blue lights of the emergency services and decided to go to bed.

LAS arrived at the location, approached the male checked for signs of life, which were not present. Due to blood around the males and swelling to the lip, and the males age LAS called for police.

First officers on scene approached the male and noted that the males clothing was exposing his torso. Officers believed they could see a visible footprint on the body.

HAT CAR EAST was requested and attended within twenty minutes. HAT CAR were briefed on the circumstances by the duty officer and on call cluster DI.

Early Turn CID attended.

CSM Alan Tribe requested by HAT CAR EAST, early turn photographer Andy Goddard also requested to attend.

CSM Tribe assessed the collapsed male and scene and was relieved by early turn CSM Cheryl Kynaston. Dr Munro attended and pronounced life extinct at 07.51hrs.

The deceased male was in possession of a passport (details above).

LAS paramedic still on scene, MG11 obtained by uniformed officers.

Informant located at home address (62 Cooke Street) and MG11 obtained by DC Young. (all paperwork handed to DC Young).

DCI Chris JONES from SC&01 attended scene. Advice given as below:

Special Post Mortem advised.