

CRIS 5109868/14 - UNEXPLAINED DEATH

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1. BACKGROUND;

Police are investigating the unexplained death of Mr Anthony Patrick WALGATE.

On Thursday 19.06.2014 police were called to outside 59, COOK STREET, BARKING, ESSEX, IG11 7AF by a member of the public. 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 Date of Birth; 08.05.1991 of: DPA He was found propped up against a bin cupboard in an open pedestrian area. Life was pronounced extinct at 07:51 a.m. Mr WALGATE had no visible injuries.

On Friday 20.06.2014 a Special Post Mortem was conducted at Queens Hospital Romford by Dr BIEDRZYCKI. The result of this was inconclusive and the results to toxicology are outstanding. The pathologist noted that the deceased had a 'heavy brain & heavy lungs' indicting drug use. At this time the death remains unexplained.

A friend of the deceased, Miss China DUNNING has provided lifestyle information and has stated that he worked as a male prostitute. She stated that 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. Miss DUNNING stated that the client agreed a price of £800.00 for the services of the deceased. The deceased was concerned about this as the client agreed to the price. (This is unusual as the deceased would have expected some discussion over the price).

Miss DUNNING provided a distinctive description of the client that was shown to her by the deceased on his mobile phone on 17.06.2014. Police compared this description to a photograph of Mr Stephen PORT (the original informant) held on police indices and noticed similarities. As a result, the image was shown to Miss DUNNING on 25.06.2014 and has stated that she is 97% certain that this is the same male as the photo shown to her by the deceased.

Further MIT advice review was requested on 26.06.2014 via Det. Supt. SWEENEY. In light of this DI Andrew KELLY reviewed enquiry and provided officers from MIT7 to support the enquiry. Subsequently Mr PORT was further interviewed by MIT7 officers - DC HOLT & DC LEVOIR.

Interview Summary Mr Stephen PORT - C/N 01KW/5015/14 - Interviewed by DC HOLT & DC LEVOIR on 27.06.2014;

At this time only a handwritten account is available of notes. The interviewing officers will provide a full update over the weekend. The suspect again provided a full account and clarified details of his first account. He denied the allegation of theft of the phone and believed that it may be with the deceased's clothing.

Mr PORT has been interviewed in custody on two occasions. He has now been Bailed to Return to 05.08.2014 at 12:30 in order for further enquiries to be conducted in to this matter.

(Consideration was given to approaching the CPS in relation to the allegation of 'Perverting the Course of Justice' whilst in custody, however this was decided against due to the outstanding enquiries i.e. awaiting result of cause of death etc. DI KELLY appraised and agreed with this course of action).

10. PHONES;

CIU have been tasked to conduct enquiries in relation to the victim's mobile number. At this time the handset remains outstanding.

I have confirmed with Analyst Kevin BUTLER that the last signal received from the victim's phone was on 18.06.2014 in the early hours of the morning. There has been no further outgoing activity from the phone.

11. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE;

Exhibits have been seized both from the scene and the Post Mortem. A Forensic Strategy Meeting will be held with the BFM / CSM regarding submission of exhibits for examination. (CSM has provided advice at the PM).

MIT advice has been received. The scene has been examined along with the premises of Mr PORT. A number of exhibits have been seized and a Forensic Strategy Meeting will be held w/c 30.06.2014. In brief, examination of samples for toxicology will be required along with property found on the victim. In relation to Mr PORT, his mobile phone & computer will require examination.

11. INTELLIGENCE;

At this time Intel products have been requested on the following persons;

- i) VIW1 - Mr Anthony Patrick WALGATE
- ii) Mr Stephen PORT. Of note is that there is a previous allegation of crime against Mr PORT - subsequently NFA - that he had un-consensual anal sex with a male after making him take 'poppers'.

Currently awaiting full details.

An action has also been raised for a financial enquiry to be conducted on both persons.

12. LINES OF ENQUIRY;

This is a brief overview of enquiries. A full list of Actions raised has been entered on CRIS ADR screens;

- i) Outstanding CCTV from LBB & D.
- ii) Outstanding CIU enquiries.
- iii) Review of Local Directed Enquiries. (These have now been completed by MIT20).
- iv) Statements from outstanding witnesses(s).
- v) Warrant - COMPLETE
- vi) Conduct further search of victim's clothing for missing property i.e. mobile phone.

13. MEDIA;

Press lines have been prepared and forwarded to DMC.

DI Andrew KELLY reviewed the investigation on 27.06.2014. The following Press Lines were forwarded to DMC;

Unexplained death of Anthony WALGATE

Communication Strategy 27/06/2013 1230

DMC Update

For offer: On 26.06.2014 a male was arrested in connection with the investigation into the unexplained death of Anthony WALGATE.

For DMC info only: Arrested person Stephen John PORT date of birth 22.02.1975 of Cooke Street, Barking. Currently still in custody at KW.

Formal identification of the deceased has not yet taken place. Next of kin have now been informed. He has been identified thus far by reference to his passport and photo which were on the body.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION:

It appears the deceased was a sex worker.

LGBT IAG member Bob Hodgson (DPA) informed that we are investigating the unexplained death of Anthony WALGATE aged 23 in Barking. It is believed that he was a sex worker.

As a trusted partner Mr Hodgson has been informed in order that he may be alert to any comments on the internet about this investigation and be in a position to inform us of any relevant information he may receive.

IF ASKED:

Andrew Kelly DI

SCO1 27.06.2014

14. RISK ASSESSMENT;

At this time the Risk Assessment is Standard.

Family have been updated by FLO and are supportive of police actions.

The suspect - Mr PORT - has been arrested and is currently on police bail.

DI KELLY has informed IAG member work works with the LGBT community around sex workers;

Dear Bob,

As discussed.

Barking and Dagenham (KG) Police are currently investigating the unexplained death of a 23 year old male in Barking on 19.06.2014. This matter has been passed to our press bureau for media release in an appeal for information. The deceased has not yet been formally identified. His name has not been released to the media. Next of kin have been informed. One male has been arrested in connection with this death and is currently in custody.

The SIO at KG is DI Eugene McCarthy. Tel: 0203 276 1056

SCO1 Homicide command are currently supporting the investigation.

For your information only. Not to be disclosed to 3rd parties:

The deceased is Anthony WALGATE.

It is believed at the time of his death he was self-employed as a sex worker.

There has been a inconclusive Post mortem examination, further tests results are awaited to establish a cause of death.

Kind regards

Andy Kelly DI

A/DI Eugene MCCARTHY

27.06.2014