

TEMPORARY FLO LOG

DECEASED DETAILS

Deceased Name: Daniel WHITWORTH

DOB: 22/03/2014

Address: [DPA] Gravesend, Kent, [DPA]

FAMILY DETAILS

Next of Kin: Adam WHITWORTH

DOB: [DPA]

Address: [DPA] Greenhithe, [DPA]

Tele: [DPA] Mobile: [DPA]

Email: [DPA]

Deceased Partner: Ricky WAUMSLEY

DOB: [DPA]

Address: [DPA] Gravesend, Kent, [DPA]

Tele: [DPA] Mobile: [DPA]

Email: [DPA]

Adams Partner: Amanda PEARSON

DOB: [DPA]

Address: [DPA] Greenhithe, [DPA]

Tele: [DPA] Mobile: [DPA]

BRIEFING AND RISK ASSESSMENT

I was briefed by DS TURRELL on information to provide to the family points below.

- Go and meet Adam Whitworth and Ricky and explain my role as there FLO.
- Explain that Daniels death is being treated as unexplained but not suspicious at this time. But we believe it to be a suicide involving an overdose.
- Explain that there has been a similar death on our borough in the last few months and although we are no linking them at this time we need to carry some investigation into this.
- Get permission from family to search Daniels belongings
- Advise that Post Mortem will be happening Tuesday 23/09/2014 and they will be updated with any information ASAP.

There are no known risks at this time.

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22/09/2014 1100hrs - Adam WHITWORTH, Ricky WAUMSLEY and Amanda PEARSON

Today DC BERRY and I attended David whitworths address he lived here with his partner Ricky. I was met there by Ricky and Daniels father Adam and his current partner Amanda. I introduced myself along with my colleague DC Berry. I explained to them that I am there FLO and explained my role. I then gave Ricky and Adam the who we are and what we do leaflet with all my contact details on. I explained to them that we were still treating Daniels death as unexplained and not suspicious at this time, and there will be a post mortem tomorrow at 11am at Queens Hospital to try and establish Daniels cause of death. I stated as you have already been advised we suspect that this was a suicide and that we think he has taken an overdose but this will need to be confirmed which is likely to be from a toxicology report. I did however state that there had been a death in recent weeks which appeared to be similar to Daniels and we need to look into this and complete certain tasks. I explained to Ricky that I would need to search Daniels belongings with his consent which he agreed to. I explained certain items may be found. A picture of Daniels last movements, his lifestyle and things such as friends. Daniels room was searched and an address book, an old HTC phone. And a letter containing Daniels handwriting was taken and exhibited by DC Berry. There were old hospital letters from when Daniel was younger from various MH units found but these were not taken at this time. Ricky stated that they had an iPad and a computer but these were his although Daniel did use them. I made a decision not to seize these but asked Ricky not to delete anything on them just in case we need to look at things later

Whilst room was being searched I had a conversation with Ricky on his own. I established that they had met on a social media site on internet this is not Facebook but didn't tell me what one just said it was for men to meet. They met in Margate 4 years ago and have been together since then. They moved in together 3 years ago and lived together at this flat. He states Daniel worked as a chef in London but was about to move to a leisure centre nearer home and was happy about this. Ricky works for a pharmaceutical company in Sittingbourne. Ricky states they had their ups and downs and argued but recently had been very happy. Ricky said over a year ago Daniel was violent towards him and police were called and he was arrested but he did not want to pursue it and Daniel got help for his anger issues and things were now fine. Ricky said they were supposed to be going away for the weekend this weekend for their anniversary. He states they have a close relationship and do most things together they do not go out drinking loads but do go out. He states he has not noticed any difference in Daniel recently and he has not seemed unhappy or distressed. Ricky states that Daniels mum passed away recently of heart failure and was schizophrenic. This was in February but Ricky said he seemed to be coping okay with it. He does not know of any other problems or issues Daniel had. Ricky said to

DC berry that as far as he knew Daniel did not take drugs. He states Daniel was on Facebook username Dan whitworth and was on Twitter he also had an email of dan.whit@hotmail.co.uk.

I spoke with Adam and Amanda alone and asked if they knew of any MH issues that Daniel may have had. Adam said he did go through some depression when he was around 14-15 and was sectioned but as far as he was aware he was not diagnosed with anything and was not on any tablets. He states Daniel was worried he may have inherited his mums problems. Adam States as far as he is aware things were going good for Daniel and he was happy. He does not know of any of Daniels friends only the ones for younger days. He does not know if he took any recreational drugs but said he had a drink like all young people did.

I explained to all three of them about the post mortem procedure and that I would advised them of what is happening as soon as I know. I briefly touched on identifying the body but did mention this is unlikely we will need to do this. I touched on further tests if toxicology was inconclusive but stated I would keep them updated on this. I explained that the coroner will be responsible for Daniels body and would not want to delay body release for funeral any longer then he had to.

All parties seemed satisfied with what I had told them. There was one concern from Adam, he has stated he wants to see the full suicide note as he wants to know what Daniel has said. I said I would pass this on to DS Turrell. Ricky was concerned that when Kent police attended his address they told him that Daniel had committed suicide by hanging himself and is upset by this miss information. I said I had mentioned this to Kent police but would look into this further as to why this happened.

We offered Adam and Amanda a lift home they appreciated this but we're going to stay with Ricky for a little while. We left at around 1415hrs.

Adam seemed very distant and was understandably upset but kept himself together well whilst we were there Amanda seemed to be very supportive towards him. Ricky was very helpful but understandably confused and upset but answered all our questions. All contact details were taken and all parties seemed satisfied when we left. I stated I would email them the bereavement pack just in case this helps them with some of there questions.

23/09/2014 - 0803hrs - Adam WHITWORTH and Ricky WAUMSLEY

Bereavement pack has been emailed to Ricky and Adam.

25/09/2014 - 0900hrs - JAYNE DAY

Jayne Day (coroners Officer) called me and asked for me to get some further details for Daniel. She needs to know where he was born and Next of kin address's. I stated I would

email her Adam and Rickys details. She asked what his occupation was and I confirmed it was a Chef. I asked if there was going to be body release and she advised that this was a decision from SIO on whether this is suspicious or not before coroner releases body. Her details are 02084963888 and jayne.day@walthamforest.gov.uk.

25/09/2014 - 1001hrs - Adam WHITWORTH

I have called Adam today and advised him that the post mortem has been completed and it is inconclusive. I advised we will be sending away for a Toxicology Report. I stated that the decision to release Daniel will be a Coroners decision along with advice from SIO. I said as soon as I had any more information I will contact him. The Coroner asked me to get Daniels place of birth which he stated was Gravesend Hospital. He was satisfied with the information and said he would call if he had any questions.

25/09/2014 - 1013hrs - JAYNE DAY

I have phoned and emailed Jayne Day with next of Kin Details and place of birth

25/09/2014 - 1021hrs - RICKY WAUMSLEY

I called Ricky but his phone cut off, I have left a message for him to call me back.

25/09/2014 - 1028hrs - Ralf SCHAMBERGER (SIO)

I have emailed DI Schamberger asking if a decision has been made on how we are treating this death and explained what Jayne said above.

25/09/2014 - 1230hrs - Amanda PEARSON

Amanda (Adams Partner) called me as she had a missed call on landline. I advised her I had spoken to Adam on the phone. I asked if she knew the Doctors surgery that Daniel attended and she said it was something like Pelham Drs Surgery, Gravesend.

25/09/2014 - 1238hrs - Jayne DAY

Emailed Jayne DAY to advise of Daniels Doctors

25/09/2014 - 1350 - Ralf SCHAMBERGER (SIO)

DI Shamberger has emailed me stating that he has taken advice from SC&01 and he is minded to not release the body until Toxicology results are back. I have emailed him back with concerns that may arise by family from this and asked how he wants me to advise the family.

29/09/2014 - 0920 - Ricky WAUMSLEY

I had a missed call from Ricky over the weekend. I have called him back and he was just asking for an update. I have advised him that the Post mortem has been completed and is inconclusive and we are now awaiting Toxicology results. I advised that a discussion will be had on whether the body can be released but there is a possibility that it may not pending results just in case further tests need to be carried out. He asked about when the hearing was and I said it is likely to have been opened and adjourned awaiting results. He asked if Daniels name could be kept confidential. I stated that this is unlikely to be aloud but closer to the inquest I will have a discussion about this.

29/09/2014 - 1246 - Amanda PEARSON and Adam WHITWORTH

I spoke with Adam and Amanda on the phone today. I advised them that the Toxicology report has now been sent to lab and we will be awaiting the results of this. I have stated that we may not be able to release the body until the results are back and explained why. Adam again requested to see the suicide note I again advised I have passed this onto the team who will advise me. Adam passed Amanda onto the phone. Amanda mentioned to me [redacted] so communication may be an issue. I explained that I did feel Adam was very distant but assumed that he was grieving. I suggested she talk to Adam and see if he would prefer me speaking with her and she can relay information to Adam. She said this was a good idea and she would talk to Adam about this. She states her Adam and Ricky have been talking and they have a few requests. Firstly they would like to go to where Daniel Died and see this and lay flowers, secondly they may want to see Daniels Body and also the issue with the suicide note. I stated I would speak to the team and make advise them.

29/09/2014 - 1550 - DCI KIRK

I was made aware by DCI Kirk that there will be a press conference basically putting the names of Daniel WHITWORTH, KOVARI and WALGATE out for similar unexplained deaths and that police are investigating them but treating them at this time as non suspicious. I mentioned to Mr Kirk that the family wanted to see the suicide note he does not see an issue with this but I need to run past DS Turrell.

29/09/2014 - 1555 - DS TURRELL

I spoke to DS TURRELL ref the requests made by Adam and Amanda. She states that there is no reason why we cannot show the family the suicide note but they would have to be briefed beforehand as it will be upsetting especially for partner Ricky. She also advised that they can visit the scene. With regards to viewing the body I would need to speak to Coroners Officer.

30/09/2014 - 0900 - DI SCHAMBERGER

I had a conversation with DI Schamberger today ref the families requests. It has been agreed that we will be meeting the family in Barking and taking them to the Church to see where Daniel was found. It has also been agreed that we can show the suicide note to Adam only and he can make decision on whether he wants to tell Ricky. He is also happy for family to view body as long as Coroners officer can arrange. We also had a discussion about body release and its been indicated that after CCTV and Statements are secured we will look at the body being released as the Toxicology will take to long to wait for.

30/09/2014 - 0900 - Jayne DAY (Coroners officer)

I spoke to Jayne DAY and she is going to get some times and dates for viewing the body.

30/09/2014 - 0919 - Amanda PEARSON

I have spoken to Amanda and she has stated that Adam is relieved that she is going to relay information to him via me. I have arranged for Adam, Amanda and Ricky to come to Barking and we will taking them to the Graveyard where Daniel was found. I have also explained that I have been given authority to show Adam but only Adam the suicide note and he can then make the decision to tell Ricky. They were satisfied with this. I have also explained that I am arranging for the body to be viewed this week with the coroners office

30/09/2014 - 1000 - Jayne DAY

Jayne called back and told DS TURRELL that the viewing can be done any afternoon this week.

30/09/2014 - 1140 to 1430 - Adam WHITWORTH, Amanda PEARSON and Ricky WAUMSLEY

Adam, Amanda and Ricky attended Freshwharf Police station today and they were taken by Myself and DC Baxter to where Daniel was found by police in the cemetery. They were left for a short while and laid some flowers. We then left Ricky and his sister Christina with DC Berry, and we took Adam and Amanda to a meeting room in the Town Hall. We showed Adam and Amanda the suicide note and explained it to them. I then advised them that I had arranged on Thursday a 1400hrs to view Daniels body at present all three would attend and maybe his grandma. I explained at present we would not be releasing the body but this may change on the next few weeks and I will let them know ASAP.

Ricky was a little agitated throughout and just wanted to know where he had been between Thursday to Saturday. I advised him I did not know and we may never find out.

Family seemed satisfied when they left and although it was a tough day I think some of there questions were answered.