

## Closing Report

following the investigation into the Death of Daniel WHITWORTH  
DoB: 22/03/1993 / DoD: 20/09/2014

### Incident:

*Daniel Whitworth*

On Saturday 20th September 2014 the body of ~~Gabriel Kevan~~ was found in the graveyard at St Margarets Shurch, Barking IG11 8AS by Barbara Denham, a member of the public who was walking her dog.

### Background:

Daniel Whitworth dob 22/03/1993 lived at [DPA] Gravesend, Kent

[DPA] with his partner Ricky Waumsley.

They met in August 2010 and had been living together since September 2011.

Daniel worked as a chef, and appeared to enjoy this career very much.

His colleagues also appeared to rate him highly.

Daniel also appeared to get on well with his father Adam and father's partner Amanda. Daniel's mother Penny had passed in February 2014.

Daniel was also close to his grandmother Barbara Whitworth. Both Daniel and Ricky used to see her regularly.

### Investigation:

Police (PCs 565KG BROWN and 513KG YEXLEY) attended the scene on 20th September 2014 following the discovery of Daniel's body by Barbara Denham. No signs of a struggle or injuries were apparent.

Ms Denham was unable to provide any further relevant information, other than that she came across the body and called police.

A note was found in Daniel's possession, and apparently written by him. This note stated:

*"I'm so sorry to everyone, mainly my family but I can't go on anymore. I took the life of my friend Gabriel Kline, we was just having some fun at a mate's place and I got carried away and gave him another shot of G. I didn't notice while we was having sex that he had stopped breathing. I tried everything to get him to breathe again but it was too late, it was a accident but I blame myself for what happened and I didn't tell my family I went out. I know I would go to prison if I go to Police and I can't do that to my family and at least this way I can at least be with Gabriel again, I hope he will forgive me.*

*BTW. Please do not blame the guy I was with last night, we only had sex then I left, he knows nothing of what I have done. I have taken what G I have left with sleeping pills so if it does kill me its what I deserve. Feeling dizzey now as too 10 min ago so hoping you understand my writing.  
I dropped my phone somewhere here so should be in the grass somewhere.  
Sorry to everyone  
Love Always  
Daniel P W'*

DS Turrell from Barking & Dagenham CID attended the scene. Enquiries showed that Daniel had been reported missing from Kent on 19/09/2014 by Ricky. DS Turrell contacted Kent Police, who informed Ricky and Daniel's father of Daniel's death.

A male by the name of [Name Redacted] was found to be sleeping in the graveyard. He was arrested for being wanted on warrant, and also questioned regarding any involvement he may have had with Daniel. No connection became apparent.

CCTV enquiries were carried out to establish how Daniel had arrived at this location. Despite extensive footage being viewed from local authority cameras and the area being trawled for any other CCTV sources (including the church), no footage of Daniel arriving was found. The available cameras were either facing in the wrong direction or zoomed back too far to make out individuals. The church's CCTV unit was taken for examination but no footage was recovered by the lab.

Open source research was also requested on Daniel's details, as well as work around his phone number to establish any further leads on who he had been in contact with. Checks on social media established no link between Daniel and Gabriel Kline, who he referred to in his note. There was also no information forthcoming to identify the male Daniel may have had sex with the night before. Daniel's phone was not recovered despite an area search.

During a visit to Daniel's home address, police seized a diary to check the handwriting and compare this to the note found with Daniel. A black pen was found in his property. The note was also shown to Ricky and Adam.

A post mortem on Daniel Whitworth's body and toxicology concluded that he had died of a GHB overdose (combined with sleeping pills). No suspicious marks or injuries were noted.

Toxicology showed the following:

#### Blood

Alcohol low concentration detected (less than 10 milligrams per 100 millilitres)

GHB 254 milligrams per litre

Mephedrone 0.17 milligrams per litre

Diphenhydramine 0.090 milligrams per litre

Caffeine detected

Nicotine detected

#### Urine

Alcohol 18 milligrams per 100 millilitres

GHB detected (greater than 800 milligrams per litre)

None of the other substances listed under Nature of Examination were detected in the blood.

Further to the questions raised by Senior Coroner Ms Persaud -

Checking through the reports, I have found no record of the bed sheet Daniel was found in being submitted for forensic examination.

CCTV enquiries were carried out as detailed.

Handwriting was confirmed via diary and family.

#### **Conclusion:**

Both enquiries have not been able to piece together the final movements of Gabriel or Daniel, or to determine the exact nature of their association. It appears both had several casual encounters with other gay men via websites, and other parties have not been identified.