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Review Text: 1. CIRCUMSTANCES

On Saturday 20th September 2014 the lifeless body of Daniel WHITWORTH was found by a member of the public, Barbara DENHAM, who was walking her dog. A note was found, indicating Daniel believed he was responsible for the death of his friend Gabriel KLINE. This is believed to be Gabriel KOVARI dob 17/06/1992, who was found by the same member of the public on 28th August in the same place. KOVARI's death was treated as non-suspicious at the time. A standard post mortem was carried out and his body has been repatriated to Slovakia, where it is currently held at an Undertaker's pending translation of paperwork and release. Toxicology results are pending, although early indications appear to show presence of GHB in KOVARI's body.

A special post mortem was carried out on WHITWORTH with inconclusive results, and awaits toxicology.

2. VICTIMS

Daniel WHITWORTH dob 22/03/1993

Special Post Mortem carried out on 23/09/2014 by Dr Ben SWIFT at Queens Hospital. Dr SWIFT noted that there was bruising under the arms, which may have been caused by Whitworth being picked up. There was also bruising to the neck and pinpoint bruising around the eyes, which is a feature in strangulation, however the voice box was intact and no further injuries on the neck were noted. The bruising could also have been caused by a fit following an overdose.

There was no evidence of sexual assault. Awaits submissions of samples for toxicology, which will include test for GHB.

Whitworth's property needs to be checked for a pen matching the one used for the note.

Gabriel KOVARI dob 17/06/1992

Standard post mortem completed and awaits toxicology report, although early indications show presence of GHB.

His body has been repatriated to Slovakia. Enquiries to be made around what clothing is still available to preserve forensic opportunities (particularly underwear/trousers).

3. SUSPECTS

No suspects are being sought at this time.

4. WITNESSES

Barbara DENHAM - dog walker - found both Kovari and Whitworth. Statement to be taken.

Mangaudas VAICEKAUSKAS - was sleeping on a bench in the same graveyard when Whitworth was discovered. He was arrested at the time for another matter and has not formally been interviewed around this matter.

Ricky Wansley (Spelling to be confirmed) - partner of Daniel Whitworth. By all accounts it appears that Whitworth may have been leading somewhat of a double life. Statement to be taken.

John Pape - Kovari's flatmate - statement to be taken regarding Kovari's movements and lifestyle.

Daniel WHITWORTH's place of work - work records to be checked and statement from employers regarding employment, hours/shifts, particularly around 28th August.

5. CCTV

Scoping visit to ensure no missed cameras covering routes to and from the cemetery.
Area between Abbey Road/St Paul's Road, London Road and Broadway including any cameras from Barking Town Centre capable of capturing the area

CCTV from the venue (St Margarets, Barking)

Time frames:

For 28th August - from 1800 hours on 27th August until the time of discovery of Kovari's body

For 20th September - from 1800 hours on 19th September until the time of discovery of Whitworth's body

This time frame covers from daylight the previous day.

6. FORENSIC STRATEGY

KOVARI - Awaits toxicology report.

Enquiries to be made with Slovakia to ascertain whether his original clothing is still available and retrievable.

WHITWORTH - Toxicology samples to be submitted ASAP in consultation with BFM Brad JONES or CSM Neil GALLAGHER with a request to test for GHB.

Swabs to be retained - at this time I do not see the benefit of submitting sexual swabs for testing. This decision can be reviewed should the need for these enquiries arise.

PHONES:

Phone work to be requested on Kovari's and Whitworth's phones (Subscriber checks, incoming and outgoing call data, IMEI and last cell site)

Time frame: 1st August to date - rationale for this time frame is to build a picture of communication between Whitworth and Kovari as well as establish any common contacts, which may lead to identification of witnesses.

SOCIAL NETWORKS:

?Grinder? and ?Bender? have been mentioned as networks used by Whitworth and possibly Kovari.

Open source research to be requested on both, as well as consultation with CIU to establish if relevant product can be obtained (it trace is found during open source research)

7. INTELLIGENCE

Intelligence research to be requested on all known parties (Kovari, Whitworth, Vaicekauskas, Wansley, Pape, Denham)

Open Source on social networks ?Bender? and ?Grinder? as per point 6.

8. MEDIA/COMMUNITY IMPACT

Press release has gone out including a community quote.

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following the investigation into the Death of Gabriel KOVARI
DoB: 17/06/1992 / DoD: 28/08/2014

Incident:

On Thursday 28th August 2014 the body of Gabriel Kovari was found in the graveyard at St Margarets Church, Barking IG11 8AS by Barbara Denham, a member of the public who was walking her dog.

Background:

Gabriel Kovari was a Slovakian national. His precise date of arrival in the UK is not known, and little more information is available around him. Some insight into Gabriel and his life is provided by John Pape, who met Gabriel via a dating website ?Bender? on 14th July 2014. John had a spare room, which he was thinking of letting out. He met Gabriel and, sympathising with his situation as a young gay man wanting to make a life for himself in London, offered his spare room for Gabriel to stay. Gabriel moved in on 16th July and was apparently working at a Slovakian Shop in Richmond. John states that Gabriel had contact with his family, but that they believed him to be in Spain. Gabriel had quit his job and had met a black male from East London. Gabriel would stay out overnight and then say he had been with this man. John?s last contact with Gabriel was on 23rd August via Text. John had attended a festival on the Isle of Wight, so was not at home. Gabriel sent a text message to John stating he was on his way to Barking, had locked his door and would give him the key when he was home, and to have fun. On 26th August John sent Gabriel a text message asking him how things were going in Barking, but got no response. On 28th August John was informed of Gabriel?s death.

Investigation:

Police (PCs 911KG Holmes and 288KG Hall) attended the scene on 28th August and no signs of a struggle or injuries, or any other suspicious circumstances were established. Ms Denham was unable to provide any further relevant information, other than that she came across the body and called police, who arrived within a few minutes.

CCTV and local directed enquiries are yielded no information as to how Gabriel had ended up deceased in the graveyard.

Gabriel?s body was taken to Queens Hospital, where a standard post mortem was carried out on 01/09/2014. Toxicology resulted in a diagnosis of mixed drugs overdose as cause of death. In particular 758 ug/ml concentration of Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB), which appears to be well above concentration capable of being fatal.

The matter was treated as non-suspicious due to these circumstances.