

**Briefing into the deaths of  
Daniel Whitworth 22.03.1993 & Gabriel Kovari 17.06.92**

**1. Situation**

1.1 This briefing note is to provide a brief summary into the background and circumstances into the deaths of Daniel Whitworth (DW) and Gabriel Kovari (GK)

1.2. GK was found deceased by a passer by walking her dog in the grounds of St Margaret's Churchyard, Barking on Thursday 28th August 2014. Police attended and there were no signs of suspicious circumstances.

1.3 DW was found deceased by the same passer by walking her dog in the same location on Saturday 20th September 2014. DW had in his possession a handwritten note, believed to be a suicide note, stating that he was responsible for the death of a Gabriel Kline some three weeks prior in that they had sex "at a mate's house" and had taken "G" (believed to be GHB) and that Gabriel Kline had stopped breathing during the session.

The note further stated that he DW had taken "G" with sleeping pills.

1.4 DW was found in exactly the same location in the churchyard as GK.

1.5 DW was a MISPER from Gravesend reported missing to Kent Police.

**2. Subsequent investigation**

2.1 Initial investigation revealed that Gabriel Kline is the Facebook name for GK.

2.2 GK's body was repatriated to Slovakia, however has not been buried as it awaits paperwork.

2.3 DW's father has identified the writing on the note as that of DW.

2.4 SCO1 did not attend GK's death as there were not believed to be any suspicious circumstances. The body was photographed in situ.

2.5 SCO1 have been consulted over DW's death and have authorised an SPM for DW. This will take place on Tuesday 23rd September 2014.

2.6 Slovakian authorities have been consulted and have agreed not to bury the family until police inquiries complete.

2.7 Phone applications are being prepared for work around the phones.

2.8 Whilst the coroner's officer who was present during the identification of GK's body remarked that he thought the body looked more decomposed than usual, there was

nothing during the GK's Post Mortem that appeared untoward. The toxicology results are awaited although there are early signs to indicate the presence of GHB.

2.9 On the advice of SCO1 an SPM will not be conducted on GK. That said photographs of GK taken at the time the body was in situ will be sent to a Crime Scene Manager to ascertain whether there is any likelihood GK did not pass away at that location.

2.10 Checks have also been conducted on the passer by although her finding both bodies are believed to be entirely coincidental.

2.11 There is CCTV that overlooks the entrance to the abbey only. This will be viewed by the investigating officers.

### **3. Family**

3.1 Both families have been appointed an FLO.

3.2 In light of recent revelations neither DW's family or GK's family are yet fully aware of all of the circumstances surrounding the death, namely the involvement of drugs and the fact that they had both had sex on the night GK died.

### **4. Witnesses**

4.1 There are no significant witnesses. Parks Team officers are however undertaking inquiries as the area is frequented by rough sleepers.

### **4. Governance**

4.1 Following consultation with SCO1, KG Borough retain primacy for the investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of GK.

4.2 Due to the unusual circumstances and the high profile location, a Gold Group chaired by Supt Wilson has been held.

4.3 The OIC is DC Debbie Turrell overseen by a/DI Schamberger. SCO1 will support in an advisory capacity.