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Hi Teresa,

Please find attached the closing report following the death of Gabriel KOVARI on 28/08/2014.

Regards,  
Rolf

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As requested

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Hi,

Please see attached toxicology report in respect of Kovari as requested.

Regards

Teresa

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## **Closing Report**

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 Margaret's 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.

On 20th September 2014 a further body was found in the same location by the same member of the public, Barbara Denham. This body transpired to that of Daniel Whitworth dob 22/03/1993.

A link between the two deaths was established due to a note 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 dizey 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"*

Investigation around social media established that Gabriel Kovari was indeed known as Gabriel Kline, amongst other names, however no definite links could be established to show association between Gabriel and Daniel. This included enquiries with Daniel's partner and family, as well as social media and information from police indices. The 'mate's address' made reference to

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.

Gabriel's body was repatriated to Slovakia, where it was released to the family for the funeral. During the investigation into Daniel Whitworth's death, efforts

were made to recover any clothing from Gabriel for forensic examination to establish contact between the two, however this had been disposed of.

**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.

The circumstances of Gabriel's death were in themselves not considered suspicious at the time, and the circumstances around Daniel Whitworth's death have not assisted in establishing the exact events leading up to it.