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SC&O1 HOMICIDE & SERIOUS CRIME COMMAND

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MIT Team 24 Date of Call 14/09/15 Shift (E/L/N) L Advice or Attend? Attend
 Initial Response Advice Given Scene Attended
 Time Requested 14:15
 Time Responded 15:00
 Reason 1 Hour Response N/A
 Time Exceeded
 Venue Barking Abbey & area around St Margaret's Church Graveyard, Barking, Essex
 BOCU Code K G CAD No: CRIS No: 5115434/15 Operation Name N/A
 SMF Complete Yes
 Crew Name 1 A/DI Jason Prendergast Crew Name 2 DI Euan McKeeve
 Crew name 3 N/A SC&O Duty SIO DI Euan McKeeve
 Borough DCI T/DCI Tony Kirk Borough Officer Advised T/DCI Tony Kirk
 Advice Given By: DI Euan McKeeve Date & Time: Between 15:15 and 17:30HRS
 Offence(s) Suspected administrating a noxious substance

Victim Details No. Of Victims 4 Use additional sheet for further victims
 Surname Walgate DOB / Age 08/05/1991
 Forename(s) Anthony Patrick EA Code 1 M/F M
 Address [DPA]

Brief details of Incident (include suspect details where appropriate)

This HAT report in itself is not advice, rather the record of an initial meeting between DI MCKEEVE and DS PRENDERGAST who attended a meeting with 01KG CID at Freshwharf between 1515hrs and 1730hrs. A total of 4 previously unlinked sudden death / overdose cases were potentially linked by 01KG CID this morning after a number of co-incidences were identified whilst investigating the most recent death.

Each death is explained in summary detail below in date order.

Incident 1 - Cris 5109868/14

Date: 19th June 2014

Venue: O/S 59 Cooke Street, Barking, Essex

Deceased 1: Anthony Patrick WALGATE

B: 08/05/1991

Male IC1

[DPA]

Circumstances:

At 04:18am the occupant of flat 62 Cooke Street, Stephen PORT returned home from work to find the deceased collapsed outside the main entry door to his block of flats. PORT claims that he moved the male away from the entrance a short distance, leaning him up against a wall. PORT stated that the male was gurgling. PORT claimed that he went inside his address and called the emergency services; he saw the blue lights of the



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died. Although the COD was non-suspicious following the FPM for DECEASED 3, there may be sex swabs available from that FPM and a search will need to be made for them if they are still available. This would be highly relevant, especially if we were to prove a forensic link between DECEASED 3 and the POI PORT.

H2H

Not yet commenced.

Media/Appeals

An image of PORT was released to the press this morning in an attempt to identify him as a potential witness. There is also wider media interest in relation to DECEASED 1.

Family Liaison

This is being managed by 01KG. The family of DECEASED 1 have found it very difficult to accept the revelations about his lifestyle.

Risk Reduction Measures in Place

A warrant will be executed at the address of the POI to search for evidence and an arrest is likely.

What Management Grip & Support is There?

DCI Tony KIRK is overseeing the 01KG response and is linking with the 01KG SMT.

Significant Community Impact?

This has the potential to be widely reported in the local gay community.

Any Local / MPS Vulnerabilities?

Potentially to community confidence.

In summary, in my opinion, there are a number of issues that need to be addressed.

There are a number of common factors in each of the cases of the deceased that raise suspicion and merit further investigation.

DECEASED 1 - There is clearly a link between DECEASED 1 WALGATE and the POI Stephen PORT. PORT was arrested on 24/06/2014 on suspicion of perverting the course of justice and theft of a mobile phone belonging to DECEASED 1. He pleaded guilty to attempting to pervert the course of justice and was sentenced to 8 months imprisonment in March 2015 at SNCC, serving 4 months. Having looked at his custody record 01KW/5015/14, he does not appear to have been ever arrested on suspicion of administering a noxious substance as part of this enquiry.

DECEASED 4 - There is clearly a link between DECEASED 4 TAYLOR and the POI Stephen PORT. PORT is the last person seen in company of DECEASED 4 on CCTV in the early hours of 13/09/2015 and some 35 hours go by before DECEASED 4 is found.

DECEASED 2 and 3 - the suggestion is that they are linked because DECEASED 3 WHITWORTH had in his possession an apparent suicide note, explaining his links to DECEASED 2. The suicide note, again in my opinion, appears to use language of a third party and it's contents are almost exonerating others who may fall under suspicion. The authenticity of it is questionable and needs to be investigated further.

The following demonstrates common factors in all 4 cases

Deceased	Link to POI	Gay	Location Found	Phone Present	Cause of Death	POI H/A location to body
1	Conviction	Y	Outside POI flat	No	Overdose on GHB	Found outside
2		Y	Barking Abbey Graveyard	No	Overdose on GHB	2 min walk and within 20 feet of 3 and 4
3		Y	Barking Abbey Graveyard	No	Overdose on GHB	2 min walk and within 20 feet of 2 and 4
4	CCTV	U/K	Barking Abbey Graveyard	No	Overdose on GHB	2 min walk and within 20 feet of 2



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and 3

Additionally, all 4 men are within the age range of 22-25years old, IC1, all were still in possession of their other personal property, all four were in possession of small bottles of liquid and 2,3,4 were all found slumped and positioned in such a way that they appear very similar with their upper clothing riding up partially over their lower chests.

01KG circulated CCTV stills in to the local press to try and identify the male seen with Deceased 4 Jack TAYLOR on LBBB CCTV on 13/09/2015 and some information suggest the identity of the POI together with him using the GOOSE Pub in Romford. Significantly, it was known that Deceased 4 TAYLOR went to the GOOSE Pub on the evening of 12/09/2015.

Currently MIT 24 have agreed to provide 4 DC's to support the execution of a section 8 PACE warrant at the POI Stephen PORT's home address on Thursday 15/01/2015 and to liaise with the CSM around forensic support. MIT 24 will also provide a tier 3 interviewer for the purpose of any suspect interview should PORT be arrested. CSM KYNASTON who has knowledge of the DECEASED 1 job is on standby to advise. The plan will be enter and secure the premises on the warrant and retain it as a scene until the suspect has been interviewed.

This matter is referred to the MIT Manager for information and consideration. It is clear that the volume of investigation required in this case will be significant in terms of outstanding enquiries around CCTV, Family Liaison, forensic submissions and interpretation and analysis of call data.