

procedure I spoke with local CID over the phone, both to brief them and require their attendance, speaking with DC ADEYEMO-PHILLIPS.

I was aware of, and was advised over the radio, that about a year earlier two other male bodies had been discovered in the adjacent St. Margaret's churchyard. My understanding of these deaths, who I recalled had both been found by a member of the public walking her dog in exactly the same location as each other, was that the first discovered had been investigated and deemed as an overdose and the second, about a month later, had also been investigated and deemed as a suicide linked to the first death, and that both males had been in a relationship with each other.

My initial assessment was that the death of Mr TAYLOR was unexplained but non-suspicious and was likely to be a drug overdose based on the following factors, the syringe and suspected drugs found on him, no obvious signs of a struggle and a lack of injury - defensive or otherwise. He was in possession of his wallet - no indication of a robbery for instance. His body was found in a location known for drug use, in the open and in clear view of the road and footpaths with no attempt to conceal his presence i.e. with leaves or one of the nearby sleeping bags. The requested forensic tent was brought to the location by a local police van unit and erected against the wall as best possible.

DS SWEETMAN and DC ADEYEMO-PHILLIPS arrived on scene around 2pm at what was now effectively the outer cordon and having been briefed by me initially on what I understood of the facts as known and my assessment and then, for greater accuracy the original officers, made their way forward to make their own assessment. DS SWEETMAN and I discussed briefly our initial assessments and DS SWEETMAN directed the original finding officers to conduct a 'down to skin' search of the deceased to ensure there were no wounds or injuries concealed by his clothing that would give rise to an immediate suspicion of any third party involvement in Mr TAYLOR's death. I was aware that DS SWEETMAN had a phone conversation with DI McSHEFFREY whilst on scene. Following the extended search of the deceased with no wounds or injuries discovered DS SWEETMAN and I agreed, at this time on the facts as known, that the death of Mr Jack Taylor was unexplained but non-suspicious.

I instructed one of the finding officers to ensure that arrangements were made to notify Mr TAYLOR's next of kin as soon as possible. As the attending duty inspector I was aware that, as

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