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**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 – ongoing enquiries into the death of Daniel Peter WHITWORTH DOB 22/03/1993**

A/DI Stuart Denley South HAT team contacted and he requested a copy of details – ND OB emailed across.

Contact number for A/DI Denley is DPA 734

A/DI Denley has requested a family member sees the suicide note and confirms if it is Daniels handwriting. To conduct further research on Gabriel KOVARI DOB 17/06/1992 who was found deceased in the same location the 28<sup>th</sup> August.

It has been established DS Pete SWEETMAN dealt with the suicide of KOVARI. It was deemed at the time to be non-suspicious. A message has been left for DS Sweetman at 1024 hrs

A message has been left for the coroner's officer Jane DAY DPA 851 to call me at 1100 hrs.

Part of the suicide note has been scanned to Adam WHITWORTH the father of Daniel WHITWORTH (dec'd). At 1102 hrs today Adam has confirmed the handwriting to be that of his sons. A/DI Delaney has been updated.

At 1119hrs I have spoken to Jane DAY. Jane will update the coroner's officer on Monday to stop any PM in relation to Daniel WHITWORTH until they have been notified otherwise. She is aware of Gabriel KOVARI. Teresa Steadman is the coroner's officer for KOVARI – Teresa is however currently on compassionate leave. Jane has informed me that Gabriel's body was repatriated to Slovakia last week and was due to be cremated. Toxicology and Histology was conducted, she recalls seeing the report and nothing glaring came out from memory. I will arrange to obtain a copy of that from Jane on Monday.

Jane has stated she did recall that Teresa said that the brother of KOVARI came over from Slovakia, as coroners officer they do not normally view the bodies with families but as she felt sorry for him she did view the body. Despite being hot weather Teresa did mention she thought the body was a lot more decomposed having just been found.

Intel on the Merlin report has indicated that Gabriel did reside in a Hostel on the Isle of Dogs prior to moving in with John PAPE in Lewisham in July 2014. John indicated he met Gabriel on the Grinder & Bender website a known Gay website for meeting other Gay males.

At 1148hrs Ricky WAUMSLEY rang police; Ricky is the partner of Daniel WHITWORTH. He confirmed they have been partners for 4 years. Daniel has been a chef for ISS Headquarters in South Quay for the last two months. Ricky wanted an update and I have advised him there is no further update since yesterday the death of Daniel remains non-suspicious but un-explained. He is concerned that the police are withholding info from him and will not inform him of the content of the suicide note. I have informed Ricky that he is not the next of kin and Daniels father is being kept updated.

At 12 noon DCI Kirby has been updated – KG .

TDC Adeyemo-Phillips has been tasked to contact Slovakia to establish if the body of KOVARI has been cremated as yet. Enqs have been made with the Slovakian Embassy 0207 313 6470. An emergency contact number is provided as [DPA] 783.

Iveta has been spoken to on the emergency number and advised to contact the office hours number Mon-Fri. She has advised to email [corns.london@mzv.sk](mailto:corns.london@mzv.sk) so that they will be aware when the call is put in on Monday. TDC Adeyemo-Phillips has sent the embassy and email - TDC Adeyemo-Phillips will follow this am on Monday 22/09/14.

A/DI Denley rang DCI Lyons has requested a Special PM on Daniel WHITWORTH. This is just to confirm no foul play and that this was just a suicide. This will remain on Borough at this time but advice still be provided by SC&O(1). A call with details of the special PM on the HAT number who will then advise who at EAST team this has been forwarded to and who will attend the PM.

I have spoken to Jane DAY who states the request has to come from a CSM. I have therefore emailed ADI Denley to confirm who this will be and for them to proceed this request for a Special PM. She has asked if it is required today and I have said it does not have to be done today. ADI Denley will inform the CSM to get this organised.

ADI Pearson (KF) on call DI has been notified out of courtesy.- copy of KG OB has been forwarded to him.

TDC Adeyemo-Phillips is arranging for MIB to conduct checks on subjects names that have come up for any possible links and also to consider the WALGATE death in May 14 that also involved the Gay community and links with the website Grinder & Bender.

At this time WHITWORTHS mobile phone has not been located.

ADI Osborne and ADI Schamberger have been emailed to notify them of Special PM. TDC Berry will be the borough exhibits officer.

ADI Denley rang with reference number for CSM to authorise the Special Pm – 1450hrs. PATH/182/2014.