

and fits UPVC windows and doors. On the day that Mr Taylor's body was discovered, the defendant failed to turn up at 10am as planned. His boss rang him up to find out the position and the defendant told him that he had other stuff to do so he'd be in late. He eventually arrived at the office at 11.30am.

214. Despite this being the third body of a young male found in the same location, the death of Jack Taylor was initially treated as non-suspicious based on the fact that there were no obvious marks or wounds on the body. The body was in full view of the public and there were signs of possible drug abuse. Accordingly, Jack Taylor's body was the subject of a routine post mortem examination, although in due course his body was exhumed and a further special post mortem examination was carried out.
215. The post mortem examinations and the corresponding toxicology investigations led both pathologists to conclude that Jack Taylor died from a mixed drug and alcohol overdose. The toxicological analysis revealed high levels of alcohol, GHB and methylamphetamine (aka meth, crystal meth, T, Tina). There was also a trace amount of a compound similar to the drug mephedrone present. Accordingly, the cause of death was given as mixed drug and alcohol overdose. The presence of the alcohol would have likely exacerbated any respiratory depressant or other adverse effects of GHB.
216. In addition to the syringe, a tourniquet and alcohol wipes were found in the pockets of the deceased during the post mortem examination. Similar wipes were later recovered during a search of the defendant's address. A possible injection site with no surrounding bruising was detected in the right elbow pit. When the syringe was examined it was found to bear traces of Methylamphetamine (T).
217. It is understood that hair sample analysis provides no evidence to suggest that Jack Taylor regularly abused GHB. The results with regard to the use of methylamphetamine ('T') were not clear; they could be

explained by repeated use or external contamination. However, the initial exchanges between Jack Taylor and the defendant shortly before they met indicate that Mr Taylor had not previously tried 'T'. Therefore, it suggests that the methylamphetamine reflected in the result came from contamination, most likely as a result of contact with the defendant or being in his flat.

218. The prosecution suggest that, as in the case of Walgate and Whitworth, the bottle of GBL that was found on Mr Taylor and bore the defendant's DNA had been planted by the defendant, as had the syringe, tourniquet and wipes. As we have seen, Mr Taylor realised that it might cost him job if he took drugs. The prosecution suggest that he would not have taken any 'G' or other drugs unless he did so without realising it.
219. Records show that, although it was not found on Mr Taylor, his mobile phone was used after his body was found. On 16th September 2015, two days after the discovery, Jack Taylor's mobile phone was used when it was in the general vicinity of Peter Hiron's home address. One possible explanation is that it was in the black bag that the defendant left at Hiron's address when he visited him on 13th.

➤ COUNTS 23-25 (INDICTMENT)

220. The defendant faces the same three counts in connection with the death of Jack Taylor as he does the other three deceased: murder, manslaughter in the alternative, and administering/causing a substance to be taken with intent.
221. When the defendant was interviewed about his knowledge of the death of Jack Taylor he was shown images of Taylor; he said that he did not recognise him and Taylor had not been to his flat. The defendant asserted that he did not go out in the early hours of the morning of September 13th 2015 to meet Mr Taylor outside Barking station and denied that he was the person shown in the CCTV stills showing Jack

Taylor in the company of another male just outside Barking train station and the Barking gym.

222. We understand that the defendant now accepts that his account in interview was false and he did meet Jack Taylor outside Barking station at about 3am on 13th September 2015. However, it is the defendant's case that all the drugs that Jack Taylor took while in the company of the defendant, including GHB and T, were self-administered and taken voluntarily. Other elements of his defence include Jack Taylor providing his mobile phone as collateral so that the defendant could obtain more drugs from Scott (Peter Hiron) and the defendant and Mr Taylor going outside to have sex at Jack Taylor's suggestion.
223. The idea that Mr Taylor – a man who was very discreet about his sexuality – should suggest having sex outside is frankly as ludicrous as the suggestion that he should offer up his mobile phone as collateral, but we will have to wait to see what evidence emerges on these topics.

X9 (Counts 26 – 29)

224. X9 was 23 years old in early October 2015 when the offences concerning him are alleged to have occurred (b. DPA). X9 had known the defendant since he was 17 when they met through a gay website. However, there was a period when they fell out of contact because X9's partner was controlling and didn't allow him to communicate with anyone else.
225. Contact between them was resumed on a website called Hornet some months before the relationship between X9 and his partner broke up – it seems that he met the defendant in March 2014 – and later contact was made in September 2015 on Grindr. X9 recalls that the defendant's name on Grindr was something like 'Dom Top'.
226. The first allegation of rape relates to events that occurred on the first weekend in October 2015. On the evening of Friday, 2nd October 2015,

X9 went to see the defendant. CCTV shows them in each other's company at about 10.15pm, walking towards the defendant's flat. Mr X9 understood that he was going there to hang out and smoke, and that the defendant would not touch him unless he wanted it to happen. Shortly before midnight, the defendant sent a message using his Grindr account to a contact known as to inform him that his friend X9 was with him and he had some M. The prosecution say that it is telling that in the same exchange, the defendant asked this contact whether he had used his 'G' to knock out his boyfriend.

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227. There came a point with X9 when the defendant said he wanted to do some M – white powder – but he didn't want to do it alone. The defendant promised it would not make him ill and said it was a legal high. At first, X9 declined.
228. Then, he and the defendant moved to the bedroom. The defendant put on some pornography and was pleasuring himself with a sex toy called a fleshlight. He mentioned that his friend, X10 was coming tomorrow. X9 states that the defendant kept bugging him to take what he called the legal high so X9 inhaled a line and began to choke. The substance made his head go funny. The defendant encouraged him to snort a second line which produced a horrible taste in his mouth. He vomited into a 'pee' bowl that the defendant had given him. He was feeling "a bit out of it". Some sexual activity took place; the defendant started to finger him but stopped when X9 told him to. The defendant offered him some more powder in a shot but he declined. Things started to get blurry and he fell asleep.
229. When X9 woke up, he recalls that he had a pillow under his back and his feet over the defendant's shoulders. The defendant's penis was inside his anus. He felt like he was not in his body and floating. He did not recall intercourse starting. He felt tricked. The deal was that the defendant knew that he did not want to be penetrated. The defendant