

Gabriel had travelled with the ultimate intention of being a teacher in London. However within a couple of days after arriving, Gabriel had started to work at a Slovakian food shop called 'Halusky Shop'. I know from what Gabriel had told me that the owner was an Indian man who never paid Gabriel which understandably caused him a lot of concern. Gabriel did not tell me where he was staying initially I just knew that he was moving around lodging with friends and people that he had met. Eventually though he informed me that he was staying in the Richmond area of London in a Bed and Breakfast.

Whilst Gabriel was in London we were speaking to each other all the time using phone and Facebook Messenger. Gabriel had told me he had planned to apply for a job to be a Translator and that he was looking for a place to stay in the Clapham and Putney area.

The last contact I had with Gabriel was in the evening of 22nd August 2014. I had become suspicious about Gabriel and the people he was staying with and that he was not keeping in much contact with myself especially considering that we were meant to be in a relationship. I confronted Gabriel with these issues and he told me he was only good friends with these people naming one of them as 'Carl'. However Gabriel was very naïve and would often confuse friendships with relationships having sex with his friends so I knew what this meant. We had an argument about this as it really upset me.

I had not heard from Gabriel for a few days and I began to worry for him. I started contacting his friends that were shown on his Facebook profile. Through these messages I spoke with some of Gabriel's English friends who were called John PAPE , Karl KAMGDOM and Cosmus MARCUS who told me that Gabriel had been found dead by Police having died of a drugs overdose in Barking, London. I also had contact with other friends and associates of Gabriel including someone who called himself Jon LUCK who said he was an American student. Jon LUCK told me that he worked in Asda in Dagenham.

When I found out that Gabriel had died I felt devastated and saddened by losing a dear friend and my partner. Gabriel was always such a happy person and I really enjoyed being around him. He had so much more to give in life when this was cruelly taken away from him. I will always feel like a part of me is missing now I have to go on in life without Gabriel. I also feel so sad for his mother who had recently lost his father and now she has had her only son taken away from her as well.

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