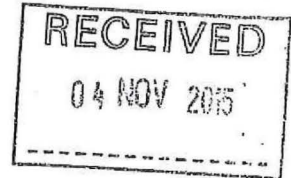


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Event: Waltham Forest CC – Daniel Whitworth inquest
Date: 23 September 2014
Interviewer: Coroner
Interviewee: DI R Schamberger
Also present: Jane Day



CORONER:

This is the inquest touching upon the death of Daniel Whitworth. Mr Whitworth died on 20 September 2014. This inquest was opened on 23 September 2014. I am now resuming and concluding the inquest. This inquest is an enquiry. It is not a trial. The purpose is to record the particulars of death and to answer four questions. Those questions are: who was the deceased? How, where and when he come by his death? In looking at the question of "how", I will be looking at the direct sequence of events leading to death, and not the wider circumstances. And I am not allowed to express an opinion on any other matter. This inquest is not about blame, and no one is on trial, least of all the deceased. I cannot reach a decision which appears to determine criminal liability on the part of a named person, or civil liability.

We will be hearing evidence from one witness today, and I will also be adducing evidence under rule 23 of the coroners' inquest rules. I cannot adduce evidence under rule 23 where there is no controversy or conflict over the content of those statements. I have had no objection to those statements being read.

We have members of Daniel's family in court today. Do we have his dad? Is it Alan?

ADAM WHITWORTH: Adam.

CORONER: Alan. And who else do we have from the family?

(UNIDENTIFIED): (Inaudible)

CORONER: Okay, and partner?

unfortunately the camera that was pointing over the area was zoomed out so far in darkness it was not possible to make out movement or identify any individual persons.

The CCTV unit from the church was seized and sent to laboratory for analysis, but no footage was retrieved from it. I believe it's due to a technical problem. And no other CCTV sources were found.

CORONER: Sorry. Taking you back to the note that was found on Daniel's person, was this note provided to family members?

DI SCHAMBERGER: Yes, it was.

CORONER: And did they recognise the writing as being Daniel's?

DI SCHAMBERGER: Yes, they did. It was done by the family liaison officer.

CORONER: And did you also check yourself against examples of Daniel's writing?

DI SCHAMBERGER: I didn't check it myself, but police colleagues checked the writing against a diary.

CORONER: Where was the diary found?

DI SCHAMBERGER: At Daniel's home address.

CORONER: And again, the police who checked that were satisfied that it was a similar match between the note and the diary?