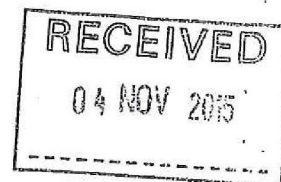


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Event: Waltham Forest CC – Daniel Whitworth inquest

Date: 23 September 2014

Interviewer: Coroner

Interviewee: DI R Schamberger

Also present: Jane Day



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?

aspiration, so vomit that's gone back through the airways. But nothing was actually found at the scene of a positive vomit.

DI SCHAMBERGER: Not as far as I'm aware, no:

CORONER: The pathologist has also commented that it was recommended that further examination of the bed sheet, as well as positive confirmation of the handwriting, which you've confirmed, be obtained. Was that something that was done?

DI SCHAMBERGER: The bed sheet was not submitted for examination, no.

CORONER: And why was that?

DI SCHAMBERGER: It is a consideration, but the circumstances at the time indicated towards no other external parties being involved at the time. The potential outcome of having the blanket analysed, the bed sheet analysed, could have been to identify maybe where he had been the night before, who had contact with him. But it wasn't submitted.

CORONER: So, what were your conclusions, having conducted your investigations?

DI SCHAMBERGER: The conclusion was that we have been unable to piece together Daniel's last movements, or how he got to the place in the graveyard where he ended up. And given the circumstances that he was found with the note that he had written, and the small brown bottle containing the liquid which turned out to be a drug that --