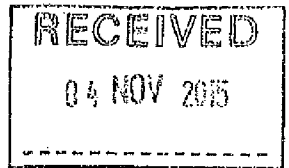


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Interviewee: John Patrick Pape
DI R Schamberger
Also present: Jane Day



had with Thierry on Facebook, after contacting him after Gabriel had died.

So, Thierry has said in a message, "Good morning, John. Did Gabriel speak to you about an Irish guy called Tony and have a green Toyota car? On the night of 22nd, Gabriel met a guy and had been all night with him. Sex and high on poppers. The morning after, Gabriel called Tony to come pick him up. Green Toyota. He is a bar manager or something like that, and he lives in Kilburn Park".

CORONER: Sorry, can I just ask you: what are poppers?

JOHN PAPE: It's amyl nitrate. It's a gay sex aid.

CORONER: So, it's different to GHB?

JOHN PAPE: Yes. And I'm sort of paraphrasing here a little bit, but then my response is: "So, he left my flat with Cosmos and got a train from Stretford to Dagenham, where he met someone. We don't know who. He then stayed the night on Dagenham, came back to my flat on Saturday, and then went to Barking by train", which Thierry's response was, "Yes".

So, 21 September, Thierry who was in touch with Gabriel's family informed me that a male called Daniel had been found dead in the same cemetery as Gabriel. Thierry then told me that Daniel and Gabriel went to an orgy together in Barking on the evening of Saturday 23 August. But I am a little bit unclear about that (we can come to this later) whether it was actually Saturday 23rd or Sunday 24th.

CORONER: So sorry, I need to slow you down a little bit.

JOHN PAPE: Sure.

CORONER: Was it Thierry that went with Gabriel to --

JOHN PAPE: No, so far as I know, Thierry was not in the country. He's just, all this time, been in Mallorca, I think, in Spain.

CORONER: And who was it that he thought he went to the orgy with?

JOHN PAPE: Daniel. A chap called Daniel, who I presume is Daniel Whitworth.

CORONER: And, sorry, how did Thierry find this out?

JOHN PAPE: That's what I'm a little bit unclear about. He seems to have been speaking to someone. Well, he claims to have got the information from the guy that Gabriel stayed with on the night of Friday 22nd. But I don't know how.

CORONER: And he gives the full name of Tony here?

JOHN PAPE: Yes.

CORONER: "He said he left the party with a young guy about his age named Dan. They were heading to a party/orgy in Barking. He gave them money for a cab. Dan is tall, light brown hair. He said looks similar to

JOHN PAPE: Thierry has spoken to somebody on -- yes, that's why I'm a little bit hesitant to bring it forward.

CORONER: Exactly. At the moment, we have no evidence really to help us with exactly -- where were they when -- were they actually together? We have nothing. So, I can accept hearsay evidence, but this probably is quite far removed, isn't it?

JOHN PAPE: Sure, no, it's several people removed.

CORONER: But it does provide some helpful evidence. Again, we don't actually know that this Daniel is this person.

JOHN PAPE: No.

CORONER: But it's someone called Dan who seems to be dishing out shots to everyone, it says here, at a party that Gabriel had gone to.

JOHN PAPE: Yes. Someone else, via someone else, via someone else.

CORONER: Yes, so I'm not going to put a lot of weight on it, but it is helpful for me. Thank you.

And then he gives you Tony's number, but you never were able to make contact with the person they called Dan.

JOHN PAPE: Sorry? Was I?

CORONER: You never were able to make contact with Dan?

undertakers in Slovakia, but it turns out that the clothing that Gabriel was transported to Slovakia back in were not the clothing that he was found in. So, no, unfortunately his clothing had been lost.

CORONER: Thank you. Can you just wait for one moment? As Gabriel's family are not here, you're here and you're a friend of his, and I regard you as an interested person: do you have any questions for the police officer?

JOHN PAPE: So, there is no evidence to suggest that Daniel Whitworth even spoke to Gabriel? The Daniel Whitworth who died three weeks later, there's nothing other than --

CORONER: The note.

JOHN PAPE: -- the hearsay that I've -- other than the note, nothing puts those two together?

DI SCHAMBERGER: That's correct. We've not been able to find any evidence that conclusively puts the two in the same place at the same time, or any other direct link that we've been able to identify.

JOHN PAPE: And then the other thing is just that on -- I can't remember the date, but the June preceding Gabriel's death, I believe a 21-year-old male, unexplained death, quite close to the cemetery, so I just was curious in myself: was it even considered that there could be any link with that?

DI SCHAMBERGER: I wasn't involved in that investigation, but I'm aware that an incident took place nearby not long beforehand, and that there was consideration given to there being a link. But to the best of my knowledge, no link was ever established. And certainly, in my dealings with the investigation later on, there was no link apparent to the other case at all.

JOHN PAPE: Okay.

CORONER: Anything else?

JOHN PAPE: I'm not sure if I've mentioned it in there, but there was something Thierry said about -- do I need to be speaking into a --

CORONER: No, it's fine.

JOHN PAPE: There was a detail that -- so, it gets confusing even in my head. This person who was at this party described Gabriel and this other guy Dan as looking very similar, so it's just an additional thing because I did a little bit of looking myself at Daniel Whitworth on social media, and to my mind they look very similar.

CORONER: But are you asking the officer to confirm from the --

JOHN PAPE: I'm just saying. It's something that -- when you said, "Is there anything else you would like to say?" this comes to me now. I suppose my assumption is that Gabriel and Daniel did know each other.