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BRIEFING: 1000hrs 04/05/2015 AM BRIEFING MONDAY - HALL KIRKCALDY

Chaired by Det Supt CAMPBELL .

PIRC have asked for all Original Manuscript Statements to be given to them along with typed copies.

This should be done with a five day turn around.

The Deceased's family have intimated that they do not want contact with any officer from Police Scotland and any contact should be done through the PIRC

The PIRC lead is Billy LITTLE

As a result there is a problem with the Identification of the Deceased prior to the Post Mortem.

PIRC are going to make contact with Collette BELL to see if she will attend and identify.

The Post Mortem is taking place at 1400hrs today and will go ahead regardless. Identification will be ascertained through fingerprints [REDACTED].

Deceased's family have also expressed that they do not wish any local officer to be involved with this enquiry.

Mr CAMPBELL then provided with a brief summary of the known circumstances: -

Deceased had been at a family party with Zahid SAEED. They have had some form of verbal argument and his partner received a message from Deceased at some point to say that he had been 'Disrespected'

Deceased demeanour deteriorates throughout the evening

They arrive at Martin DICK's house between 3 and 4am. There was concern at his behaviour and his condition as a result of drink and or drugs.

Deceased leaves house followed by SAEED and both appear to arrive at Arran Crescent about 0500hrs.

At some point Deceased gives SAEED a handful of drugs which he has apparently flushed.

Deceased has then assaulted SAEED and makes off out the house.

This fits in with the timings of the sightings from the witnesses who see a male in the street with a knife. There are about 6 independent witnesses who contact the police and are recorded on the Storm Log.

PIRC have indicated that they are to give direction as to who should note statements from any significant witnesses, and we should stand off meantime any witnesses not yet seen.

CCTV Trawl and House to House however should continue.

Family are of the opinion that this is completely out of character for the deceased and do not believe that he would have had a knife.

DCI HOUSTON then gave a situation report on the 5 potential crime scenes:-

1. Deceased has been forensically recovered from the Hospital

2. Hayfield Road at Hendry Road . 360 Photographic has been done along with Roads Policing 360.

A POLSA search is still to be done on the gardens and Hedgerows.

3 [REDACTED] Collette Bell's address at [REDACTED] is awaiting result of the Post Mortem to decide relevancy

4 [REDACTED] Dick/Macleod home [REDACTED] There has only been a verbal argument in there and there does not appear to be any reason to retain that as a crime scene.

5 SAEED's mothers house. Locus photographed and clothing provided by SAEED. His Seat Toledo motor car [REDACTED] has been seized.

Productions: DC GRADY All officers PPE and clothing has been packaged as Prods.

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Mr CAMPBELL UKBA and Passport office are to be contacted to confirm the spelling of the Deceased's name.

DCI HARDIE Social Media is being researched.

DC STANFORD Going to do CCTV Trawl today

DS DURSLEY Have viewed the Mobile phone footage which shows Deceased in leg restraints but does not show any confrontation or baton strike.

SIM Card from taxi driver apparently only shows a male in the street. No sign of a knife.

Mr CAMPBELL, Priorities for the day will be to firm up on Deceased's movements from when he leaves the Arran Crescent address by way of H2H and CCTV.

All media will be dealt with by PIRC as they are the lead organisation.

Because family do not want contact with Police Scotland there will be No FLO deployment.

As a priority PIRC are looking as a matter of urgency for the first two DC's who arrived at the locus.

Mr CAMPBELL has instructed that the enquiry will go on HOLMES .

In House to House [REDACTED] is to be avoided as this is deceased's sisters address.

DS MORE is to be the point of contact with PIRC in relation to the handing over of manuscript statements.

Timing of evening briefing to be announced.

BRIEFING: 0915hrs 05/05/2015 AM BRIEFING TUESDAY - HALL KIRKCALDY

Chaired by DCI Hardie.

DCI HARDIE - PIRC are the primary investigators and we work under their instruction, as decided by Dave GREEN the senior Procurator.

The family have totally disengaged from the police and there are significant local policing issues and backlash from the family and community.

The PIRC do not yet have agreed terms of reference. They agree them with the crown then the crown advise the police of our terms of reference. The PIRC is made up largely of ex senior police officers and members of other agencies.

At present from Bernard Ablett advises that our terms of reference should be to investigate the police contact with the deceased.

At present police to conduct door to door from Arran Crescent to the locus in Hayfield Road . The PIRC will deal with door to door at the locus.

The police can do enquiry on the periphery of the locus but we should not take statements, just pass the line of enquiry to the PIRC.

The Post mortem was completed yesterday 04/05/2015. The deceased was found to have the following marks etc.:

The deceased has abrasions and bruising to upper and lower legs (consistent with batons strikes). He has bruising to wrists (consistent with handcuffs). Impact injuries to cheeks and a swollen left hand but no bony injuries. The swollen hand could be due to medical intervention but also we have evidence of the deceased punching cars. There was haemorrhaging to both eyes which is consistent with restraint asphyxia. There was NO bruising to the neck of the deceased to suggest any form of neck hold or choke had been used. The brain was described as cloudy which may be due to an infection which can cause the sufferer top be delusional act out of character and basically behave in an unpredictable way.

The cause of death is undetermined at this time pending toxicology results.

There is an inference that the deceased used drugs of some form due to the knowledge that he was a body builder and frequented the gym. This also supported by his physique.

PIRC are dealing with the family and Crime Scene Management is finished with the exception of SAEEDs car.

DS WILSON - H2H has found the following witnesses who need to be seen.

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Neil and Tegan MORGAN, [REDACTED] speaks to seeing the deceased. Neil speaks to the deceased re the knife in his hand and the deceased replies similar to "ITS BLUNT IM ALLOWED."

Neil RODES: [REDACTED] saw and heard the same fight, went out to try and calm the now deceased, saw him with a knife.

CCTV - DC STANFORD - Arranging to recover CCTV from the Shell garage Hendry Rd 0600 to 0730hrs

Footage from the Dash camera of the vehicle driven by Harry Kolberg obtained. It shows the now deceased on the roadway with a knife in his right hand. From the sound recording of the camera the passenger is heard to say "HES GOT A KNIFE". The taxi drives away to Hendry rd. by which time the now deceased is at Poplar Crescent . There is a view of about 3-4 cars U-turning in the street and the deceased following, the taxi also turns. This footage occurs about 1-2 minutes before the police arrive.

The footage from Gallachers pub has been recovered but not viewed. There are cameras which cover the car park and the min roundabout.

PIRC direction is to scope and recover only.

There are 3 premises within the PIRC area which require urgent recovery to ensure no over-write occurs.

DCI HARDIE - We can recover this footage.

DS WILSON - There are some private houses within the PIRC area which are believed to have private CCTV and may need the TSU to recover.

DCI HARDIE - Liaise and document all contact with the PIRC to ensure no issues arise at a later date.

DC STANFORD - Stills have been obtained footage from the camera on the back of the van. Due to the rain there are drops on the windscreen which the camera views through which have distorted the images slightly.

DC MCGREGOR - The company who own the van are based in Motherwell. Staff are finding out about the recovery of this footage today.

DCI HARDIE - The still photos may help to get the family on side but we need to get the still enhanced. Gary McEWAN will have to be liaised with regarding this.

CSM - DC FINCH - [REDACTED] : 3 knifes recovered from the property which are visually similar to the one the now deceased was carrying. They were in a kitchen drawer.

Various medications recovered mostly body building types, creatine tablets, herbal substances, gastro resistant tablets. There were on top of the fridge freezer and in a red rucksack in the same place.

Two fridge magnets were found on the floor inside and a further four in the rear garden plus a silver bracelet watch (broken) and pin for same at the bottom of the garden.

The watch from the front garden of number 14 has also been recovered.

The only other signs of a disturbance are a flat screen TV lying on floor in upstairs front bedroom. This may be due to some disturbance but is not confirmed.

PS WILSON - [REDACTED] has been handed back to PIRC. The car is being checked today. Intel is checking Internet every four hours.

DCI HARDIE - It is of note that on "Twitter" a female tweeted that she had seen the whole incident. PIRC will have to deal with her but contacting her to arrange a meet may be by police. Update from the federation is that the officers involved had been advised not to provide statements whilst there was the potential for criminality. Now this is not the case they are witnesses and any statements to be taken will be done by the PIRC. It is unlikely the police will have any involvement in this. Again we must record everything we do with the PIRC.

Telecoms enquiries are on hold at present due to the currently evidenced calls.

Hopefully the terms of reference will be established today but could be the end of the week.

DC McGREGOR - Police radio traffic between 0700 to 0900hrs has been seized.

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PRODUCTIONS - DC GILZEAN - There are a lot of productions to put on Holmes. Just recording and storing the productions at present. The PIRC can take them thereafter.

DCI HARDIE - Identify a room for the productions which will be unique to the enquiry. If necessary get a padlock and key for same with keys to the PIRC.

Forensic strategy is pending but we are awaiting PIRC instruction.

DS MORE - with regards the medical records for the deceased, the consultant said the records were with the body but officers dealing say they are not. Going back today to try and establish there whereabouts. The sudden death report has been submitted.

BRIEFING - 0800HRS 06/05/2015 – No briefing.