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DCC/ACC – this is the proposed media release that will go to PIRC and Crown for approval prior to us releasing it.

Kate, This SHOULD NOT be released until approval and confirmation that the FLO is with next of kin. Could you confirm this is understood?

Garry

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From: Shepherd, Nicola
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Death in police custody, Kirkcaldy

At around 7am this morning (Sunday, May 3) police in Kirkcaldy responded to a number of calls from members of the public reporting a man brandishing a knife in the Hayfield Road area.

On arrival the officers encountered the man and whilst attempting to apprehend him, he lost consciousness and a female officer also sustained a head injury.

Police officers commenced first aid procedures and the man was taken to Victoria Hospital by the Scottish Ambulance Service, where he sadly died. The female officer was also taken to hospital, and she has now been released.

Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent Garry McEwan said: "This is a tragic set of circumstances and my condolences go to the man's family. We currently have officers with them to provide information and support where appropriate.

"We recognise that this is an extremely difficult and distressing time for both the family and the officers involved and I have instigated the necessary post-incident procedures.

"The investigation of deaths in Scotland is the responsibility of Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, who have instructed the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner to lead on this enquiry. The circumstances into the death will be fully explored and reported to the Crown Office in early course"

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101

or anonymously through Crimestoppers on [REDACTED]

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