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SET UP OF INVESTIGATION

In view of discovery of body of Marion Ross at the above location in suspicious circumstances and no cause of death established house sealed 2 uniform officers with Post Mortem carried out and cause of death given

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1410 9 Jan 1997

Set Up of Investigation

Informed by D/Supt Malcolm that Post Mortem results indicate murder. Murder enquiry card index system initiated and located at Kilmarnock Office. DC Ferguson/Lunardi staff incident room.

Production officer appointed DC Kirkland and PC Steven
Family Liaison Officer appointed DC Hamilton
House to House Control Officers DS McPike and DC Benson

Briefing at 1500 hours 9/1/97

Immediate Request for HOLMES Incident Room to be set up at Kilmarnock due to circumstances of death.

1500 9 Jan 1997

Set Up of Investigation

Lines of Enquiry

Call IB and Forensic examinations
Family, Friend and Medical background of deceased
Movement of deceased
House to House

1800 10 Jan 1997 *

Set Up Enquiry

Manpower: Public holiday coverage for reactive CID 'U' Division - all other available resources on enquiry. Request maximum support 'H' CID and Strathclyde Divisions.

Working hours: 12 hours ordinary working day. 8 hours rest day working for essential personnel only agreed by Divisional Commander.

Briefings

0900 hours Monday to Friday. 1000 hours Saturday and Sunday. Morning briefings only unless important developments occur during the course of daytime enquiries which require to be conveyed to the teams.

Media

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With the assistance of media services Press briefing arranged for 1100 hours 10/1/97. Interviews given no details of injuries or weapons used. Following the briefing limit SIO involvement directly with the media. Regular releases via media services. Consider re-construction. Posters?

House to House

Concentrate on Irvine Rd west of railway bridge to traffic lights at Munro Avenue. Stevenson St, Gibson St Peace Ave estate area. Detective officers only and full statements from persons with knowledge or sightings of victim and also use initiative. Parameters over 5 years with PDFs for everyone.

TIE parameters for alibi statements 1600 6/1/97 to 1800 8/1/97.

Elimination prints from everyone who had access to house.

Search: Key for house used to lock front door missing. Imperative key found. Support Unit search requested for area for key and any other relevant items. To be fully briefed.

Lines of Enquiry: Itemised Billing

Requested fro D/Supt Lauder 'H' CID Intelligence up to date itemised billing in and out of deceased's home particularly for 6/1/97. Very important enquiry.

Staffing Levels:

'U' Division personnel:	19 CID officers on enquiries
Other Divisions	2 'F', 2 'K', 2 'G'
<u>Serious Crime Squad</u>	<u>4 officers</u>
Incident Room	1 Insp 'U' Div, 1 DS 'X' Div, 1 DS 'U' 1 DC 'U'
Div, 2 PCs 'U' Div, 2 PCs 'R'	
Admin Officer	1 Sgt 'U' Division

Forensic Liaison: Di McAllister direct liaison with Lab, IB and Fingerprints.

Policy: Laboratory will process clothing of all persons who require to be eliminated and initially examine for blood on such clothing. Swabbings from the deceased also to be examined ASAP. IB Lab SCRO policy meeting 13/1/97.

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CENTRAL RESEARCH

Contact to be made via liaison officer for profiling to be carried out on the murder. May be of particular value due to nature of incident.

RECONSTRUCTION

Start preparing reconstruction 20/1/97. Purchase identical clothing. Posters, media circulation.

MEDIA

Local papers for publicity Monday 13/1/97. General press release.

RESEARCH

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CPA of incidents in locus area particularly in relation to sneak-in thefts and housebreakings. Also MO suspects. Force Support Analyst utilised for itemised billing and any relevant charting.

1100 110197

Security of Locus. Once IB and Forensic are finished at house have a locksmith fully examine all locks and windows, doors to ensure that security of house cannot be overcome and rectified, other than by a true key.

1000 120197

construction. Priority contact IB endeavour to have computer created photo made superimposing deceased's clothing at time of death on to enquiry team photograph.

Working hours:- From Monday 13/1/97 10 hour shifts. 0830start briefing 0900. No more weekly rest day working.
Staffing:- Provided Serious Crime Squad return on Monday 13/1 (4 officers) plus another two then staffing levels sufficient for enquiries currently underway. Confirm staffing Monday 13/1.

Trace Unident

Priority to trace female seen by S24 Caldow at house am 7/1. Re-interview Caldow firm up on sighting and check with neighbour re any callers to their homes at relevant time in case Caldow confused.

Note: Once these lines of enquiry exhausted consider media appeals to come forward.

1000 130197

Staffing. 6 Serious Crime Squad requested via Set Supt Malcolm in addition 4 already who have worked on enquiry to return to enquiry.
Result: From D/Supt McNaughton no Serious Crime Squad Available 2 from Special Branch, 2 from Crime Intelligence.
Conveyed that I think this insufficient at present time.

Priority Enquiry Lines

Superimposed clothing photograph and preparation for reconstruction.

Media: Renewed appeals particularly locally

Locksmith: House examined today with IB present

Redacted Finite TIE

Taxis: Research any relevant pick ups in area 1600 6/1 to 1600 7/1

Additional Briefing

There will be an additional briefing today at 1800 hours in order that SIO can convey result of Lab, SCRO, IB meeting to enquiry staff.

1830 130197

IB Lab & SCRO Liaison

DI McCallister to be point of contact. Agreed at meeting 1500 13/1. We will prioritise alims for examination. SCRO will concentrate on these in order of priority. IB will systematically work through house without clogging up the system. Lab will concentrate on victims clothing & blood

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from house, associates friends very important. Vehicle to be examined but not priority.

Enquiry Lines

- 1 Herring bone weave impression to be checked against any clothing already seized.
- 2 Victims clothing photograph made available Media/Enquiry team.
- 3 TV Dinner type box enquiries - where bought, sell buy dates
- 4 Friends and family tracing and eliminating remain a priority.

0800 140197 *

Staffing Distribution;

Informed by DS MCPike that house to house progressing very well and that 4 pairs on this perhaps too many at present. Reallocate 2 pairs to other enquiries.

Priority: Teams to concentrate on TIE Redacted

Media: Appeal to female to come forward (1020 7/1/97)

1230 140197

Lines of enquiry:

Trace male seen in company of victim leaving from house. Last time seen three months ago but over a period of years has been seen leaving house with victim and in company with victim.

Media: All media releases via SIO and Media Services approval

Lab IB SCRO Awareness:

Via DI McAllister raise each depts awareness of the inability to totally alibi or TIE [REDACTED] and that examinations relating to his eliminations from the enquiry are a priority.

1800 140197

Additional Briefing

Relevant to carry out additional briefing. Footprint, clothing photos circulated and raised awareness re [REDACTED] alibi being incorrect. Stressing concentration on clearly laid down lines of enquiry. Keyring job and relevant missing person conveyed also.

0930 150197 *

Priority Lines:

Monarch logs for handwriting.

Shoeprint developed; Town Centre videos examined for sightings; purchase for reconstruction and purchase clothing; [REDACTED] enquiries; Leave 2 on house to house concentrate on this tomorrow late shift missing person returned - interview.

Lab IB update: Told of blood updates and [REDACTED] fingerprint

1100 150197

Reconstruction

Task admin Sgt to research and prepare vehicle stop, questionnaire and general reconstruction/extended house to house. Monday 20/1/97 Seek and arrange staffing for 20 extra uniformed officers.

National Crime Faculty

Utilise assistance from D/S Orr re national circulation of the murder -

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comparison with other crimes. Any other scientific advice available and prepare to enlist services of profiler if enquiry continues into next week.

1230 150197

Staffing Levels

Noted in discussion with HOLMES Office Manager that staffing levels currently available is adequately coping with the workload. However, 2 H CID provided and not 4 as detailed (Policy Sheet 13272) also no vehicle came with these officers. 'F' Division officers also have no vehicle

TIE [Redacted]
Policy decision that he is not to be re-interviewed regarding discrepancies in his alibi until:

- 1 Lab result on blood on his shirt
- 2 SCRO result on outstanding fingerprints; re-consider if further identification of his prints in house.

000 16/1/97

Staffing Levels

- 1 Request financial profiler from Fraud Squad be permanently attached to enquiry.
- 2 Request 2 additional staff members to research increasing volume of documents
- 3 Re-assess staffing levels if house to house increased. (Requested from D Ch Supt Orr)

Reconstruct at Locus

Witness [Redacted] to re-visit house and re-construct his movements on entering. Witness PC Hope to do same.

Search at Locus: Once IE and Lab are finished at locus POLSA trained search officer to search house to ensure nothing missed

(b/SCRO Liaison

Attend Pitt St and obtain update on position re prints and Forensic examination. Put forward usage of protien spray for footprint enhancement as recommended by National Crime Faculty.

Welfare of SIO Deputy:

Due to excessive working hours incurred by SIO and Deputy, 1 Rest day each will be taken on weekend of 18/19 January 1997

Deceased Financial Profile

Survey of home address and obtain current financial value on the market with a view to compiling full financial picture of monies which would be released on deceased's death.

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- 1 Due to sighting Gibson St have support Unit re-search area behind deceased home into area of sighting.
- 2 Questionnaire prepared for reconstruction
- 3 Issue computerised photograph recording individual allocation
- 4 Construct dummy - recreate dull thud
- 5 Obtain permission from PF for reconstruction

0900 180197

Lines of Enquiry

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Reconstruct Van at Annanhill Primary/Dull thud ASAP
 TIE [REDACTED] Weekend preparation for major exercise re him 20/1
 Support Unit brief re [REDACTED] searched Monday 20/1 + prowler search
 Itemised Billing Re-iterate urgency to CID Intelligence Mon 20/1
 Hse to Hse Extend to Yorke Place re running man
 NB maintain original direction; friends family associates + background of
 deceased.

0800 200197

Lines of Enquiry

Itemised billing since billing requested has not yet arrived analyst will
 start examining billing for 1996 found in deceased's home.
 London Edinburgh relatives although actioned and pending this has to acted
 immediately for TIE background purposes.

Staffing Levels

2 Officers from enquiry returning to 'F' Division understandably due to
 murder enquiry there. Request at least 2 officers to replace them.

Media

Major reconstruction today. Give press full access for interviews and to
 house to house teams in general terms No access to composite photograph
 of victim.

Release: No apparent sexual assault; valuables found in house; no signs of
 forced entry

Suspect Via Intelligence

[REDACTED] Local criminal wanted on warrant alleged to have made
 remarks to previously reliable informant that he was involved in the
 crime. Assistance requested from D/Supt Lauder Intelligence for
 specialised surveillance assistance to house and arrest [REDACTED]

TIE [REDACTED] Redacted

Obtaining warrants to seize and forensically examine [REDACTED]
 vans, search their premises and search [REDACTED] home. Contact with
 Procurator Fiscal.

Priority Lines of Enquiry

- 1 Trace owner and origin of red cavalier seen in victim's driveway and
 with victim on board
- 2 Trace woman with deerstalker hat seen at/near locus

0400 200197

Following consultation with PF Kilmarnock the following specific comments
 can be made

- 1 The victim would appear to have known the murderer
- 2 No apparent evidence of sexual assault
- 3 Nothing of value appears to be missing from house

0800 210197

Priority Lines of Enquiry

Suspicious male 19 Irvine Road 2030 6/1 Urgent to identify show
 photographs compile 'E'Fit

Will beneficiaries; full review and update relevant TIE actions

Itemised Billing: Urgency stressed to 'H' CID D/Supt Edgar

Outstanding Fingerprints Defined list of where.

House to House

Extend house to house into area of Yorke Place/David Orr St particularly
 due to sighting of running man eastwards Gibson St on 8/1/97 Utilise

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Support Unit who are available and have submitted good quality house to house enquiries 20/1/97

1000 210197

MEDIA: Due to totally out of context quotes and downright misquotes from media exercise 20/1/97 leading to allegations in some newspapers about a lesbian relationship in which the deceased was involved, contact Supt Gordon to voice dissatisfaction and conduct radio interview with radio Clyde to emphasise no evidence of sexual relationship.

1200 210197

Red Cavalier sighted in Victim's driveway
 Operative that this vehicle is traced and identified. To this end HOLMES system to be researched for all persons who knew her and they have to be re-questioned re ownership at any time or knowledge of any type of similar vehicle.

1430 210197

following fingerprint identification of David Asbury

- 1 Fully brief team at 1500 of development
- 2 Concentrate enquiries on gift tags and the history of work carried out by Asbury
- 3 Submit report to Procurator Fiscal requesting warrant to search his home, vehicle and curtelage of house.

1600 210197

Detention/Search Strategy

Specific tasks designated to individual officers by DI McAllister: 0630 Briefing Kilmarnock.

Asbury a section 14 detention taken straight to Kilmarnock. Sterile vehicles from 'R' Division for productions/detention. House treated as locus; forensic attendance, IE video attendance, Palsa Support Unit team to search house.

Surveillance

Request for full surveillance capacity from central surveillance unit on suspect with capability to do so until search/detention operation commences. For the following reasons:-

Public Safety

Defined knowledge of accused's location

Intelligence Purposes

Friends, girlfriends etc (another search locus)

Evidence gathering

Financial implications of unspecified locus in the AM

1930 210197

Surveillance

Informed that surveillance capacity will 'bed' him only, ie no following capacity once he is assessed to be in for the night. Not my original policy or request therefore surveillance teams briefed on grounds for detention and actions to be taken should suspect move following being 'bedded' and prior to arrival of search/detention teams.

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0615 220197

Briefing and working hours

0630 briefing for Lab, IE, Support Unit, Search and Detention teams.
Grounds for detention stated.

0800 Briefing for remaining enquiry teams actions prepared on family and friends and associates.

Suspect to be interviewed at Kilmarnock.

0700 220197

Asbury Interview

To be interviewed by DS Shields and DC Ferguson who have insert proper comfort breaks into interview and update me re progress during interview.

1200 220197

Asbury Arrest

Informed by interviewing officers of Asbury's denial of having been in the house since he worked there, of his demeanour and of his 38 second gap before answering whether he committed the murder or not. Also of money found in his home. Inform interviewing officers if he continued to respond to them in this manner he is to be arrested before the detention period finishes.

1720 220197

Voluntary Statement

Following Asbury's comments to DC McWilliam I arrange for DI McDonald to obtain a colleague who has not been involved in the enquiry to note a statement on tape under voluntary statement procedures. I endeavour to contact his solicitor.

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1700 220197

Briefing and Lines of Enquiry

Debrief held following Asbury's arrest to fully update enquiry team.

Priorities

All associates of Asbury full TIE.

Asbury's clothing and footwear priority to lab.

Financial profile Asbury and deceased.

Recovered money - IE for prints

Questionnaire re broken down vehicles Irvine Rd

0800 230197

Lines of Enquiry

Special Intelligence Bulletin - National preclude any other similar crimes being committed.

Do not discount 2 persons being involved in the crime, as stated full trace and TIE of all associates.

Source Asbury's money.

ID parade Sunday for all relevant witnesses.

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Endeavour to identify all unidents.
Docherty a priority to TIE.
POLSA search of deceased home.

0900 260197

Enquiry Lines

Historic enquiries to be carried out re all places the accused worked; ie homes, any other recalls by him.
Subject report to PF - re parade + money + shape in dust developments if applicable.
Concentrate on accused history and associates.
Staffing: current levels to be maintained

0930 290197

Enquiry Lines - Following Lab No Blood Update

Full TIE on all persons who worked or visited house
Full TIE of specific subjects
Relatives in London - Elime TIE
Endeavour to eliminate all fingerprints
Lab IB SCRO Liaison 1400 Wednesday 29/1 - direction
Enquiry team - same levels at least until 7/2/97

0830 300197

Enquiry Lines

Lab now look specifically for fibre evidence. No blood confirmed - stress importance of tracing Docherty, once again and for enquiry team to pursue TIE lines as previously briefed. Questionnaire very important. Statements to PF - SIO and Deputy to sift all statements and decide ones to go to PF

0900 300197

Redacted

0800 030297

Enquiry Lines

Following ident of deceased on confectionary box - bottom out all lines of enquiry re origin of box.
Blood: Liaise with D/Supt McNaughton & lab re process.
Remaining TIE's: now define up to Monday 6/1 Midnight
Itemised: On main friends of accused re any contact around time of murder.
Staffing: Review levels on Friday 7/2

End of print