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Statement from Police Investigations and Review Commissioner

A PIRC spokeswoman said: "The Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service has directed the Police Investigations & Review Commissioner to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of a 31 year old male on 3 May 2015 in the Kirkcaldy area who had been detained by the police shortly before his death.

"A report on the PIRC's findings will be submitted to the COPFS in due course.

"As this is a live investigation it would be inappropriate to comment further at this time."

Statement from Police Scotland

Fife Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent Garry McEwan said: "This is a tragic set of circumstances and my condolences go to the man's family.

"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."

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Notes: For guidance - While there was injury to a female officer, she did not suffer a stab wound.

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