

From: [Davidson, Lorraine](#)
To: [Media Edinburgh](#)
Subject: Re: Death in police custody, Kirkcaldy
Date: 03 May 2015 17:34:46

No problem.
Lorraine Davidson,
Head of Communications,
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Media Relations team: [REDACTED]
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From: Media.Edinburgh [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 03, 2015 05:33 PM
To: Davidson, Lorraine
Subject: Re: Death in police custody, Kirkcaldy

I'll have it with you shortly.

[Kate](#)

From: Davidson, Lorraine
To: Media Edinburgh
Sent: Sun May 03 17:28:23 2015
Subject: Re: Death in police custody, Kirkcaldy

Hi Kate,

Are you sending over final version of your release?

I'll get it approved asap.

Lorraine
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From: Media.Edinburgh [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 03, 2015 04:10 PM
To: Davidson, Lorraine
Subject: Re: Death in police custody, Kirkcaldy

[Thanks Lorraine](#)

[I need to discuss this with officers.](#)

[Can you please send me Steven McGowan's number.](#)

[Thanks](#)
[Kate](#)

From: Davidson, Lorraine
To: [REDACTED] ; _Media Relations [REDACTED]
Cc: Media Edinburgh
Sent: Sun May 03 16:07:34 2015
Subject: Re: Death in police custody, Kirkcaldy

Hi Kate,

As discussed the statement as drafted contains too much detail. We are content for it to be used internally but not publicly.

However, we are content for the following part of the quote to be used...

"This is a tragic set of circumstances and my condolences go to the man's family. Police Scotland is cooperating with PIRC" or something of that nature.

We are also content for you to confirm in notes to editors etc that an officer was not stabbed.

Lorraine

----- Original Message

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Sent: Sunday, May 03, 2015 03:33 PM
To: [REDACTED] ; _Media Relations [REDACTED]
Cc: 'media.edinburgh' [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Death in police custody, Kirkcaldy

Hi Kate,

I'll get back to you asap.

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Email: [REDACTED]

From: Lothian and Borders Police [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 03, 2015 03:30 PM
To: _Media Relations [REDACTED]
Cc: media.edinburgh [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Death in police custody, Kirkcaldy

Hello

It's Kate Finlay from Police Scotland in the East. We are dealing with a death in police custody in Kirkcaldy. (Please see release below) I am emailing from our iPad.

The incident has been reported to PIRC by Crown Office.

Can you approve release. I'm on [REDACTED] if you wish to discuss.

I need an urgent response to this please.

Regards
Kate

Sent from my iPad

On 3 May 2015, at 15:26, Lothian and Borders Police [REDACTED] wrote:

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 the 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]

ENDS

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