

OFFICIAL CORONER'S REPORT

Derbyshire Coroner's Office

Case Reference

DC/23/1147-VOSS

Deceased

Name: Gareth Michael Voss

Age: 41

Occupation: First-Team Fitness Coach, Derby County F.C.

Date of Examination

Tuesday, 14th November

Conducted By

Dr Eleanor Shaw

Senior Forensic Pathologist

Circumstances of Death

The deceased was discovered at approximately 6:42 AM within the hydrotherapy and rehabilitation suite at Moor Farm Training Centre.

The body was found supine beside the hydrotherapy pool with visible cranial injuries and significant blood loss present at the scene.

Initial assumptions of accidental injury were dismissed following forensic examination.

Evidence is consistent with a sustained physical assault involving blunt-force trauma and manual strangulation.

External Examination

The deceased was a well-built adult male measuring 6ft 1in in height and weighing approximately 94 kilograms.

Body temperature and rigor mortis suggest death occurred between:

5:50 AM and 6:10 AM

Notable External Injuries

1. Cranial Trauma

- Significant laceration above left temporal region
- Depressed skull fracture measuring approximately 6 cm
- Patterned bruising consistent with impact from a cylindrical metal object

2. Facial Injuries

- Bruising beneath right eye
- Split lower lip
- Abrasions to cheek and jawline

3. Neck Injuries

- Extensive bruising around anterior neck
- Fingertip pressure contusions visible beneath jaw
- Petechial haemorrhaging in both eyes consistent with strangulation

4. Defensive Wounds

- Deep scratches and skin tears to forearms
- Broken fingernails on right hand
- Bruising to knuckles indicating physical struggle

5. Torso Injuries

- Bruising across sternum and upper ribs
- Signs of compression consistent with forceful restraint

Internal Examination

Head and Brain

- Severe intracranial haemorrhage
- Fracture of temporal bone
- Significant cerebral swelling

Neck Structures

- Fractured hyoid bone
- Fractured thyroid cartilage

- Haemorrhaging in surrounding neck musculature

Chest

- Three fractured ribs (left side)
- Minor pulmonary bleeding caused by chest compression

Toxicology Results

- No alcohol present
 - Trace benzodiazepines detected at non-incapacitating levels
 - Elevated adrenaline and cortisol levels consistent with acute stress response
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Forensic Findings

Weapon Assessment

Injuries are consistent with repeated impact from the damaged metal massage gun recovered beside the body.

Blood and tissue samples from the weapon match the deceased.

DNA Analysis

- Skin fragments recovered beneath the deceased's fingernails
- DNA profile partially matches Linda Mercer
- Additional unidentified male epithelial cells present

Scene Assessment

Blood spatter patterns indicate:

- Initial strike occurred near treatment benches
- Victim remained mobile after first injury
- Secondary assault continued near hydrotherapy pool

Evidence suggests the victim remained conscious briefly following the initial blow and attempted to defend himself physically.

Cause of Death

Primary Cause

Severe blunt-force cranial trauma

Secondary Contributory Factors

Manual strangulation and thoracic compression during violent altercation

Coroner's Conclusion

The injuries sustained by Gareth Voss are inconsistent with accidental injury.

The nature of wounds indicates:

- Sustained assault
- Multiple stages of physical violence
- Significant force applied by at least one physically strong assailant

The deceased likely knew his attacker and initially did not attempt immediate escape.

Cause of death is formally recorded as:

Homicide

Signed,

Dr Eleanor Shaw

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Keycard Access Log — Moor Farm Training Centre

Security Access System Report

Date: Tuesday, 14th November

Time	Staff Member	Access Point	Result
5:41 AM	Elliot Kane	Main Entrance	Granted
5:43 AM	Elliot Kane	Server Room	Granted
5:50 AM	Marcus Doyle	Main Reception Entrance	Granted
5:54 AM	Marcus Doyle	Rehabilitation Corridor	Granted
6:03 AM	Linda Mercer	Medical Entrance	Granted
6:04 AM	Linda Mercer	Rehabilitation Corridor	Granted
6:18 AM	Elliot Kane	Server Room	Granted
6:31 AM	Linda Mercer	Reception Corridor	Granted

CCTV Systems Incident Report

Prepared By: Moor Farm IT Infrastructure Department

Incident Summary

At approximately **5:58 AM**, CCTV feeds covering:

- Rehabilitation Corridor
- Hydrotherapy Entrance
- Medical Hallway

all simultaneously lost signal.

Systems restored at **6:18 AM**.

Technical Findings

Diagnostic review identified:

- Manual remote interruption

- Originating terminal: Server Room Workstation 2
- User credentials used:

E.KANE_ADMIN

Additional Notes

No evidence of external hacking or automated failure.

Interruption required:

- Authorised staff credentials
- Internal network access
- Deliberate manual override