

The Last Session at Moor Farm

Participant Introduction Pack

The rain has not stopped for three days.

Low clouds hang over Moor Farm Training Centre, home of Derby County F.C., turning the floodlit pitches silver beneath the early morning darkness. Inside the training complex, tension has been building for weeks.

The club is in crisis.

League form has collapsed. Players are turning on coaching staff. Rumours swirl through the dressing room that senior figures are hiding serious internal problems from the club's ownership.

And this morning, somebody ended a man's life to keep those secrets buried.

At 6:42 AM on Tuesday morning, assistant groundskeeper Nathan Pike entered the rehabilitation wing to prepare recovery equipment for the first-team squad.

Instead, he found the body of first-team fitness coach Gareth Voss lying beside the hydrotherapy pool.

Blood stained the tiles.

A metal massage gun lay nearby, cracked and covered in blood.

At first glance, investigators believed Voss had slipped and suffered a catastrophic head injury.

That theory lasted less than ten minutes.

The post-mortem examination revealed evidence of a brutal physical assault:

- Severe blunt-force trauma to the skull
- Broken ribs
- Signs of strangulation
- Defensive wounds showing Gareth fought desperately before he died

This was no accident.

This was murder.

Police quickly sealed off Moor Farm and began interviewing everyone present in the building during the early hours of the morning. Almost immediately, detectives uncovered a web of conflict, lies and hidden motives.

Several people had reason to hate Gareth Voss.

Some feared exposure.

Some feared losing their careers.

Some feared prison.

As investigators dug deeper, they discovered:

- Security cameras had been deliberately disabled minutes before the killing
- Medical records may have been falsified
- Performance data had been manipulated
- Members of staff were hiding damaging personal secrets
- Multiple suspects lied about their whereabouts

Every person inside Moor Farm that morning is now under suspicion.

Including people trusted by the club for years.

Your role is to uncover the truth.

You and your team will examine:

- Suspect profiles
- Witness statements
- Coroner's findings
- Timeline inconsistencies
- Hidden relationships between suspects

Some evidence will be truthful.

Some statements will be misleading.

Some people are protecting themselves rather than the killer.

Your task is to determine:

1. Who killed Gareth Voss
2. How the murder was committed
3. Why it happened
4. Which pieces of evidence reveal the truth

Be warned:

The obvious suspect is not always the guilty one.

Witness Statement 1

Jamie Holloway — Under-21 Goalkeeper

Date: Tuesday, 14th November

Time Statement Taken: 09:15 AM

Taken By: DS Karen Holt

"I arrived at Moor Farm at roughly 5:45 AM. The youth keepers usually train separately before the first-team lads arrive, so I come in early most mornings.

It was still dark outside and raining heavily. I parked around the side entrance near the academy block because the main car park was nearly empty.

When I came inside, everything seemed normal at first. Reception lights were on but there weren't many people around. I remember seeing Nathan Pike outside carrying cones across the training pitches.

I headed toward the changing rooms. As I passed the corridor leading to the rehabilitation wing, I heard raised voices coming from inside.

One of them was definitely Gareth Voss. He had a loud voice — hard to mistake. He sounded angry. I couldn't make out every word, but I definitely heard him shout:

'You think you can keep hiding this?'

The other voice was male and deeper. Sounded older. I thought it could've been Marcus Doyle, but I can't swear to that.

The argument sounded heated. Not just football shouting — personal.

Then I heard a loud metallic bang, like something heavy hitting the floor or a locker.

Everything went quiet for maybe five or ten seconds.

After that, I heard what sounded like scuffling. Shoes scraping. Someone breathing heavily.

I honestly thought it might've just been another argument between staff and players. There'd been loads lately.

About a minute later, someone came quickly down the corridor past the changing rooms wearing a black Derby County coat with the hood up. I couldn't see the face clearly.

What stood out was how fast they were moving.

Not running exactly. More like trying not to be seen.

They exited toward the rear fire door near the gym.

A couple minutes after that I saw Linda Mercer heading toward the rehab area carrying a tablet and coffee cup. She looked normal at that point — maybe slightly annoyed, but nothing unusual.

I didn't hear anything else after that.

The next thing I knew was when Nathan started shouting that someone was dead.”

Witness Statement 2

Chloe Benton — Receptionist

Date: Tuesday, 14th November

Time Statement Taken: 10:05 AM

Taken By: DI Mark Ellison

“I've worked front desk at Moor Farm for about four years.

Things have been tense recently. Everyone could feel it. Staff arguing behind closed doors. Players unhappy. Gareth was right in the middle of a lot of it.

He was difficult sometimes. Aggressive. Intense. But he also seemed frightened this past week.

Yesterday afternoon — Monday — Gareth came to reception around 4:30 PM asking questions about CCTV storage.

He specifically asked me:

‘If footage gets deleted, does the system keep backups automatically?’

I joked asking whether he was planning a robbery, but he didn't laugh.

He looked exhausted. Proper stressed.

Then he said something strange:

‘If something happens to me, don't let them wipe the servers.’

I remember that exactly because it felt dramatic at the time.

This morning I started work at 6:00 AM. Marcus Doyle came through reception around 5:50 or 5:55. He barely acknowledged me. Normally he says hello.

He looked furious about something.

A few minutes later Elliot Kane passed through reception carrying a laptop bag. He seemed nervous. Sweating despite the cold weather.

At approximately 6:10, there was a brief flicker in the building lights. Maybe two or three seconds. Our computers rebooted afterward.

Then around half six Linda Mercer came to reception asking whether anyone had seen Gareth.

She looked shaken by then.

At 6:42 Nathan Pike burst through reception yelling for an ambulance.”

Witness Statement 3

Aaron Whitfield — First-Team Striker

Date: Tuesday, 14th November

Time Statement Taken: 11:20 AM

Taken By: DS Karen Holt

“Everyone knew Gareth and Marcus hated each other lately.

It started about six weeks ago when Marcus failed some conditioning tests. Gareth basically told the manager he wasn't fit enough to start.

Marcus took that personally.

Friday after training they had a massive row in the tactical analysis room.

Gareth said:

‘Your body's gone and you know it.’

Marcus shoved him into one of those magnetic tactics boards. Proper hard. Staff had to separate them.

After that they barely spoke unless it turned into another argument.

Marcus had been under pressure anyway. Fans questioning him. Rumours he'd been taking painkillers just to keep playing.

Gareth knew a lot about the medical side of players. Too much, probably.

Yesterday after lunch I walked into the gym and saw Gareth arguing with Elliot Kane too.

Gareth accused him of manipulating sprint data and covering up failed recovery numbers.

Elliot looked terrified.

Gareth told him:

'When ownership sees this, you're done.'

I think Gareth had made enemies everywhere.

But if you're asking me who looked capable of killing someone in a fight?

Marcus Doyle.

No question."

Witness Statement 4

Linda Mercer — Head Physiotherapist

Date: Tuesday, 14th November

Time Statement Taken: 1:10 PM

Taken By: DI Mark Ellison

"Yes, Gareth and I had history.

We were involved briefly several years ago. It ended badly but we remained professional.

Recently Gareth became paranoid. He thought everyone was conspiring against him.

He accused me of approving treatment methods that breached regulations. That accusation is false.

This morning I arrived around 6:03 AM. I parked near the medical entrance because of the weather.

As I entered the corridor leading toward rehabilitation, I noticed the CCTV monitor near the physio office was blank.

That immediately struck me as odd.

I then saw Elliot Kane near the server room carrying a toolkit. He looked startled when he saw me.

I asked what he was doing and he said:

'System update.'

He avoided eye contact.

I continued toward the rehab suite because Gareth was supposed to send me updated recovery schedules before training.

The hydrotherapy room door was partially closed.

When I entered, Gareth was already on the floor.

There was blood beside his head.

At first I thought he'd slipped, but then I saw bruising around his throat.

I panicked.

I checked for a pulse but couldn't find one.

I admit I touched the massage gun nearby while trying to move it away from him. That explains my fingerprints.

I did not kill Gareth Voss.

I left immediately to find help because I was in shock.

And yes — before you ask — Gareth did threaten me recently.

But threatening someone and murdering them are very different things.”

Witness Statement 5

Elliot Kane — Performance Analyst

Date: Tuesday, 14th November

Time Statement Taken: 2:25 PM

Taken By: DI Mark Ellison

“I know how this looks.

Yes, I changed some data.

But I didn't do it for myself.

Senior people at the club wanted certain fitness reports adjusted before contract reviews and match assessments.

Gareth found out last week.

He threatened to expose everything to ownership and the league if necessary.

I was terrified.

This morning I came in earlier than usual because I wanted to fix some server records before Gareth arrived.

That's why my keycard shows 5:41 AM.

I went to the server room and remotely shut down part of the CCTV system for a few minutes. I know that sounds awful, but I only did it because I didn't want anyone seeing me accessing protected files.

I never intended for anyone to get hurt.

At around 5:55 I saw Marcus Doyle heading toward the rehabilitation corridor.

He looked angry.

A few minutes later I heard shouting.

Then a loud bang.

I froze.

I swear I didn't go into the room.

When Linda saw me near the server room, I panicked because I knew I'd already done something stupid.

But I am not a murderer.

Marcus Doyle is."

Witness Statement 6

Nathan Pike — Groundskeeper

Date: Tuesday, 14th November

Time Statement Taken: 3:00 PM

Taken By: DS Karen Holt

"I start early setting up pitches before first-team training.

I got to Moor Farm around 5:20 AM. It was hammering down with rain.

I was outside most of the morning setting cones and moving equipment sheds.

I did argue with Gareth yesterday evening.

He embarrassed me in front of staff because one of the academy pitches was waterlogged.

He called me useless.

But I didn't kill him.

At about six o'clock I came back inside through the rear entrance to grab extra marker poles.

While inside I heard shouting coming from the rehab corridor.

I recognised Gareth's voice.

Then I heard something hit the wall really hard.

I walked toward the corridor but stopped when I heard someone yelling:

'You've ruined everything!'

I got nervous and backed away.

A minute later Marcus Doyle came out of the corridor breathing heavily. He saw me.

He just stared for a second.

Then he said:

'You didn't see anything.'

I didn't know what to do.

I panicked and left through the fire exit because I already owe money from gambling and I thought nobody would believe me if I got involved.

About half an hour later I went back inside and found Gareth lying beside the hydrotherapy pool.

That's when I called for help."