



# Transcript of part of a recorded interview

Anthea Barnes

Date: Wednesday February 9th 2022

At Questings Police Station

Present: Anthea Barnes and Det Con Ruth Armstrong

D C Armstrong	Mrs Barnes, we have been told that you had a caller at Dray House in the weeks leading up to your ex-husband's death. We believe that man may have been the same man found dead at the bottom of the staircase.
Anthea Barnes	Really? I didn't recognise him. A caller?
D C Armstrong	A man who came to the door, asking for Mr Sayers and handed you a package.
Anthea Barnes	Oh! Yes, I had forgotten about that completely. Yes, a man arrived, asked for Simon and thrust this envelope into my hands. I honestly couldn't tell you what he looked like. He was dishevelled and had long hair and a beard but he said he knew Simon and asked me to give him the package. I suppose it might have been the same man.
D C Armstrong	Did you open the package?
Anthea Barnes	No. I just put it on Simon's desk. I didn't even ask him about it. I forgot all about it.
D C Armstrong	Mrs Cotton saw him from an upstairs window. Do you know if anyone else saw the man?
Anthea Barnes	No. I wouldn't have a clue who was looking out of the windows. Simon was out. Louis was home as was Claire and obviously Mrs Cotton. Ben was...oh actually Ben had been out but he arrived home as the man walked away. Ben stopped on the drive and the man spoke to him through the car window. I have no idea what was said.



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Anthea Barnes	<p>When Ben came into the house he asked me who the man was and what he wanted.</p> <p>He was a bit concerned by the man appearing on the doorstep and said we needed to make sure the gates were locked and only opened by us. We'd got into the habit of leaving the gates to the grounds open all day and just shut them at night.</p> <p>There's a control panel by the door.</p> <p>We made sure to shut them after the man had left.</p>
D C Armstrong	Did Mr Lee-Lyinn appear to recognise the man who called?
Anthea Barnes	He didn't seem to and he didn't ask much about him. He was more concerned about our security I think.
D C Armstrong	Thank you, Mrs Barnes. That was very helpful.
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