



## Transcript of part of a recorded interview

Jennifer Cotton

Date: Tuesday February 8th 2022

At Questings Police Station

Present: Jennifer Cotton, Det Con Ruth Armstrong

D C Armstrong	Thank you for coming in Ms Cotton. I understand you wanted to see us.
Jennifer Cotton	<p>I did.</p> <p>I'm not sure I should be here or what my employers might think but I felt you needed to know something.</p> <p>It's about the man who died at Dray House. I told you I didn't recognise him and I didn't really but I saw a photo in the paper of him after you identified him and I realised I had seen him before.</p>
D C Armstrong	You knew him?
Jennifer Cotton	<p>Oh no. Not me.</p> <p>It's just that he came to the house one day. I think. I think it was him but he looked rather different lying on the floor at the bottom of the staircase dressed in a suit.</p>
D C Armstrong	Did you speak to him?
Jennifer Cotton	<p>No. I was upstairs and was bringing the laundry downstairs when I heard the doorbell. Mrs Barnes called out that she would get it and when I got to the top of the stairs she had opened the door and this man was there. I didn't hear what he said at first but when she replied he started shouting and ranting at her</p> <p>I wasn't exactly sure what he was so upset about but he kept shouting Mr Sayers' name—Simon.</p> <p>He was looking for him.</p>



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Jennifer Cotton	<p>I knew Mr Sayers was at work. This was a few weeks before Mr Sayers died.</p> <p>The next thing, he threw something at Mrs Barnes and turned on his heel and walked away. I saw him walk down the drive.</p>
D C Armstrong	<p>What did Mrs Barnes do?</p>
Jennifer Cotton	<p>She shut the door. It turned out he had thrown an envelope at her addressed to Mr Sayers.</p> <p>She said she would take it to his study and leave it on his desk.</p>
D C Armstrong	<p>Did Mrs Barnes seem to know the man?</p>
Jennifer Cotton	<p>I don't think so. She looked shocked at the interaction. She was white as a sheet after he left.</p>
D C Armstrong	<p>Did anyone else see or speak to him?</p>
Jennifer Cotton	<p>I don't know if anyone else saw him. The family were all in, I think, even Mr Barnes was working from home that day.</p>
D C Armstrong	<p>And did you see what was in the envelope?</p>
Jennifer Cotton	<p>No. I didn't see the envelope again. Mrs Barnes put it on Mr Sayers' desk and I don't know what happened to its contents.</p>
	<p>END OF TRANSCRIPT</p>