



Mystery of Vanishing Strathclyde Lecturer.

Students of Doctor Stephen Pritchard, history lecturer, were shocked to discover that the good Doctor had simply vanished from the room, which moments earlier they had witnessed him enter. Doctor Pritchard having said that he had left his papers in the lab and had gone to collect them. After a period of perhaps fifteen minutes student Albert Richardson went into the lab to check on Doctor Pritchard. Where he discovered that the Doctor had vanished. The other door to the lab was locked and all the windows were closed. A thorough search was made of the building but no one had seen Doctor Pritchard. The Doctor did possess a key to the lab although no one saw him exit from the lab or building. Police have started to search for Doctor Pritchard and have said that there is no evidence of foul play but that it is too early in their investigations to rule out the possibility.

Doctor Pritchard had recently come into the public eye when he led the recent protest over the new Ikea development. At which he had protested "The country must place its historic sights above commercial development". It was later found after an extensive dig that the sight was in fact of little historic value. The Doctor nonetheless concluded, "when ever this kind of sight comes to our attention it is our duty to launch a thorough investigation. I do not agree that this has been done on this occasion. The Council have once more caved into big business." Doctor Pritchard a family man with two children Carol 19 and Jennifer 16 as well as his wife Christina.

The family are said to be profoundly shocked at the disappearance and have commented, "It is impossible that he has run off. The police should be launching a crime investigation not a missing persons investigation." To which the police Chief Inspector Macalister said "While the police force have every sympathy with the family there is simply no indication of anything untoward. A complete investigation of the University building has been made. But, I assure you at this stage of the investigation nothing is being ruled out.

Glasgow Stunned by Second Murder.

The murder of Paul Anderson has stunned the People of Glasgow. Strathclyde Police revealed the shocking news early this morning. The murder of Mr. Anderson is said to resemble that of Carol Martin to such a degree that both cases are being linked. Mr. Anderson's Body was discovered atop Hurler Hill, in the Nitshill region of the city. Edward Evans, a Janitor at Hurler House, found his body at 5:30 a.m. on the 23rd of September. Mr. Evans is being treated for shock in the near by Dykebar Hospital. The Police have not as yet released details of either crime. However, it has been discovered that the form of the murders is said to be ritualistic. Inquiries have been made among the city's occult society as to whether they can cast any light on to what kind of ritual is involved. As yet these inquiries have proved to be inconclusive.

Mr. Anderson's neighbours and friends have been deeply effected by the news of his death. Which will surly most effect the pupils of Govanbank Primary School were he had served as Assistant Head Teacher for the previous 3-years. The body is expected to be released for burial early next week.

PLUG IS PULLED ON CITY CCTV SYSTEM

CITY chiefs want to halt Glasgow's much-hyped CCTV programme, which is on the brink of a crushing cash crisis.

Critical City Fathers are calling for a moratorium on any new closed circuit TV systems being installed until funding fears are fully addressed.

A shock interim report by a best value review group on the monitoring system clubbed the scheme with a slew of complaints.

Brought forward because of some of the biting findings that have emerged, the strongly worded report has left an axe hanging over the system's future.

It's authors fear unless more money is found; ALL of Glasgow's CCTV systems could face being turned off.

And they argue cameras are being installed willy-nilly across the city not necessarily in crime black spots.

While new systems already in the pipeline are still likely to get the green light, council leaders want to see proper funding secured before agreeing to other proposed monitors.

Since its inception in 1994, closed circuit television systems have been hailed as miracle cures to curb Glasgow's chronic crime rate.

But despite being used to ensnare vicious thugs, critics have noted its failure to cut crime in the city.

Research by the Scottish Centre for Criminology revealed in the year following the introduction of CCTV, recorded crime rose by nine per cent in Glasgow, while detection fell by four per cent.

The new report by a group of council officials, community safety representatives and the police further scrutinises the viability of Glasgow's eight CCTV street watch schemes and three planned systems.

It rapped "It is now apparent several existing systems are experiencing difficulties in securing the appropriate level of revenue to sustain service provision.

"The planned addition of other CCTV systems will put a further strain on the already limited financial resources, public and private, which can be attracted to support such systems.

"Under the present conditions many, if not all, CCTV systems are not sustainable over the medium and long term without a considerable increase in budget provision towards revenue costs."

The best value core group estimates £1m per year will be needed to meet operational costs of existing systems.

While restrictions imposed as a result of the Data Protection Act 1998 and the European Convention of Human Rights Regulations will also see costs increase.

Another crushing concern is the ad-hoc manner in which systems have been installed throughout the city.

While the inconsistent monitoring of systems, which vary from between eight and twenty-four hours per day, was also criticised.

The unstructured development means that systems are being installed in areas that do not relate to crime hot-spots.

The report said: "CCTV development across the city is therefore piecemeal and unfocused."

Depute council leader Councillor Jim Coleman argued CCTV has been a victim of its own success. He said "Its a mish-mash of funding for the CCTV systems in the city.

"The funding sources are too strained. Unless we can put something in place that is going to guarantee the long term future of existing systems, then there's no point in allowing other systems to sprout up.

"We have to consolidate what we have got and put in place a proper package to guarantee its future."

"I wasn't sure how far to trust this bloke?" said Mr En ed. "Going to him was mostly the wife's idea, but I was concerned for the kids, so I was willing to try anything."

They put off calling Mr Klestenfel until a week ago when they felt that their daughter Samantha was directly threatened.

They went to stay with a sister in Knightswood. Two days ago they received a call from the police telling them their house had been burnt to the ground. They immediately recounted the facts about the incident and Mr Klestenfel's involvement to the police and a Warrant was issued for his arrest.

Last night Mr Klestenfel was in police custody and his son in the care of Social Services.

Mr Klestenfel claimed that the Spirits themselves started the con agration. "They wanted to secure their haunt from the En ed's interference." He was quoted as saying. A psychological evaluation will be ordered before he can stand trial.

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