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GEMMA ADAMS MURDER ENQUIRY - UPDATE 1

Detectives are renewing their appeals for information following the discovery of 25-year-old Gemma Adams body in a brook at Thorpes Hill in Hintlesham at the weekend.

Gemma's naked body was discovered by a member of the public at approximately 11.50am on the morning of Saturday 2nd December.

Following a post mortem by a Home Office Pathologist further tests need to be carried out to ascertain the cause of Gemma's death.

Police have begun a murder investigation and are very keen to hear from anyone who may have information in relation to Gemma's murder.

Detective Chief Inspector David Skevington said: "The response so far from the extensive media coverage has been very promising with a number of people calling in to the incident room with information. I would urge people to continue calling us if they feel they have information that could be related to Gemma's disappearance and murder."

"Gemma's clothing remains outstanding and we still need to locate these items which may provide vital evidence in relation to what happened to her the night she went missing."

When Gemma was last seen she was wearing a black waterproof waist length jacket with a hood and a zip up the front, light blue jeans with studs on the pockets, a red top and white and chrome Nike trainers, she was also carrying a black handbag.

Det Ch Inspector David Skevington continues "Specialist teams of officers including an underwater search team are continuing searches today and these will continue for the next few days."

"We are renewing our appeals to anyone who has been in the area Gemma's body was discovered to call us, they may have information in relation to suspicious activity. We are not only appealing to people who live in the area, but people who have driven through the area, or been there to fish at the lakes and brooks or walk in the surrounding fields."

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“Further enquiries need to be carried out to try to ascertain how long Gemma had been in the water but our appeals are to people who had been in the area of Thorpes Hill in Hintlesham in the past two and a half weeks since Gemma went missing on the 14th November.

“ Anyone who noticed any suspicious activity in the area or has found any items of clothing matching the description of those worn by Gemma on the night she went missing is asked to call us a matter of urgency.”

“Family Liaison Officers are continuing to stay in close contact with Gemma’s family and partner to try to provide help and support at this very difficult time.”

Calls in relation to the enquiry should be made to the Incident Room on 01473 613538 or Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

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