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### GEMMA ADAMS MURDER ENQUIRY

Police are today beginning a murder enquiry following the suspicious death of 25-year-old Gemma Adams.

The body of a woman was discovered by a member of the public in a brook at Thorpes Hill in Hintlesham at approximately 11.50am on the morning of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

A Home Office Pathologist carried out a post mortem examination at Ipswich Hospital yesterday, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Further tests need to be carried out to ascertain the cause of death.

Formal identification took place yesterday afternoon and confirmed that the body was that of missing 25-year-old Gemma Adams.

Police are treating Gemma's death as suspicious and have therefore begun a murder investigation.

Gemma, from Blenheim Road in Ipswich had come into town on the evening of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November with the intention of working as a prostitute.

Gemma was reported missing to police by her partner at 2.55am on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November after failing to return home.

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.

Detective Chief Inspector David Skevington who is overseeing the investigation into Gemma's murder said: "The main focus of our investigations over the next few days will be in the area Gemma's body was discovered. This is a remote area, often used by anglers, dog walkers and ramblers; it is not an area that is easily accessible by car.

" Specialists search teams are currently conducting searches in the area the body was discovered. It has been necessary to close a section of the A1071 whilst these searches take place.

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“We will be looking to use specialist resources from other forces such as dive teams to also help with this enquiry.

“When Gemma was found, her body was naked and we therefore need to try to find her clothing as a matter of urgency.

“Further enquiries need to be carried out to try to ascertain how long Gemma had been in the water but our appeals are to anyone 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.”

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

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