



Devonwall Police

MAJOR CRIME INVESTIGATION TEAM

CSI

SCENE EXAMINATION REPORT

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Primary scene - Stannon Field, near Tavistock

SCENE ADDRESS Stannon Field, off Drakewalls Lane, near Tavistock PL19 8NX	
SCENE REFERENCE CURLEW/SC1	SCENE TYPE Primary scene - sudden/unexplained death (outdoor)
LOCATION EXAMINED Open pasture, approx. 40m north-east of the field gate	
EXAMINED BY (CSI) CSI 027 J. Tregaskis	CRIME SCENE MANAGER CSM 0114 D. Trelease
DATE ATTENDED 13 Jun 2026	TIMES (ARRIVED - COMPLETED) 09:55 - 15:20
WEATHER & CONDITIONS Dry and bright, light westerly; 14C; open moorland	
CSI EXHIBIT PREFIX JT/ (allocated to examiner)	OFFICER IN CASE DS 4471 R. Prowse

This report records the examination of the scene listed above by the examining Crime Scene Investigator and the exhibits recovered. It is a factual account of observations; it is not a statement of cause and any interpretation is provisional pending submission to Trelawny Forensic Services and the coroner's pathologist.

SCENE DESCRIPTION

- I attended Stannon Field, off Drakewalls Lane, near Tavistock PL19 8NX at 09:55 on 13 Jun 2026 at the request of CSM 0114 D. Trelease. On arrival the inner and outer cordons were in place and managed by the scene log officer; I signed the scene log on entry and donned a clean scene suit, overshoes, double gloves and a mask before following the single common approach path marked along the field edge.
- The scene is an area of open moorland pasture on the fringe of Dartmoor, reached through a metal field gate off the single-track lane and bounded by drystone walls and gorse. There are no buildings within the cordoned area. The ground was rough grass, damp underfoot, with a scatter of loose moorland stone. Being an open scene, the question of forced entry does not arise.
- The body of a female (the deceased) lay prone, face downward in the grass, approximately 40m north-east of the field gate, in the position recorded by the first officer. Life had been pronounced extinct by the attending paramedic at 08:22, before my arrival. I did not move or examine the body, which remained the responsibility of the pathologist; my examination was confined to the surrounding ground.
- Immediately beside the head of the deceased lay a rounded moorland stone, roughly the size of two clenched fists, bearing apparent bloodstaining and a few adherent hairs on its upper surface. The grass beneath the head was stained with what appeared to be blood. About 2m away were a part-empty vodka bottle and several lager cans, consistent with a gathering having taken place.

5. A mobile telephone lay screen-down in the grass close to the deceased's right hand. The grass was flattened in the immediate area of the body but there were no drag marks indicating the body had been moved any distance. These features were photographed in situ before any item was recovered.

EXAMINATION & RECOVERY

Items were recovered after photography in situ, individually packaged, sealed in tamper-evident bags bearing the exhibit reference, and entered on the continuity record. Refs are consecutive with no gaps and carry forward to the MG12 schedule.

EXHIBIT REF	ITEM RECOVERED	WHERE RECOVERED	PACKAGING / SUBMISSION
JT/1	Moorland stone, rounded, approx. 12 cm, bearing apparent blood and adherent hair on the upper surface; recovered for blood, hair and DNA	Beside the head of the deceased, approx. 40m NE of the field gate	Box, sealed; submitted Trelawny Forensic Services TFS/26/0455
JT/2	Mobile telephone (Halcyon H9, black), screen-down, powered on; the deceased's handset; seized for download	In the grass at the deceased's right hand	Faraday bag, sealed; submitted Digital Forensics Unit DFU 0118
JT/3	Bloodstained grass and soil sample, cut from beneath the head of the deceased	Beneath the head, approx. 40m NE of the field gate	Nylon bag, sealed; submitted Trelawny Forensic Services TFS/26/0456
JT/4	Vodka bottle (part-empty) and four lager cans; swabbed at openings for DNA, retained for fingerprints	Grass, approx. 2m south of the body	Bottle bag & box, sealed; submitted Trelawny Forensic Services TFS/26/0457
JT/5	Footwear impression, partial, in soft ground; gel-lifted and photographed with scale	Soft ground approx. 1m NE of the body	Gel lift, sealed; submitted Trelawny Forensic Services TFS/26/0458
JT/6	Control sample, grass and soil, taken from undisturbed ground for elimination	Field edge, approx. 15m west of the body	Swab/nylon bag, sealed; held Devonwall Police property store

PHOTOGRAPHY

A full photographic record of the scene was made before any item was moved, working from the general to the specific. The numbered photographic schedule and the original image card are produced and exhibited separately by the examiner and are not reproduced in this report. The diagram below is a not-to-scale orientation sketch only.

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SCENE OVERVIEW DIAGRAM (not to scale)

Orientation sketch only - no photograph reproduced.

CONTAMINATION CONTROL & CONTINUITY

For more information, please refer to the photographic schedule CURLEW/SC1/PH for the indexed image set.

1. Anti-contamination measures were observed throughout. A clean scene suit, mask, overshoes and double gloves were worn; outer gloves were changed between the body area and each recovered item, and discarded gloves were bagged as waste. A single common approach path along the field edge was used for entry and exit.
2. No eating, drinking or smoking took place within the cordon. Each exhibit was photographed in situ, recovered with clean instruments, packaged separately to prevent cross-transfer, sealed with a tamper-evident seal bearing the exhibit reference, and recorded on the continuity log. Control and elimination samples were taken as recorded above.
3. Continuity of each exhibit is maintained from recovery to submission. Items submitted to Trelawny Forensic Services and the Digital Forensics Unit were transferred under seal and signed for on receipt. I have had no prior contact with any nominal in this investigation that would compromise the integrity of the examination.

Continuity. Every exhibit above is sealed and bears its reference and a continuity label. Each subsequent movement (submission, examination, return) is recorded on the corresponding continuity record and carried forward to the MG12 schedule. Exhibits must not be unsealed save in the presence of an authorised examiner.

CONCLUSIONS

The following observations are provisional and recorded for the assistance of the investigation; they are not findings of fact and do not state a cause of death, which is a matter for the pathologist and coroner.

1. This is an open moorland scene; there is no structure and the question of forced entry does not arise. The drink containers (JT/4) are consistent with a gathering having taken place in the field.
2. The position of the body (prone), the bloodstained moorland stone lying beside the head (JT/1), the blood in the grass beneath the head (JT/3), and the absence of any extended drag marks are consistent with the deceased having come to rest where she fell. The stone is a candidate for the instrument that caused the head injury and is submitted for blood, hair and DNA examination; its significance is a matter for the pathologist.
3. The deceased's mobile telephone (JT/2) was submitted to the Digital Forensics Unit (DFU 0118). Their examination is reported separately; I am informed it records a draft video being deleted from the handset at **23:52 on 12 June 2026**. The footwear impression (JT/5) and the swabs are submitted accordingly.

DECLARATION OF EXAMINING CSI

This report consists of CURLEW/SC1 and records my examination of the scene and the exhibits recovered. The contents are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I made it knowing that, if it were tendered in evidence, I would be liable to prosecution if I had wilfully stated anything I knew to be false or did not believe to be true.

CSel 027 J. Tregaskis

EXAMINING CSI - SIGNATURE & NUMBER

DATE - 15 JUN 2026