

IN THE CROWN COURT AT SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton Combined Court Centre
The Courts of Justice
London Road
Southampton, Hampshire
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BEFORE:

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE WILLIAM MOUSLEY KC
THE HONORARY RECORDER OF SOUTHAMPTON**

BETWEEN:

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PROSECUTION

- and -

**VICKRUM DIGWA
KIRAN KAUR**

DEFENDANTS

Legal Representation

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Other Parties Present and their status

Mr *Sagib Ajile* (Punjabi Interpreter)

Witness Evidence of [Witness 4] (Read)

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Mr King: It's the statement of [Witness 4], gives his occupation as a student. He says:

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"This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I've wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or [*do,*] do not believe to be true."

He signs and dates it 14 December 2025. He says:

C

"I am [Witness 4]. I make this statement in relation to a social gathering I held at my house on Wednesday 3 December 2025. I will mention the following people. Henry Nowak, he was on the university football team. In the following days, I became aware he lost his life that night. I will refer to him as Henry. Robin [REDACTED], this is the president of the football team. I'll refer to him as Robin. There were between 20 to 25 other people at my house that night, so I will not be able to name them all. They were all on the university football team.

E

The location of my university accommodation is in the Portswood area of Southampton and is close to Portswood Road. My address is a seven bedroom house which is student accommodation. I live with six other housemates. I held the social in the living room area and the kitchen. This was on the ground floor.

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On Wednesday 3 December 2025, the weekly football team social was being held. This happens in the evening after we play a match, and on this occasion it was held at my house. All the boys on the team would dress up in a suit and tie, watch football, and have some pre drinks until about 10.30pm before going out to Circuit Nightclub on Above Bar Street in Southampton. I'd usually tell the boys at this time to start booking Uber taxis so that the boys do not spend too long queuing to get into the club.

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At about 8pm, the social started, which is when I told people to arrive. Some people arrived early, though Henry was relatively late, arriving at about 8.30pm. To my knowledge, he came directly to my house, and this was the first time I saw him that evening. I've looked at my messages on my phone and I think about 20 to 25 people were there in total. I remember seeing Henry drinking *whilst at my house*" --

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(banging sound in background)

Mr Lobbenberg: Sorry.

C

Mr King:

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"I saw him with a can of Strongbow Dark Fruit, but I don't know how much he had to drink that night. In total, I had about 15 minutes of conversation with him. This was a ten minute conversation and a five minute conversation. These were about Arsenal. Henry and I are both Arsenal supporters and had this in common. Henry seemed sober to me and held the conversation quite well. I did not hear any slurring in his speech. He seemed his usual self.

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At about 9.30pm, most of the committee members went to Sainsbury's in Portswood to get some more alcoholic drinks. I assume Henry went with the earlier group at about 9.15pm. This group was with Robin. I saw Henry with this group but not leave with them. I would guess about ten people left with this group. I stayed in the house with three or four members of the team, who were very drunk, and then went with the second group at 9.30pm. At about 9.40pm, all the boys returned to my house and they carried on drinking. I did not notice any change in Henry.

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At about 10.45pm, I asked Henry to make his way to Circuit, but he replied that he did not have a ticket and that he would go see other friends. I do not know who these other friends were. I told him to have a good night, and I did not see him leave the house. I stayed at the house for about another five to ten minutes to sort out Ubers for the boys. I then went in an Uber to Circuit myself.

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I'd describe Henry as a white male who was approximately 5'11" in height and was 18 years of age. I'd describe his build as average but top heavy, with slicked to the side, combed over, medium length, dark brown hair. Henry *is of* fair complexion, no distinguishing features. Henry was wearing white collared formal shirt, black formal trousers, a dark blue tie, and black formal shoes. He may have been wearing a jumper but I cannot be sure. Henry was not carrying anything that I can remember. I think I spent about 20 to 30 minutes in total with Henry. Closest distance I was at arm's length, *this meant* he was clear and there no obstructions to my view of Henry.

B

C

I do not know Henry well but had seen him weekly since September 2025. I did not know him before he started university in September 2025. I remember my interactions with Henry that night because I was sober and did not have any other notable interactions that night. I spent the evening getting to know the younger boys of which Henry was one of them. I did not see Henry since he left my house on the evening of 3 December 2025."

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