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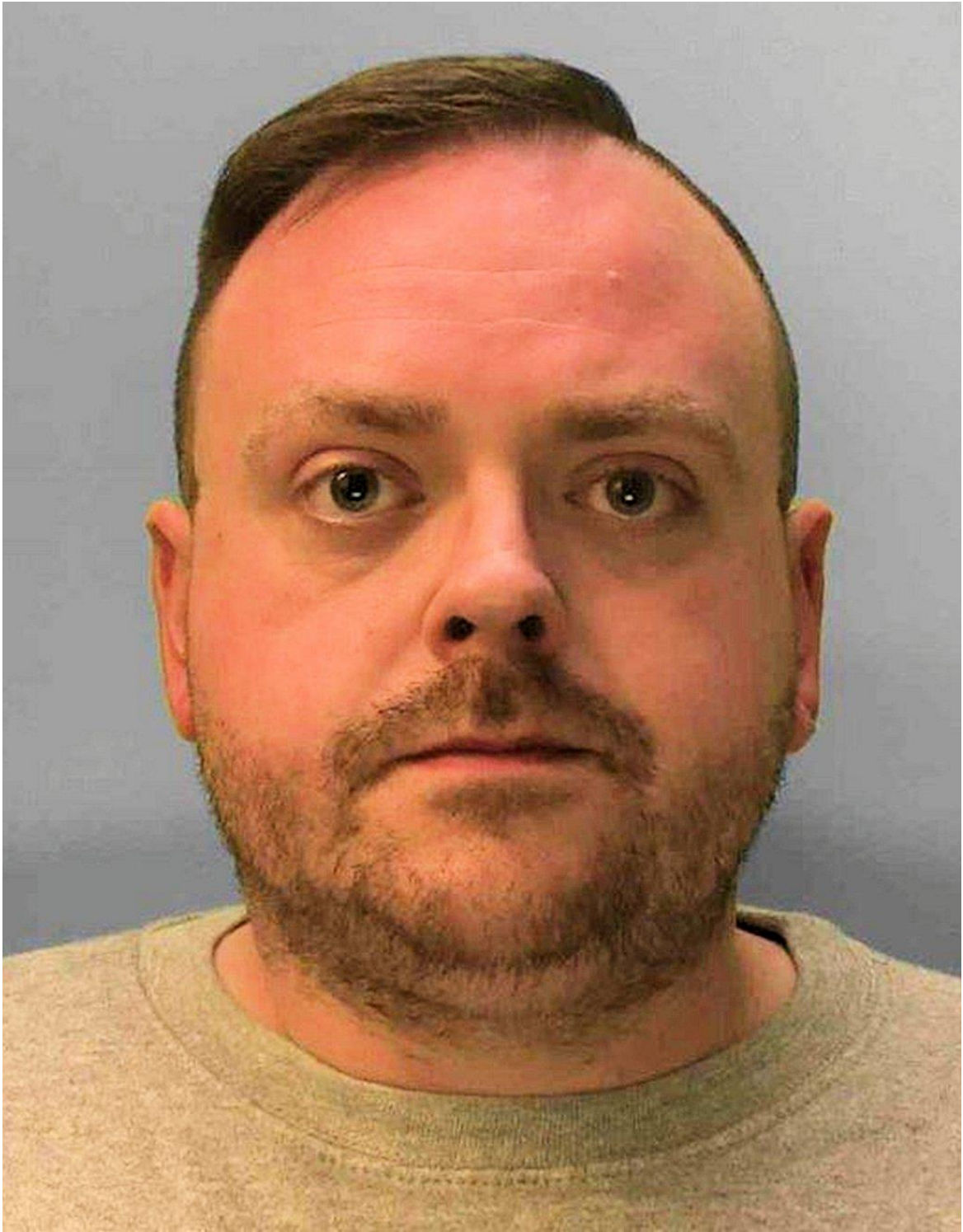
Friday, 14th February 2020

**** Please find Cyber Crime and Fraud newsletters attached ****

News and Alerts

Man convicted of murdering his partner in Bexhill

A man who strangled his partner after an argument, as their baby daughter slept in the same room, has been convicted of her murder.



Ian Paton, 36, a sales representative, of Snowdrop Rise, St Leonards-on-Sea, was convicted and sentenced at Hove Crown Court on Friday (7 February), after a nine-day trial, of the murder of his partner Kayleigh Hanks, 29, at her flat in London Road, Bexhill, shortly after midnight on Sunday 21 July last year.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum term of 17 years. Detective Chief Inspector Andy Wolstenholme of the Surrey and Sussex Major Crime Team said: "Ian Paton claimed in court that he acted in self-defence during an argument with Kayleigh, who he said had come at him with a knife.

"But our investigation showed that his superficial injuries were self-inflicted. This was the tragic climax of a series of issues in their relationship in which each had accused the other of having affairs. But this was made worse by Paton's volatile personality and his tendency to react violently under pressure.

"For example, the court heard evidence of different incidents in which he grabbed two other women he knew but was not in a relationship with, and a man, by the throat for several seconds at a time, causing them great distress although no physical injury.

"This terrible crime has deprived a young woman of her life, has devastated her family, and has left a tiny child, aged just seven months and who was in the same room when her mother was killed by her father, without parents."

Speaking on behalf of Kayleigh's family, her sister Emma said: "Kayleigh was a kind, thoughtful loving person that would do anything for anyone.

She was an amazing mum, daughter, sister, auntie and friend. Living without her will be the hardest thing we will ever have to do; she will never be forgotten and will always be in our hearts.

"She wasn't just a sister to me; she was my soul mate and best friend.

"Myself, my mum and our family would like to thank everyone who has had helped us through this difficult time, the support has been incredible. We would also like to thank all the Police Officers involved in this case because without them, we don't know where we would be, they have all been amazing. But most of all we would like to thank our family liaison officers from the bottom of our hearts; they have helped us through this traumatic, horrible time in our lives and no amount of words would ever be enough in our eyes to repay them. They are a credit to Sussex Police and wonderful individuals."

Hunt for Romany Burns in East Sussex

Have you seen Romany Burns from St Leonards?



Police want to trace and interview him on suspicion of assault and criminal damage following a violent incident at a flat in Hastings in January in which a woman aged 19 known to him was reported to have been assaulted and damage caused to the front door and to property inside.

Romany Vincent Burns, 26, is described as white, 6', medium build, with light brown hair, and was last known to have been living at an address in Stonehouse Drive, St Leonards.

Police Investigator Emily Robinson from the East Sussex Safeguarding Investigations Unit said; "It is important that we find Burns as soon as possible and interview him under caution. He is a local man who frequents the Hastings and St Leonards areas although it is also possible that he may have moved elsewhere in an effort evade us.

"If you see Burns or know where he is, do not approach him, just contact us on 999 or 101, quoting serial 1488 of 21/01. You can also contact us [online](#).

"You can also contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

Crime Summary

Burglaries this week:

Rother: 13

Hastings: 15

Please visit our crime prevention pages on home security here: www.sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary/, for ways you can protect your homes and belongings.

Action Fraud scam watch

Did you know scams cost the UK economy £5-£10 Billion a year, with over 50% of people over 65 having already been targeted by scams; and only 5% of all scams reported?

This week's scam and fraud warnings from Action Fraud:

- If you're thinking about making an online investment, thoroughly research the company first and get independent advice. Online trading scammers regularly promise high returns and use images of luxury items to entice people into investing.








- Fraudsters are at it again with the PayPal scams. This time, they're sending text messages asking you to update your account information! Don't take the bait, the link leads to websites designed to steal your login, personal and financial information!

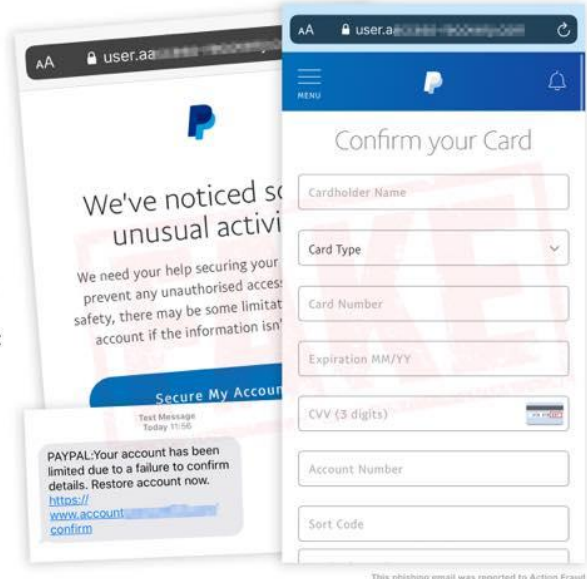
SCAM WARNING

Watch out for these FAKE PayPal texts

Action Fraud received over 140 reports about fake text messages purporting to be from PayPal. The messages state that the recipient needs to "update" their account information in order to prevent their account from being suspended. The link in the texts lead to genuine-looking phishing websites that are designed to steal PayPal login credentials, as well as personal and financial details.

Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details.

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Help us keep Sussex safe

If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please contact us online, or call 101, quoting the reference number provided.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on **0800 555 111**, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

You can also visit our website at www.sussex.police.uk where you can find our easy to use online forms to report all non-emergencies to us.

You can also find police advice to keep you safe and help you understand the law, and also browse our crime prevention pages for first-hand knowledge, industry best practices and practical crime prevention advice from officers and specialist teams all across the police.

Have you ever had a policing question that doesn't actually require direct police involvement to answer?

Ask the Police is a great online source of information for the most frequently asked policing questions, visit www.askthe.police.uk/ for more information.

Your local teams

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Links and attachments

Sussex Police will only ever link you to secure Websites we trust. We will only send you attachments where we believe it is absolutely necessary.

Attachments

[feb CCU Newsletter - 202002.pdf](#) - 1,306.1 KB

[feb Fraud newsletter Feb 2020.pdf](#) - 315.5 KB

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