



TRAGIC: Darren & daughter

Heart line death fury

by Martyn Halle

A MAN died after a hospital sent him home with an intravenous line to his heart hanging out of his chest.

Darren Wilshaw, 47, died from multiple organ failure caused by sepsis after the line became infected in January 2017.

A coroner slammed medics and recorded a verdict that his death due to "gross negligence" was avoidable.

Mr Wilshaw's daughter Alexandra, 19, said: "Dad should never have died."

Nurses at Royal Stoke University Hospital spotted the tube, which should have been removed before discharge, and failed to act.

Instead, they joked of it being his "bit of bling".

Alexandra, of Alsager, Cheshire, is considering legal action. She added: "Gross negligence is a serious verdict but no one is being held to account."

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust has failed its last two CQC inspections.

Chief executive Paula Clark said it probed Mr Wilshaw's case, adding: "I would like to offer a full and unreserved apology."

SMILEY
X Factor's G4 sang in the street for OAP Majorie Everett as she waited to go to hospital after a fall outside New Theatre Royal, Lincoln.

PEOPLE

BBQ meat gets chop

CHICKEN has become more popular than sausages for barbecues as health-conscious families turn their backs on processed meat.

Burgers are still favourites to sling on barbies, though numbers of BBQs serving them were down 15 per cent last year.

Chicken is next in the pecking order, overtaking sausages by being eaten at 28.5 million barbecues in 2017.

Bangers were dished up at 25.2 million BBQs, a fall of 24 per cent year-on-year, analysts Kantar Worldpanel revealed.

Burgers were eaten at 31 million British barbecues. Kantar's Richard Allen said: "One of the largest shifts has seen chicken overtaking sausages."

POLICEWOMAN'S LIFE WITH BENT COPPER WAS LIKE AN EPISODE OF BBC HIT DRAMA

SLIME OF DUTY

TORMENTED BY ORDEAL Nikki never understood what drove sinister plot



SHOCKER: Nikki with bag which had drugs

EXCLUSIVE

by Rosaleen Fenton

A POLICEWOMAN has told how she was framed for carrying drugs – by her copper boyfriend.

Anguished PC Nikki Yianni, 30, was left a shattered wreck after twisted Joe Prasad set out to undermine her.

In a story straight from Line of Duty, the telly drama about police corruption, Prasad spent months behaving in ways Nikki has never understood.

He repeatedly made anonymous calls to the police and Crimestoppers, claiming she was dealing drugs.

He jealously scrolled through texts on her phone and sent an embarrassing photo of her in her underwear to colleagues.

And Nikki believes he planted drugs on her several times – once on her way to a kids' birthday party and even on her graduation day at police college.

The plot to wreck her life finally reached a head when she was coming out of a supermarket with her daughter – and was stopped by a PCSO who found ecstasy in her handbag.

Abusive

She was arrested in shock, spent 13 hours in a cell and endured weeks of hell before being cleared of wrongdoing.

Prasad, also a PC, was eventually jailed for his secret campaign and Nikki has gone on to find happiness with a new man.

But now she has decided to speak out about her emotional torture to help other victims of abusive relationships.

The 30-year-old mum of two said: "Never in a million years would I think anyone could do to another human being what Joe did to me."

"It has shown me how domestic abuse does not have to be physical, it can be mental. These drugs kept appearing on me and I've never taken any in my life. I thought I was going crazy."

Nikki's experience could almost form a script for Line of Duty, which follows anti-corruption officers as they probe matters such as murder and bribery within the force.

The BBC show, starring Adrian Dunbar and Vicky McClure, keeps millions gripped with tense plots.

In an ironic twist, Nikki first got

My twisted police lover planted drugs in my bag & sent undies pic to cop pals



HAPPY FAMILY: Nikki with new partner James, Ellie, son James



STARTING OVER: With fella James



TWISTED EX: Nikki with Joe Prasad during their relationship

involved with Prasad, long before she joined the police, because she was having trouble with an ex-boyfriend.

The ex had begun stalking her to the extent that he was sleeping in her front garden so she asked Prasad, who she already knew was a police officer, for advice.

She found the cop, who was attached to the Specialist Crime and Operations Unit of London's Metropolitan Police, friendly and helpful and agreed to date him.

She said: "I was coming out of this volatile relationship and Joe was always there. He did and said all the right things. "I was a single mum and he had two kids so that was nice."

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In February 2014, while they were having a break from each other,

Nikki decided to revive an old dream and join the police.

By the time she was accepted for training she and Prasad had got back together. To begin with he was helpful, looking after her daughter Ellie while she studied.

But as time passed she noticed he became less enthusiastic and even seemed jealous of her new career.

Humiliated

She said: "He wasn't happy and said I didn't pay him enough attention. "One night I came home at 10.30pm and he complained that I was on my phone. I chucked it over to him and told him to stop complaining and he immediately started reading my texts."

Prasad spotted a text from a male colleague and flew into a rage. He was so angry he posted a revealing photo of Nikki

in a basque to a WhatsApp group full of police trainees and left the house.

Nikki, of Romford, East London, only realised what he had done the next morning when she woke up and turned her phone back on.

She said: "I was humiliated. It wasn't explicit but it was revealing. It wasn't for anyone else to see except him. I couldn't believe he had done something like that."

However far worse lay in store.

After a night out to celebrate the end of Nikki's training, Prasad began quizzing her on whether she had taken cocaine.

Three days later, just after she had started her new job as a police officer, an anonymous allegation was made that she had taken coke at the party.

She was drugs tested at work alongside her new colleagues and quizzed on what had happened on the night out. Nikki later

suspected Prasad, who often accused her of inappropriately texting a colleague, had gone through her phone for names to lend his fake complaint credence.

It all boiled over in June 2015, when Nikki was arrested in front of terrified daughter Ellie, who was then only six, as they were on their way to go swimming.

She said: "It was a really hot day and we went into Tesco to pick up a drink and a snack. "Joe briefly disappeared and we now know that must have been to send a text accusing me of drug dealing."

"We were stopped by a PCSO outside and Joe got very aggressive with him. "Looking back

on it now, it is clear that they didn't really want to search us and he was pushing it because he was desperate for me to get caught.

"Joe said we were police officers and that he would produce my warrant card from my bag to prove it. When he picked up the handbag, the drugs were right on top."

Nikki and Prasad were both arrested and held in cells before being interviewed and bailed.

Nikki still never realised she had been set up by Prasad and continued seeing him.

But then a police probe showed his fingerprints were all over the wraps of drugs found

in her handbag. Last August the bent cop was found guilty of charges of perverting the course of justice and conspiracy and was jailed for seven years at Lewes Crown Court. He has since been sacked from the Met.

His brother Dominic, 27, who he enlisted for help in his plot, was jailed for three years for conspiracy.

Nikki is now in a happy relationship with another officer, James Aspland, 33, and the couple had a son, also called James, ten months ago.

Nikki said: "I would love to talk to Joe about why he did it but I don't think I'll ever get an answer."

"I think it has made me a better police officer as I can recognise the experiences of abuse that people have convinced themselves is normal."

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PLASTIC FREE: Tea bags

Your ecosy friendly tea

by Stephen Hayward

YORKSHIRE Tea and Tetley's are planning to launch eco-friendly teabags that are plastic-free and 100 per cent biodegradable.

The two firms are testing bags that are free of polypropylene as manufacturers and supermarkets come under growing pressure to ditch plastic packaging.

Tetley's is running trials using 100 per cent biodegradable tissue while Yorkshire Tea owner Bettys and Taylors of Harrogate has also launched a series of tests.

PG Tips has already promised to remove plastic from its tea bags by the end of the year.

The Unilever-owned brand said its bags will be made from a new plant-based material that is 100 per cent renewables.

International giant Unilever said its replacement material is made from corn starch and is fully biodegradable.



APPEAL: Remus & carer

11st dog's slim hope

by Karen Rockett

A GIANT dog that weighs in at a hefty 11 stone is looking for a new home after he got too big for his previous owner.

Remus, a three-year-old crossbreed, is currently the largest pooch being cared for by a dogs charity.

He weighs 34 times more than the smallest resident, Prince the chihuahua.

The Dogs Trust at Wickhamford, Worcs, says he needs new owners who have experience looking after large, strong breeds.

Assistant manager Tracey Spiers said: "We'd love to hear from potential owners who have a lot of space in their heart – as well as comfy sofa and nice big garden for this lovable larger lad."

Britain's heaviest dog is Blue Great Dane Balthazar, from Nottingham, who weighs 15 stone.



TENSE: TV's Dunbar and McClure



DREAM JOB: Nikki wanted to join police

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