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PRESS NOTICE

CORONERS SERVICE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

APPEAL FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE NOAH DONOHOE INQUEST

The Presiding Coroner, Mr Justice Rooney, is investigating the death of Noah Donohoe.

Noah Donohoe, aged 14, left his home address of Flat 5, 65 Fitzroy Avenue, Belfast at 17.40 on 21 June 2020. Having travelled by bicycle through Belfast city centre, at 18.08 that same evening, Noah was captured on CCTV from Northwood Drive, Belfast. That is the last known time Noah was seen alive.

The night before Noah disappeared [i.e. the night of Saturday 20th June into Sunday 21st June 2020] Noah left his home at 65 Fitzroy Avenue at approximately 03:34am. He returned at approximately 04.08am. The weather in the early hours of Sunday 21 June 2020 was damp and drizzling.

The flats at 65 Fitzroy Avenue are on the corner of Fitzroy Avenue and Dudley Street in the Holylands / Queen's University area of south Belfast.

CCTV from Noah's home address captures his departure and his return. When Noah left home at approximately 03:34am, he was casually dressed in dark coloured knee length shorts and a light or white coloured T-shirt. He was wearing flip-flops and carrying over-ear headphones in his right hand. On leaving the address Noah appears to turn right, walking west in the direction of Queen's University.

When Noah is next captured on CCTV, on his return home, he was on University Street, coming from the direction of Ormeau Road and walking in the direction of Queen's University. From there, he turned left onto Dudley Street and then right onto Fitzroy Avenue, turning immediately into his home address.

Noah re-entered through the front door of 65 Fitzroy Avenue at approximately 04.08am. It is apparent from CCTV footage that he was barefoot on his return, and neither his flip-flops nor his headphones are visible on his person.

The Presiding Coroner Mr Justice Rooney requests that any person with any information about:

- Why Noah left home that night;

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- Where he went;
- Whether he met anyone;
- What happened his flip-flops and/or his headphones; and
- Noah having been out in the early hours of the morning on any other occasion.

should contact the Coroners Service for Northern Ireland using the contact details below:

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Relevant CCTV footage is noted below, with links to the footage.

Departure Footage
Internal foyer and stairwell camera – 65 Fitzroy Ave https://youtu.be/b8PIOZQ9fuw
External door camera – 65 Fitzroy Ave https://youtu.be/0q9A2D7CfBM
External gate camera – 65 Fitzroy Ave https://youtu.be/aoHP5y9MhWQ
Return Footage
Queens Quarter Housing – University Street https://youtu.be/iuxOwW7FeiU
Queens Quarter Housing - side camera (Dudley Street) https://youtu.be/I0Yu4ix_oX0
External gate camera – 65 Fitzroy Ave https://youtu.be/qga_Fv2iho4
External door camera – 65 Fitzroy Ave https://youtu.be/D4IEw-bvv-k
Internal foyer and stairwell camera – 65 Fitzroy Ave https://youtu.be/NZvf-BGPJzE

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