***Sunday, 1 January:***

You get to St Hyphen’s Hospital and find the Intensive Care Unit.

It’s guarded by a security door with a keycode (like everything in this town….)

To open the door and interview the Mayor, solve the following MBeC puzzle:

*Some of the following apologies are OK with MBeC; others are inappropriate.*

*Find the 3 MBeC apologies and put them in alphabetical order. This is the code for the door.*

I regret to inform you…. 7

Thank you for bringing… to my attention. 6

I’m sorry about…. 1

Once again, I hope you will accept my apologies. 2

I’m terribly sorry for…. 9

Please accept my apologies for…. 6

Sorry ‘bout that, bro! 9

Please accept my deepest apologies for…. 4

Once you have the code, tell it to the Chief of Police. You’ll get access to the Mayor in the ICU if you’re correct.

***Sunday, 1 January: (166)***

You get into the ICU and find the Mayor in a bed in the corner of the room.

He’s dazed but otherwise OK.

He says: “I can’t remember much about yesterday after meeting Alan Peter Propriate at noon. After that, it’s just a blur until I escaped from a basement at the slums today.

“Whoever kidnapped me didn’t say a word, so I don’t know if it was a man or a woman. I do recall seeing a tattoo on the left arm, though. It was some kind of animal, from what I remember. Sorry I can’t be of more help.”

The Mayor drifts off to sleep and a doctor asks you to leave, so you return to police HQ.