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Angus enters CID’s office on the 3rd floor of police headquarters, the building is only a few years old but is already showing signs of being well used.

Five years Angus has been a sergeant and is regarded by his unit as a senior. In February he sat and passed the inspectors exam, next month an interview panel would be held. Angus had his fingers crossed he would secure a post at least at his current station if not actually in his current department.

As he enters, he is aware of DC Stuart Macinnes heading towards him looking purposeful. Whether Stuart was comfortable with it or not everyone in the team just called him Mac.

“Morning boss” Mac says with a big grin on his face, “DI wants us in his office in 5 minutes, want a coffee”.

“Good thinking” replies Angus, “Make sure it’s a decent one not the muck that’s in the tea fund cupboard”

As they approach the DI’s office, mugs in hand, they can see he is on the phone, a slightly puzzled look on his face.

“Good morning you two, nice of you to bring me a cuppa” says DI Bristow with a tone that suggests he is actually desperate for one. “That’s the Fiscal been on the phone, there was a young lad died last night after a fight outside a bar, his injuries at the time didn’t seem bad and the Ambulance took him to A&E, but he died a few hours later. It’s probably just been bad luck, but the Fiscal would like us to cross the T’s and dot the I’s so to speak.”

Angus knew right away the DI felt something could be suspect. Angus and DI Andy Bristow had worked as part of a team for nearly 10 years now.

Andy was only 5 years older than Angus and had become one of Police Scotland’s youngest DIs at 29, If Angus got his post next month, he would beat Andy by a few months. When Angus had joined the team as young Detective Constable, he quickly became friends with Andy who was also a DC at the time. It would only be a matter of a few weeks later when Andy was promoted to Detective Sergeant taking the young Angus under his wing.

Angus tells his boss “Emma was working last night, they were pretty busy she said we were too. Do we have someone in custody if it turns out be a result of his injuries”

“Uniform have just sent over the statements from last night, seems there were quite a few involved so might not be so easy to nail down who struck the fatal blow so to speak” replies Andy “the Pm’s at nine can you attend. Let me know if there is anything and I will get DS Holland and Mac to start looking at the statements just in case”

Angus enters the mortuary at the Hospital, Russell O’Connor the Chief Pathologist sees him coming.

“Any idea what the Fiscal thinks we’re going to find?” he asks. “The lad was in a fight while full o drink