

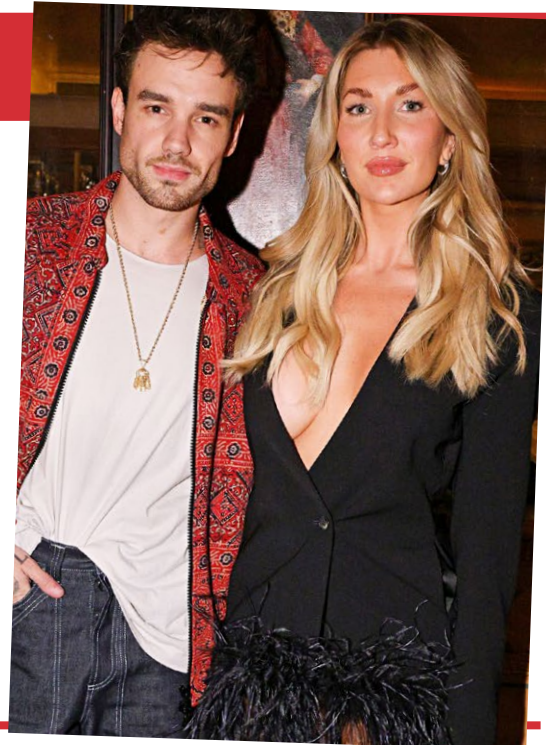


## LIAM PAYNE DEAD AT 31

**The lost little boy I first met when he was just 17 and why having a baby with Cheryl failed to give him the stability that could have saved his life**

**— KATIE HIND HAS THE INSIDE STORY —**

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Girlfriend: Liam with Kate Cassidy



Paraphernalia: Found in Payne's room

### EXCLUSIVE

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**TRAGIC** One Direction star Liam Payne was dumped by his record label just days before he plunged to his death.

As the 31-year-old former boyband singer's life dramatically unravelled, he went on a booze-fuelled bender before plummeting from the balcony of his hotel suite in Argentina while 'off his head on drugs'.

Investigators last night revealed he had 25 separate injuries from the 45ft fall and had been so inebriated he did not even try to protect himself.

It comes as Payne's former bandmates last night said they were 'devastated' by the loss of their 'brother'.

Photos emerged yesterday of his trashed hotel room littered with drugs.

With a smashed TV, white powder and tin foil, the squalid scene was said to be where the troubled star had spent his final tortured moments, having allegedly enjoyed the company of two escort girls the previous night. As

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# RECORD LABEL DUMPED LIAM BEFORE FATAL DRUGS BINGE