Incident Report by Police Constable George Ryder

Last week on the 8th June 2010 I was called in car 1BF at 21.37 hours to investigate a report of a youth being found injured near the A2 road to Dover 2 km. north of Lyddon. It was raining hard, with very low cloud. The incident was at a place without lighting. It was very hard to find. I arrived at 21.50 hours.

Mr. John Edwards reported finding the youth while he was out walking his dog. He telephoned for the police and ambulance and met me as I arrived.

The injured man looked about 20 years old. He was lying in a ditch one metre deep and about two metres from the road. His clothes were *very* wet. I think he had been in the ditch for about an hour. He was unconscious and was lying on his left side. His right leg was broken and there were other injuries on the right side of his body. We covered him with a blanket until the ambulance came at 21.56 hours. I noted that he was *very* well dressed. I took a wallet from his jacket. The contents are enclosed with this report. There was no money in the wallet.

I studied the roadside and ditch. I found some tyre tracks [possibly skid marks] on the grass verge near the ditch. These had been made by a heavy vehicle which seems to have swerved off the road and then back onto it. The tracks were probably made that evening as the heavy rain had followed a long dry spell.

When I contacted the hospital at 23.32 hours, I was told that the young man had died without regaining consciousness.