

Derek Donald

Address 13 St Peters Lane, Stilwell, Brigstow BW3

Mr Donald lives alone at 13 St Peters Lane. He was born in 1960 and left school at the earliest opportunity to join the army. He was discharged in 1988 and later joined the prison service as a prison officer. He now lives in a small 2 bedroomed terraced house, built in 1885. The house opens directly onto St Peters Lane an increasingly busy rat run used by commuters to avoid some of the notorious traffic jams involved in getting into central Brigstow. The main railway line crosses the road on a large bridge some 80m from his house. A convenience store is just down the road and several 'take away fast food shops' are nearby.

He was originally from Newcastle and has a brother and a sister who still live there, but he has had little contact with them for many years. His father had served in the army before him but died in 2001 from lung cancer. His mother is still alive and lives independently on her own, aged 74 (d.o.b. 1934). Derek had a short lived and stormy marriage whilst in the army before his wife left him with their 2 year old daughter in 1987. He has had no contact with his ex-wife or daughter since. He remarried in 1995 but this marriage also failed when his second wife left him because of his heavy drinking and violent outbursts. She also had a 3 year old son when she left in 2000. Since then he has had a few casual relationships but lives alone and is not in any relationship at present, relying on an extensive collection of pornography for his sexual pleasures.

His diet is poor consisting of convenience food and 'take aways'. He smokes 20 to 30/day and drinks several cans of lager and cider every night. He also gets through 2-3 bottles of vodka each week. He has been cautioned by his supervisor for going into work with the smell of alcohol on his breath and interviewed by the Prison Governor about the allegations of reporting for duty under the influence of alcohol. In 2006 he was handed a final written warning and told he may lose his job if there is a repeat alcohol related offence. He lost his driving licence in 2007 as a result of a drink driving conviction and relies on buses to get across town to the gaol where he works.

He watches TV a lot and goes to the George pub on Spring Road most nights. He has recently started accepting bribes from prisoners for smuggling mobile phones and drugs into the gaol, as he needs the money. His financial problems relate to legal action against him by the Child Support Agency for unpaid maintenance and failure to keep up his mortgage payments. He was blasé about all this as he thought he would lose his job soon anyway as the Prison Governor had it in for him, so he might as well make a 'bit on the side' while he can.

In 2008 he did lose his job after refusing a breathalyser at work and being verbally abusive towards senior managers. He also lost his house as the bank repossessed the property due to non-payment of the mortgage, making him homeless.