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THE 'JIGSAW' MURDER

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22nd MARCH 2009

A severed left leg was found in a bag near the village of Cottered, in the county of Hertfordshire

It had been placed in a blue plastic sack and sealed with tape.



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29th March 2009

A severed forearm was found near the village of Wheathampstead, in the county of Hertfordshire

It was not wrapped



31st March 2009

A decapitated head was found near the village of Asfordby in the county of Leicestershire

Its face, tongue and ears had been removed.



7th April 2009

A severed right leg was found near the town of Puckeridge in the county of Hertfordshire

Like the left leg, it had been placed in a blue plastic sack and wrapped with tape

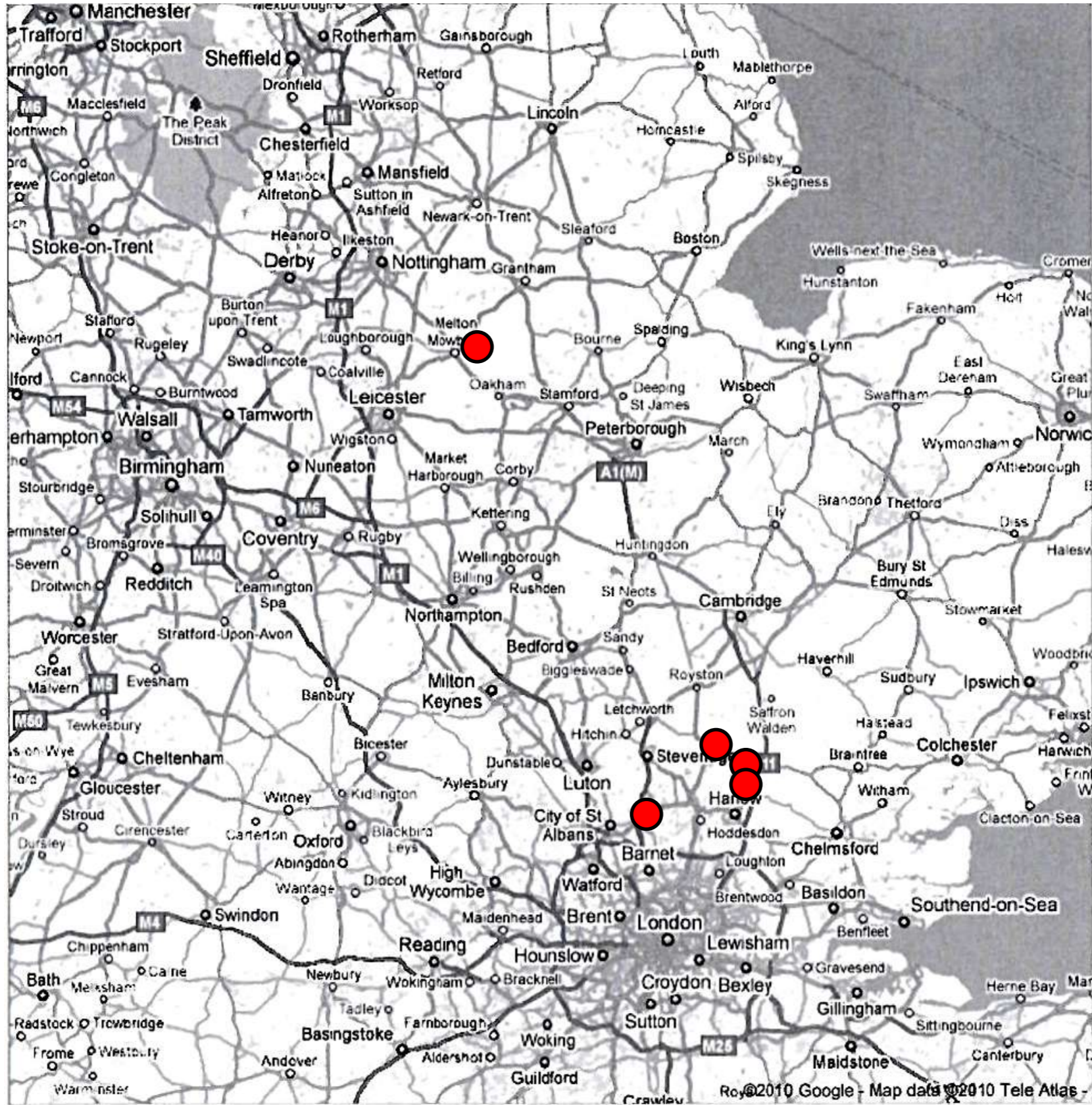


11th April 2009

A human torso with a right arm and upper left arm was found in the town of Standon in Hertfordshire.

It was found inside a suitcase, inside a blue plastic sack which had been wrapped in tape.





WHERE THE PARTS WERE FOUND

1. March 22: Left leg and foot found by the A507 in Cottered, Hertfordshire.

2. March 29: Forearm found in Wheathampstead

3. March 31: Head found in Asfordby, Leicestershire

4. April 7: Right leg found by the A10 Puckeridge bypass in Hertfordshire

5. April 11: Torso, right arm and upper left arm found in a ditch in Gore Lane, Standon, East Hertfordshire.



All the remains had originated from one male

The body had been 'skillfully dissected'

The hands were never found

The press labelled this individual 'The Jig- Saw Man'



Strategy

Examine debris from the body parts and wrapping

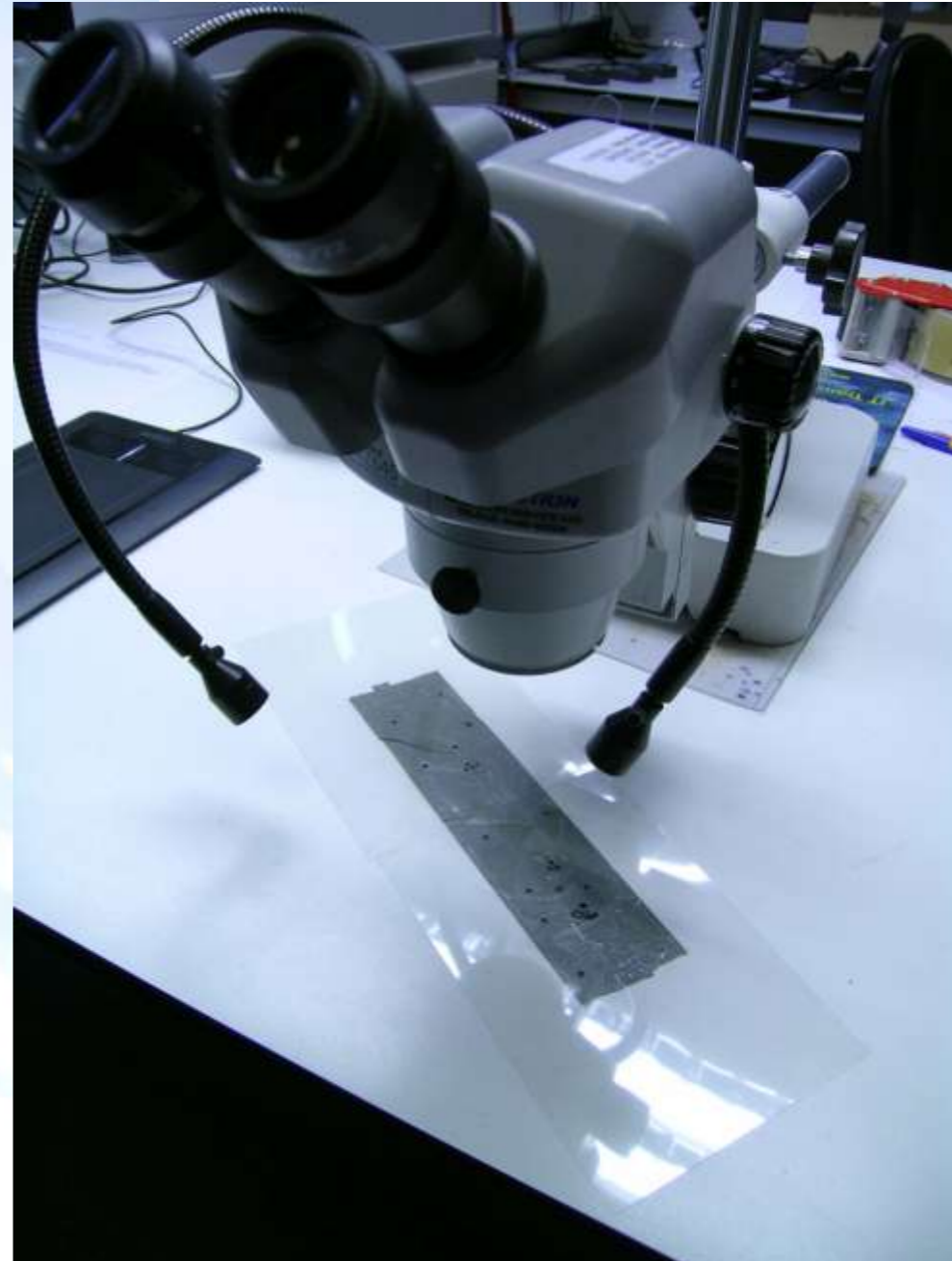
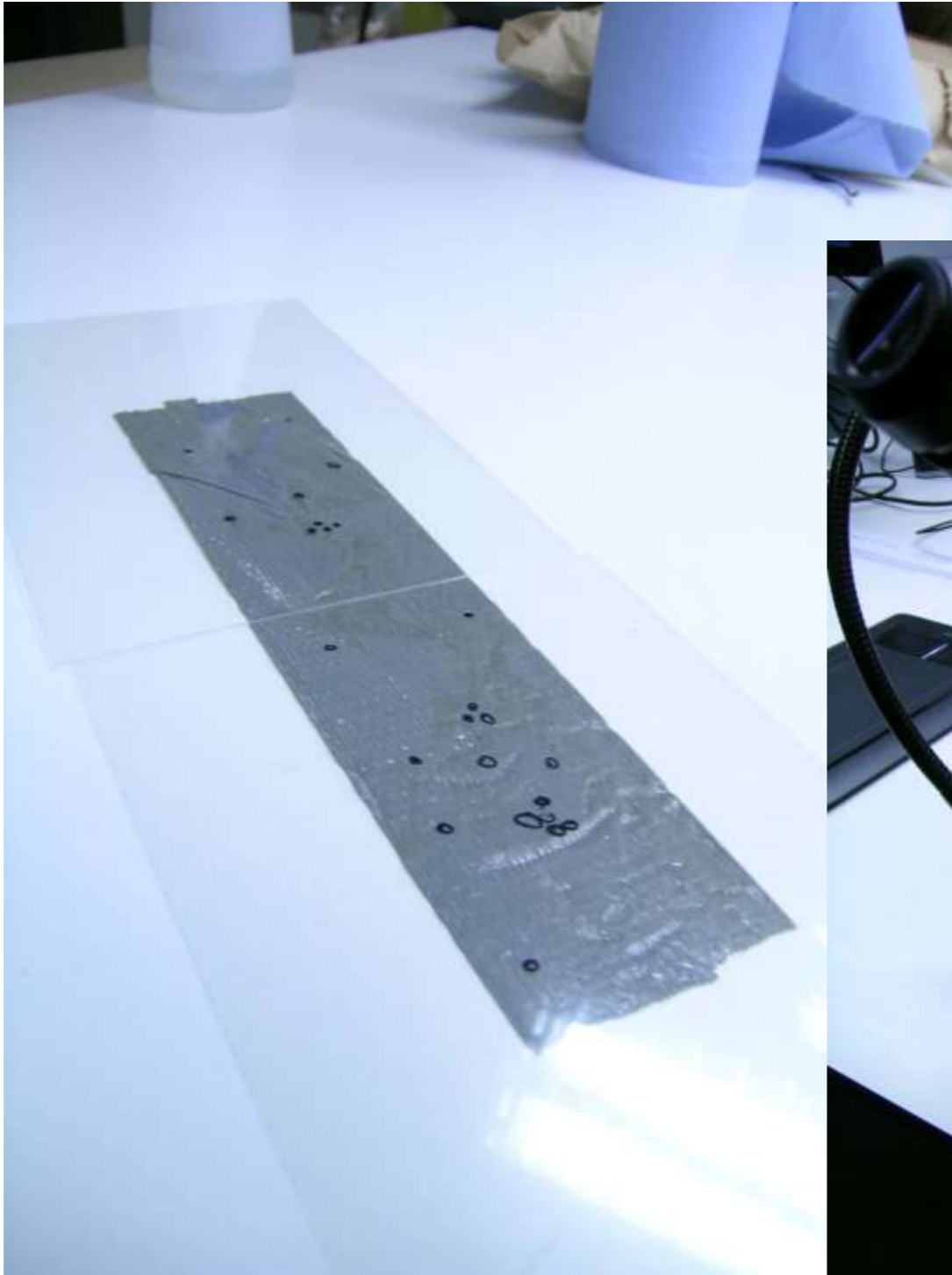
Identify any fibre collectives which may relate to the environment where the dismemberment took place (or at least where the parts were wrapped).

Decision made to initially concentrate on the tapes used to wrap the body parts





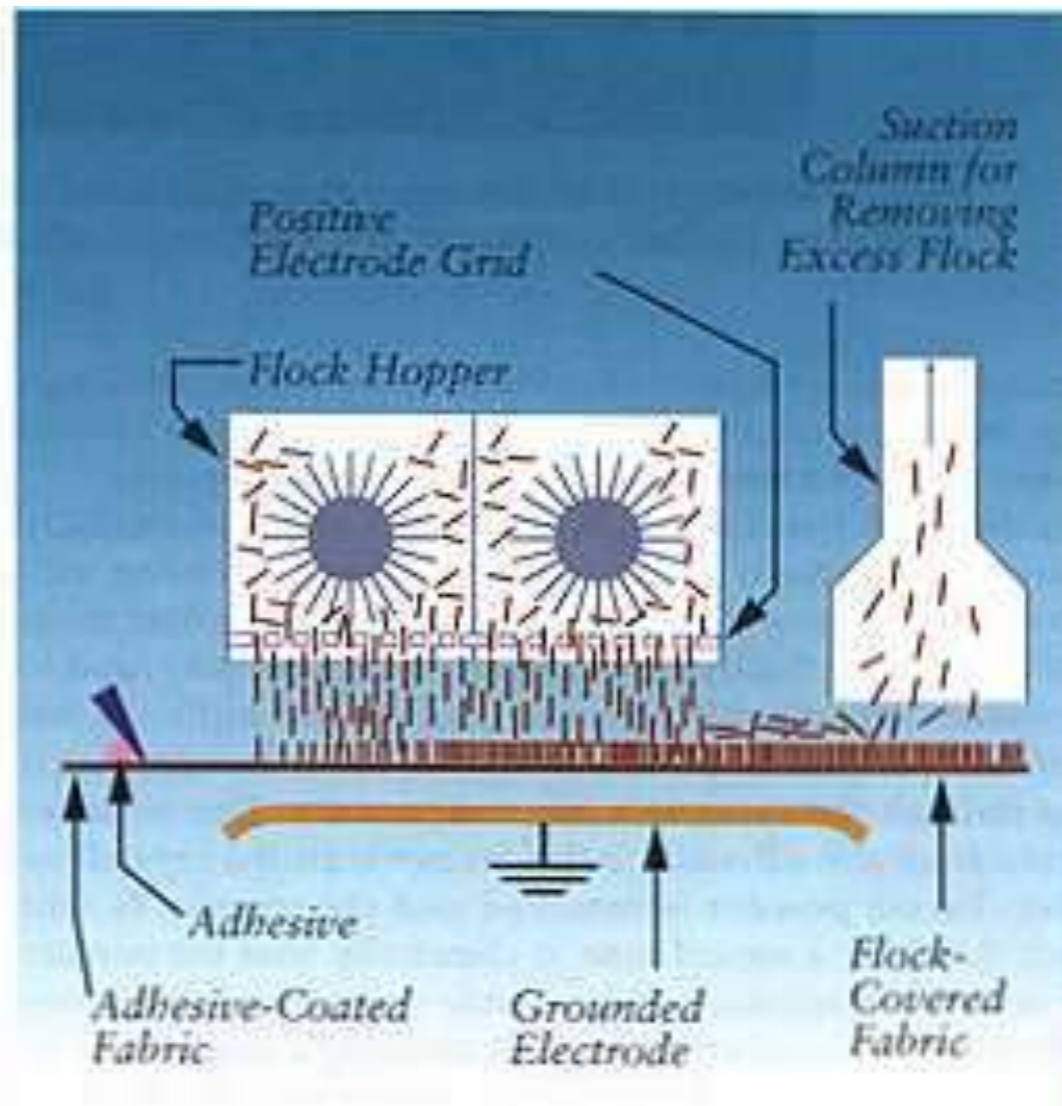
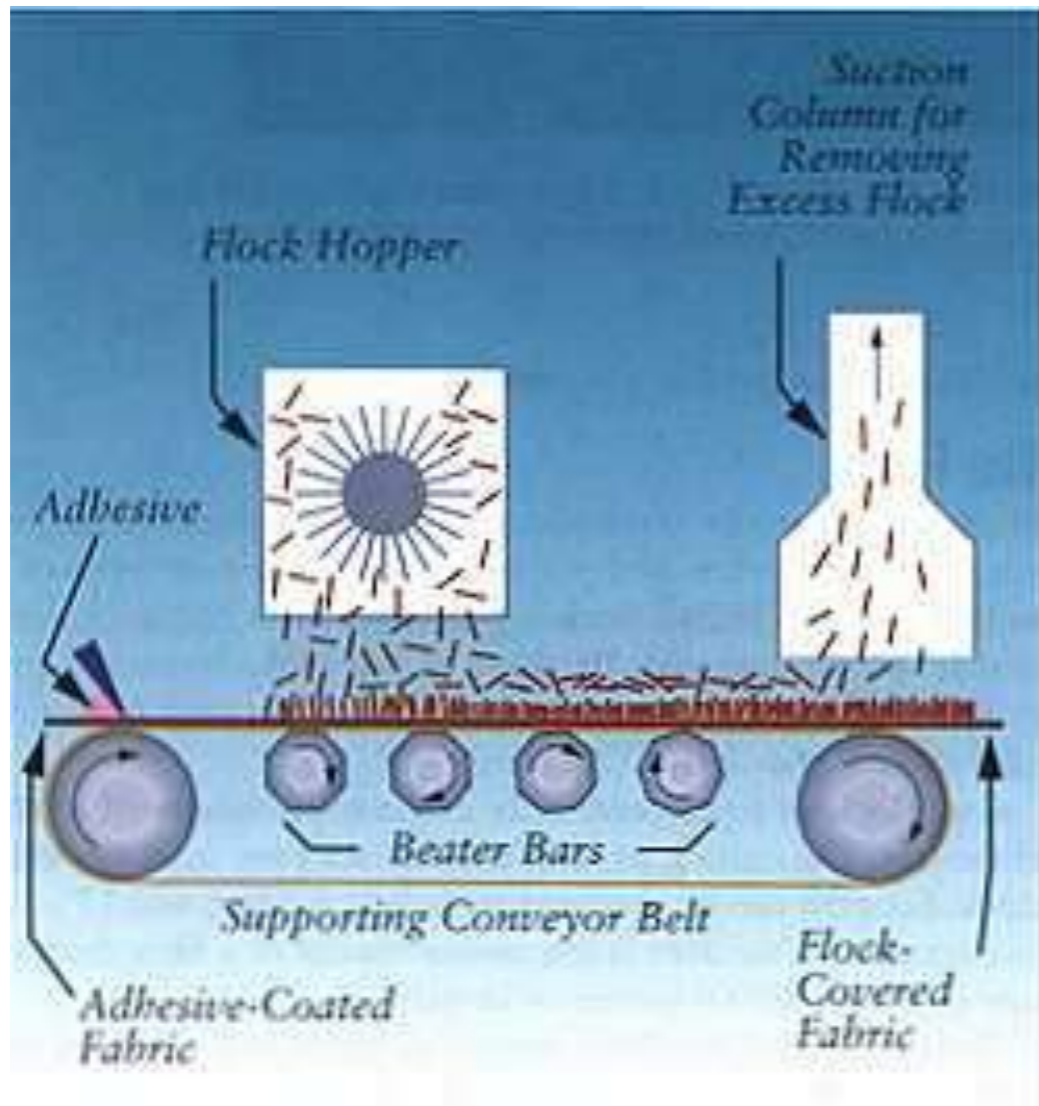
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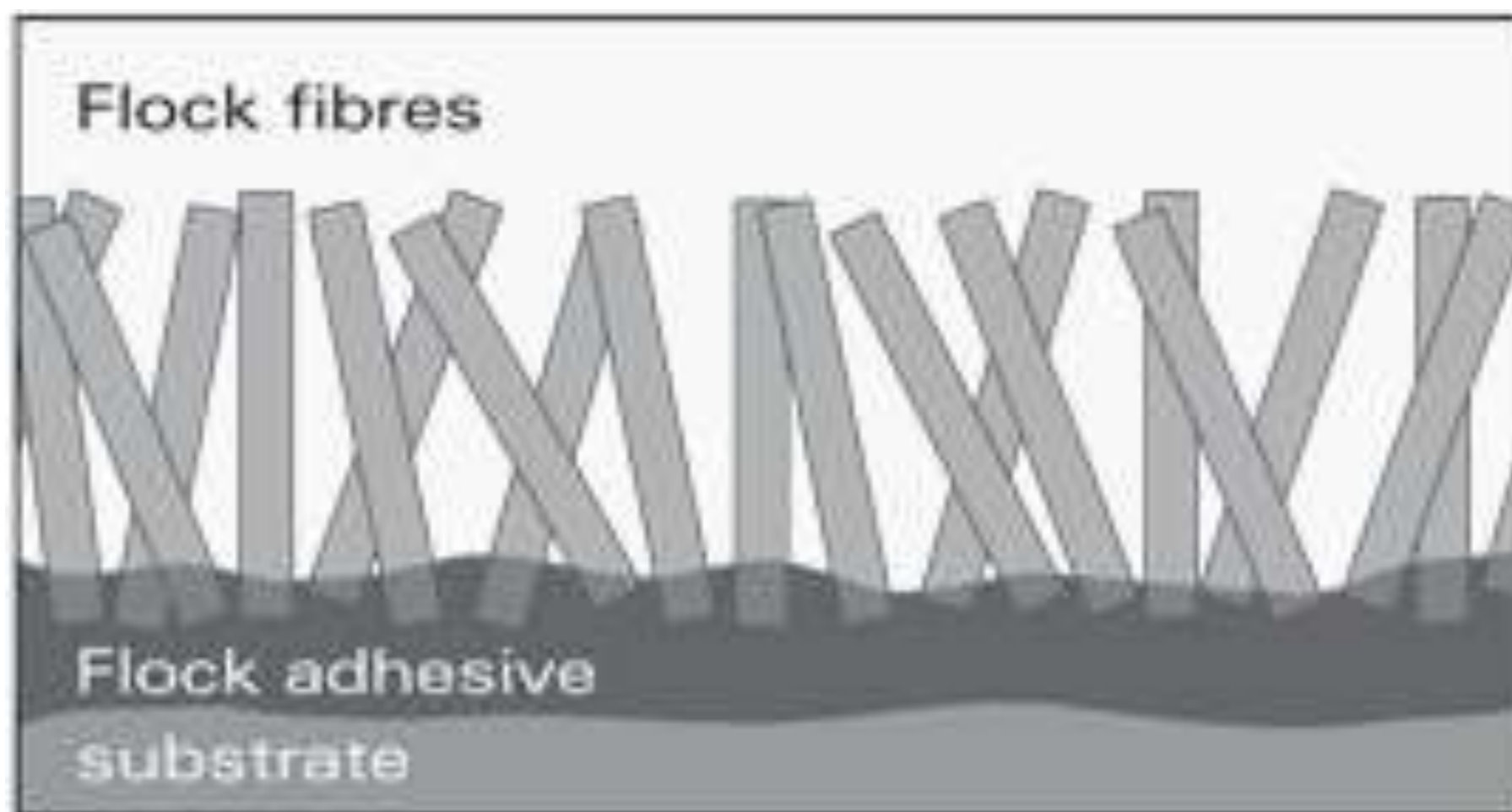


Initial Results

Initial survey of wrapping tapes reveals the presence of blue, viscose flock collectives









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Information passed to investigative team to look out for Dark blue/ black item with ‘ Peach skin or ‘velvet’ texture.



Meantime.....

Some weeks before the body parts were found, a missing person inquiry had been launched.

As a consequence, the recovered human remains were eventually identified as those of Jeffrey HOWE



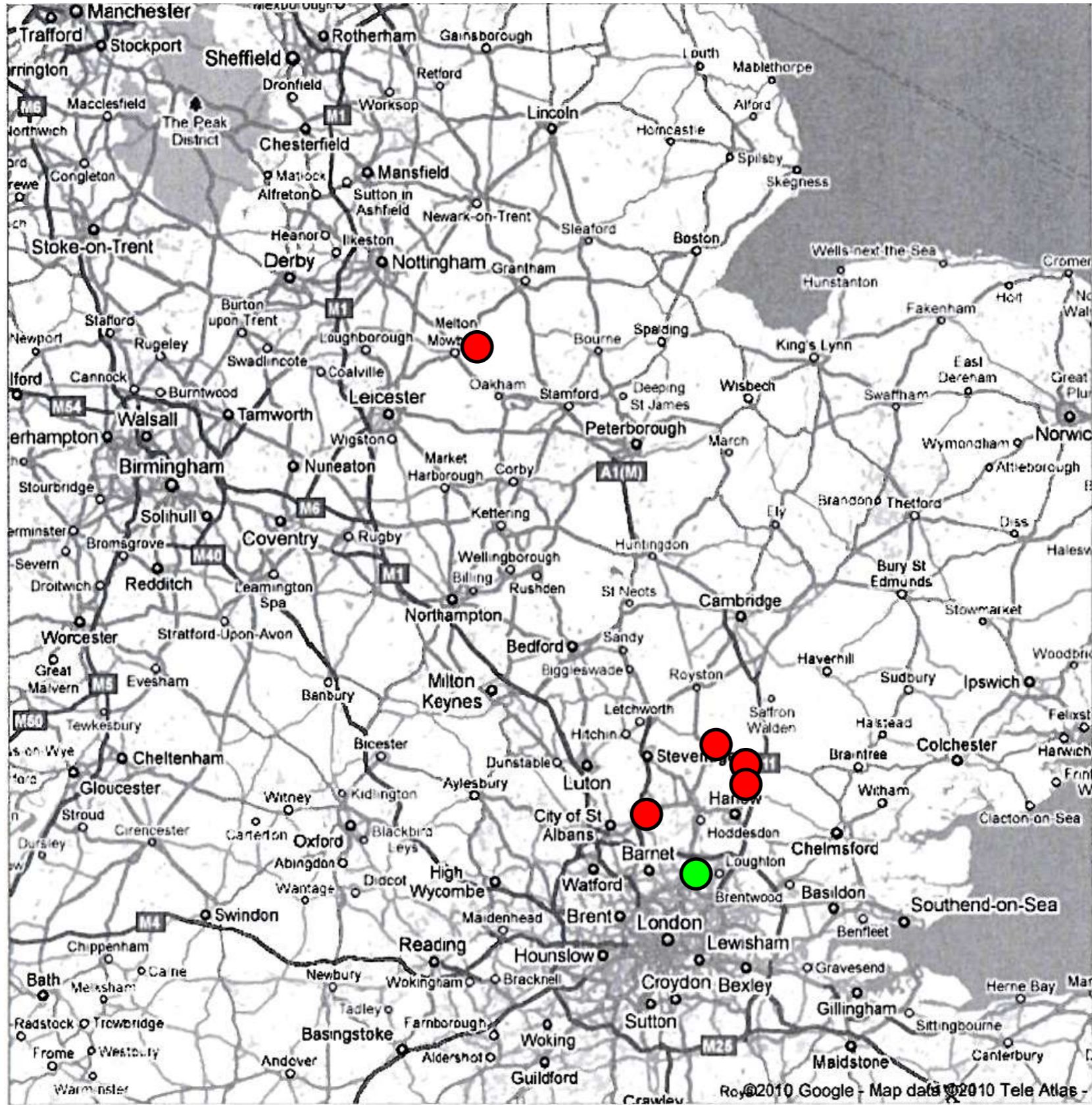
Jeffrey Howe, aged 49



Lived at Flat 13 Fernwood Court, Pickard Close, N London



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Sarah Bush



Worked as an escort
Girlfriend of Stephen MARSHALL



Stephen Marshall



Associate of Jeffrey Howe
History of violent behaviour



Marshall and Bush questioned

Inquiry team unhappy with responses to questions

Both arrested

Decision taken to search house

Source of flock collective identified!



4 Inflatable Mattresses



3 identical in terms of fibre type/ colour and brand ('Campinggaz')



The 4th Mattress differed;

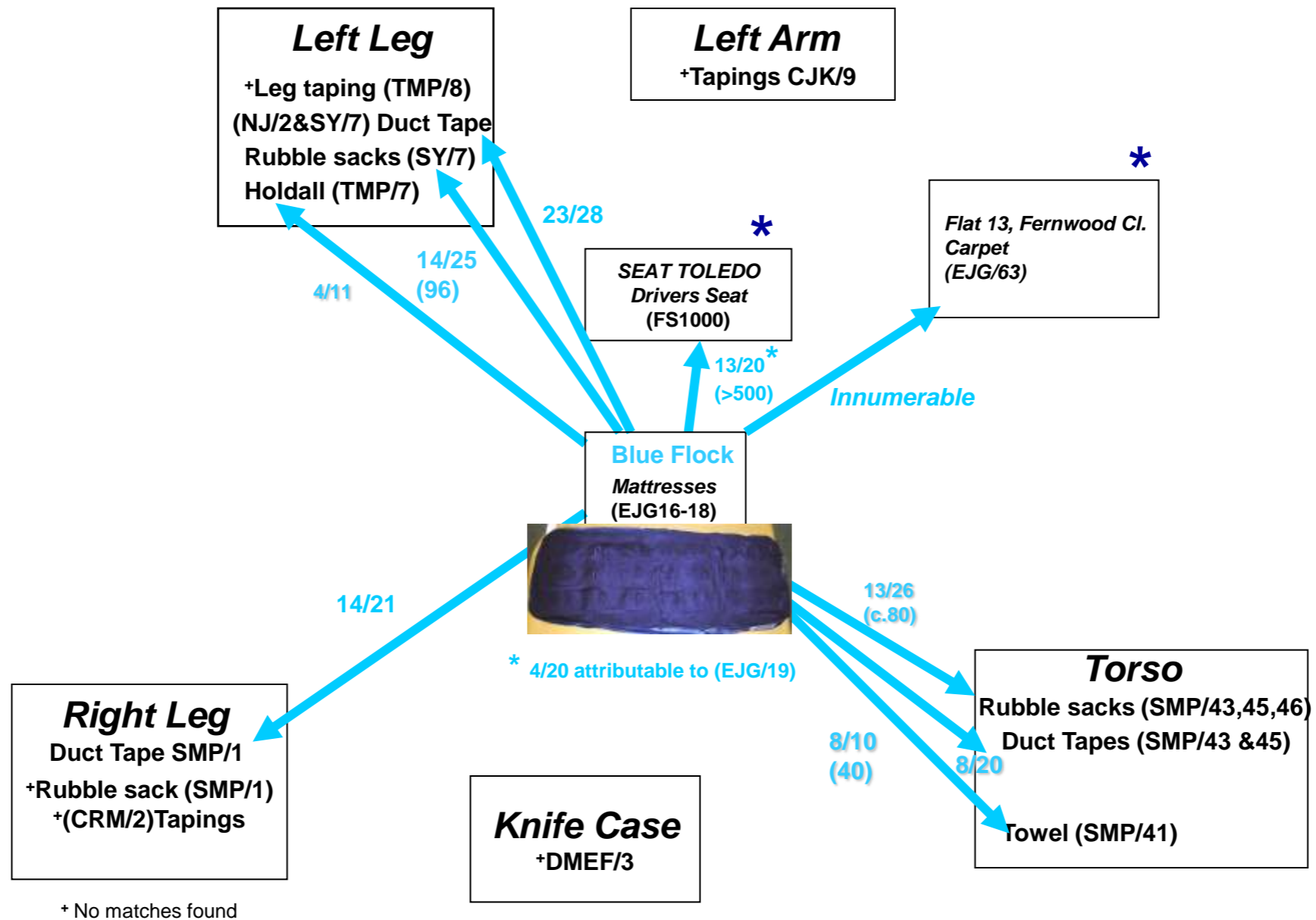
‘ASDA’ brand

Mixture of polyester and viscose flock

Colour subtly different from other three...

**Extend fibre search to rubble sacks and packing
as well as other items relating to suspects**





* Contains fibres from all 4 mattresses



PROBLEM....!

Fibres from all 4 mattresses present in MARSHALL's environment

Fibres representing only 3 of mattresses on items relating to the body parts

Contrary to expectations.....?!

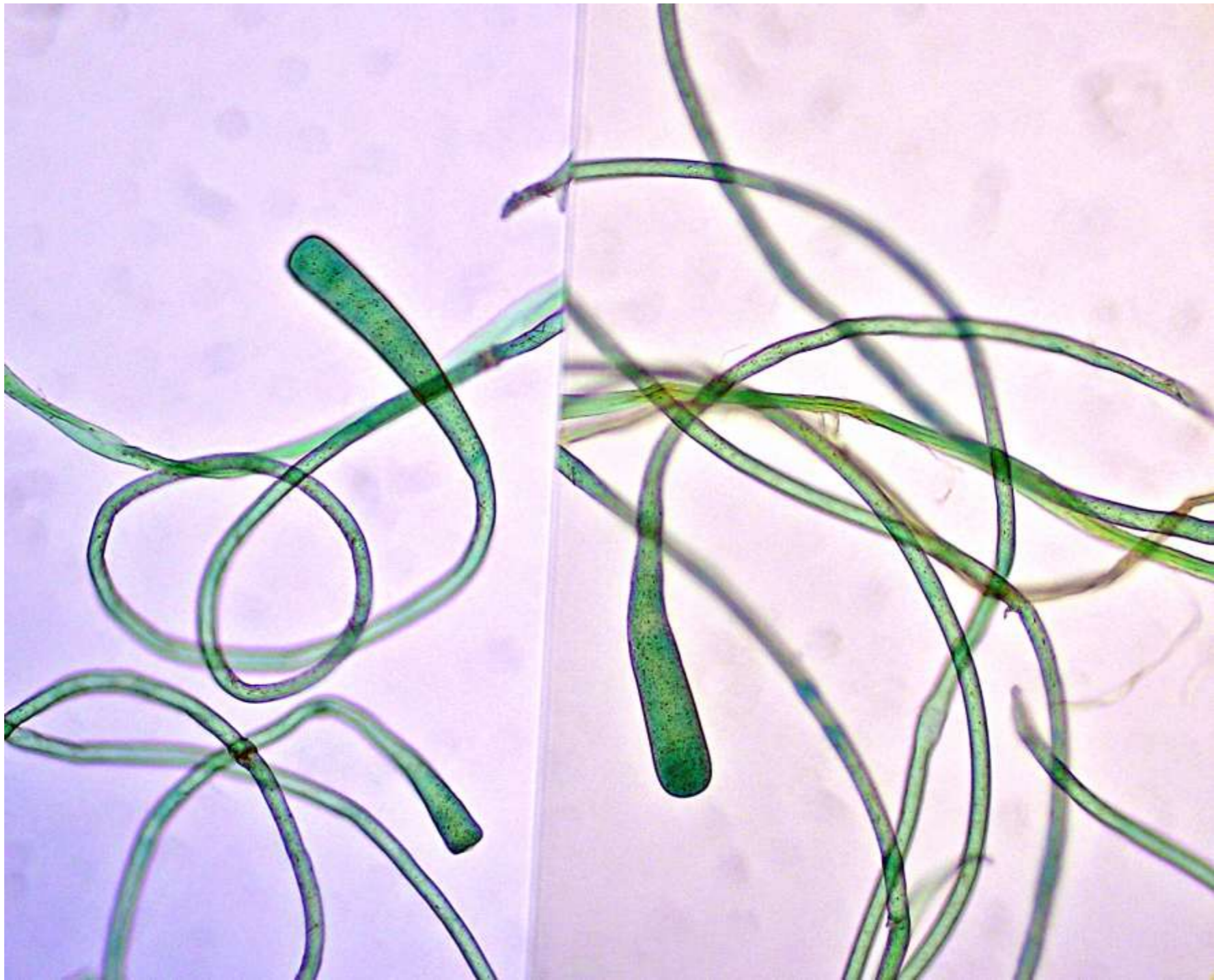


**Further collectives found;
Green and red polyester fibres.**

**Decision taken to screen seized items for any likely
sources**

Matches found!!





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'KUSTOM KIT' Polo Shirt



Industrial Inquiry

The Polo shirts made by company 'Charterhouse Holdings'

Label code showed this item was among 3034 items sold between 2001 - 2004

There had been at least one change in dye batch since then.

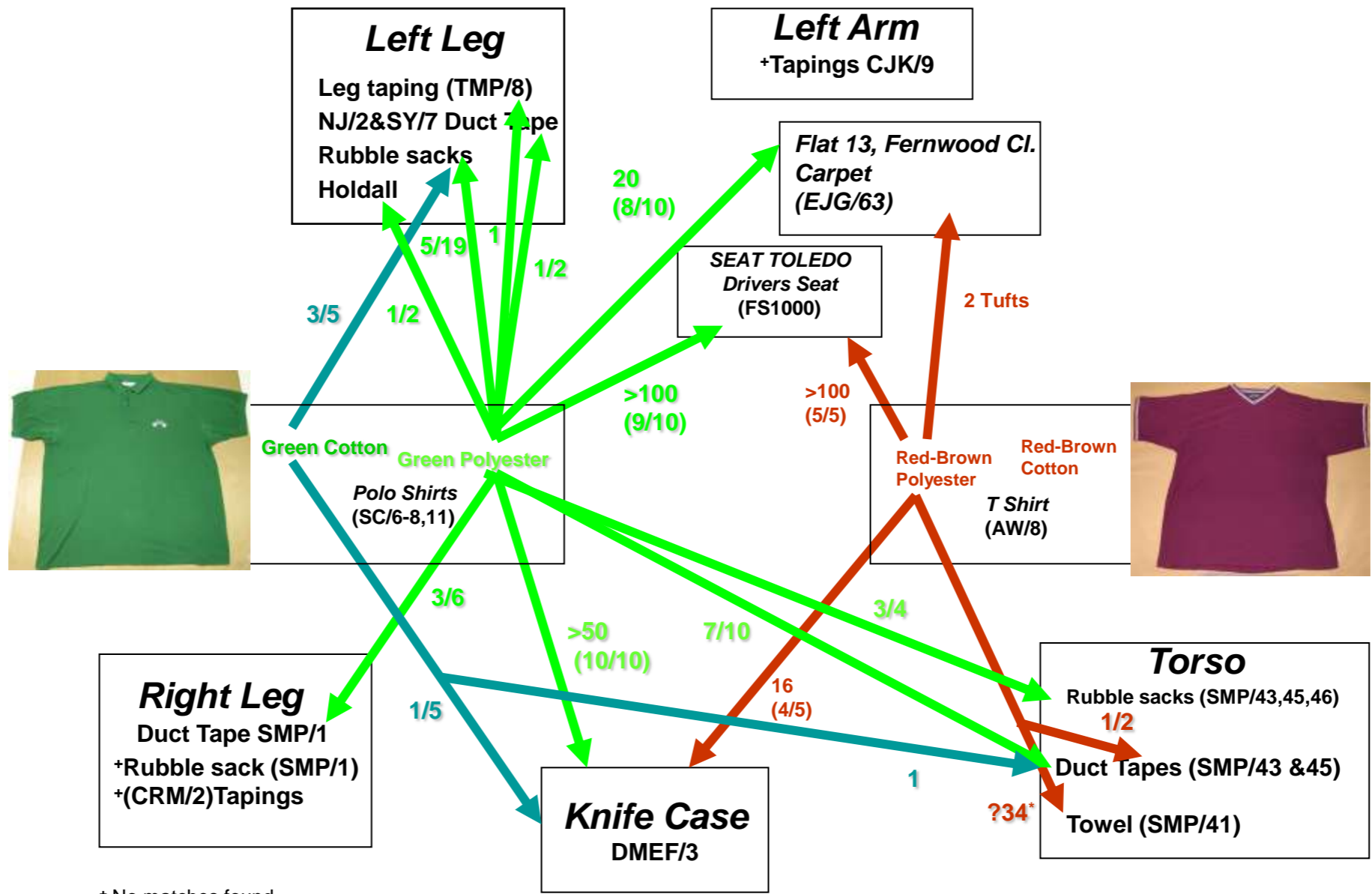
The items were sold to mail order companies of which 'Kustom Kit' were just one.

'Kustom Kit' provided the item and embroidered the logo as ordered by the gym used by MARSHALL



Maroon T Shirt





* No matches found

*Possible match with collar and sleeve trim



The Mattress Problem

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The perfect spare bed

Designed for home, sleep-overs or camping.

- Luxury velour top.
- Heavy gauge pvc bottom and gusset for strength and durability.
- Unique contoured coil construction adds support for optimum comfort.
- Large valve system makes inflating and deflating quick and easy.
Electric pump is recommended for quick inflation.
Note: pump not included.

Approx size when deflated: 191x137x13cm
Approx size when inflated: 194x140x25cm



Large diameter valve for fast inflation and deflation.

Once airbed is fully inflated, push stopper in and then push complete valve inwards.



Care Instructions:
Spot clean with a damp cloth.
Take care when deflating and always fold your bed when storing.

WARNING!
Keep away from fire and other sources of heat.
Not to be used in water.
This is not a life saving device.
Not suitable for children under 3 years.
See product for additional warnings.

Produced in China for Asda Stores Limited
Leeds
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The mattress problem resolved....

Review of items recovered from Flat 13, Fernwood close

Receipt for purchase of 'ASDA' inflatable mattress found

Date on the receipt shows item purchased on 18/4/09

**Item not introduced to MARSHALL's environment
until *after* discovery of body parts!!**



Conclusion

The body parts of Jeffrey Howe had been packaged within the environment of flat 13, Fernwood Court, whilst Stephen Marshall was living there.



The Trial

Stephen Marshall admits to dismembering Jeffrey Howe, but denies killing him.

Sarah Bush denies any participation.

3rd week of trial Marshall pleads guilty to the homicide and Bush pleads guilty to perverting the course of justice.

Marshall alleged he had performed a number of previous 'disposals' for underworld bosses



The Sentence

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Jigsaw killer cut up four more

By ANTHONY FRANCE, Crime Reporter

Published: Today

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THE Jigsaw Killer who chopped up a pal's body and dumped parts across two counties yesterday faced a grilling over four MORE murders - as he was caged for 36 years.

Evil lodger Stephen Marshall, 38, sensationally confessed to the other atrocities before being led from court.



Evil ... hulk Stephen Marshall

'He said I will kill you too' - madam

EXCLUSIVE BY ANTHONY FRANCE

A VICE madam told last night how Stephen Marshall attacked and threatened to kill her after his lover blabbed about him murdering Jeffrey Howe.

Sophie Franklin, 23, said the "cold and evil" killer picked her up and threw her SIX FEET through the air.

She hit a vase and crashed to the floor, as Marshall growled: "TI F***** kill you as well."

Sophie introduced Marshall to Sarah Bush, 21, when he rang her agency seeking a "plain English type" for sex, a year before Mr Howe's death.

Days after Mr Howe was murdered and cut up, Bush visited Sophie's home in Shenley, Herts.

She overheard drunken Bush tell another hooker: "He killed Jeff. He stabbed him in the



Hooker ... lover Bush on web

He admitted through his barrister that he sliced up and dismembered the victims a decade before he

MailOnline

'Jigsaw butcher' finally admits murdering salesman and dumping his body parts across two counties

By Daily Mail Reporter

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A man on trial for murdering a colleague whose dismembered limbs were found scattered across two counties today changed his plea to guilty.

The jury at St Albans Crown Court was told that Stephen Marshall, 38, now admits murdering Jeffrey Howe. The plea change came at the end of the third week of his trial.

The severed remains of Mr Howe, 49, from Southgate, north London, were discovered across Hertfordshire and Leicestershire last year.

He became known as the 'jigsaw man' after the series of macabre finds.

Stephen Marshall: jailed for 36 years

Sarah Bush: jailed for 3 years, 9 months



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The Motive

Simply greed;

Howe allowed Marshall and Bush to move in to his home, after they were thrown out of her mothers house.

They paid no rent, stole his food and refused to leave.

After killing him they used his bank account and assets, and sold his car on ebay.



