**Sent:** 15 February 2022 06:27

**To:** Sidwick, David **Subject:** Guardian

Dave,

The Guardian will cover EagleGate tomorrow.

I've just been asked about my support for DP's Rural, Wildlife and Heritage Crime team. I'm not familiar with that – I'm guessing they mean the Rural Crime Team?

Thanks

Chris

## Chris Loder MP

Member of Parliament for West Dorset



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**Sent:** 15 February 2022 08:19

**To:** Sidwick, David **Subject:** Sea Eagles

#### Dave

I'm not sure it's right, but given the press enquiries I'm getting, it feels like you've issued a press statement? If that's right could you just let me see it before an interview later please.

Could you also help with some facts about this Sea Eagle....

- 1. When was the bird found?
- 2. Where in Dorset was the bird found?
- 3. Has the post-mortem taken place, if not when will it happen?
- 4. If so, when will we see the results of it?
- 5. Which organisation is undertaking the post-mortem?

Could you also help with the earlier question about the name of the rural crime team?

Thanks, Chris.

Chris Loder MP Member of Parliament for West Dorset

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**Sent:** 15 February 2022 08:40

To: 'LODER, Chris (MP)' <chris.loder.mp@parliament.uk>

Subject: RE: Sea Eagles

**Dear Chris** 

No that's not right – other than my Twitter statement I have not done anything. In fact I have refused all interviews on it

This is not helping either of us so I would suggest you do not give interviews on the police element of it.

They will seek to pitch us against each other and I don't want that to happen.

Regarding the name of the rural crime team – that is what they are known as but they cover Wildlife and Heritage crime too.

Regarding the Eagle investigation some of that is sensitive to the investigation I have asked those questions and I can tell you that we will not have the results of the post-mortem for another two weeks.

I think you and I need to get our ducks in the row on this one – no pun intended.

I will be in the car from 9.30.

Cheers

**From:** de Reya, Sam

**Sent:** 15 February 2022 10:01

**To:** Sidwick, David

**Subject:** FW: URGENT - Eagle Investigation - Information required

#### David

Below is provided by with all the info you have requested. The Rural Crime Team name has been changed for some reason and to confirm will go back to the Rural Crime Team rather than having Heritage and Wildlife in the title. Not sure why it was changed.

Let me know if you want anything further

Sam



# Sam de Reya

**Deputy Chief Constable**Pronoun: she/her

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From:

**Sent:** 15 February 2022 09:31

To: de Reya, Sam <sam.dereya@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

Cc:

Subject: FW: URGENT - Eagle Investigation - Information required

Ma'am &

As requested, please find below the information regarding the press releases regarding the Sea Eagles.

Below is the main tweet the media team put out, link here:

https://www.facebook.com/dorsetpolice/posts/317365890435547 and screenshot below:



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#LatestNews – APPEAL – Sadly, two of the Sea Eagle England Isle of Wight reintroduced white-tailed eagles have recently been recovered dead on multi-agency operations in the south of England including one in Dorset in late January. An investigation is underway to ascertain the causes death of both birds, who are undergoing post mortem and toxicological examination. These birds are extremely rare and we ask the public to be vigilant and to report any information they may have relating to the death of these birds to Dorset Police at 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk, quoting occurrence 55220015571 with your contact details. You can contact us in confidence. Alternatively call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or online at Crimestoppers-uk.org. Three other eagles are currently present in Dorset.



The content of the post was provided by the form the Rural Crime Team after she had agreed the wording with the various partners involved.

Comms have not given any further information beyond this.



unrelated job (dogs) @WildlifeCop here... I know many people will want to know more. Bear with us as needs PM results & toxicology to establish a cause of death.

Dorset Police 🔮 @dorsetpolice · Feb 10

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Dorset Police Rural Wildlife & Heritage Crime ♥ @RuralC... · Feb 11 Lots of comments; re; multi agency; @RuralCrimeTeam, Sea Eagle England staff & RSPB Investigations staff only for #Dorset #Eagle

Location; Bear with us as await PM & toxicology to determine cause of death. Apols none of the above organisations are able to comment further.

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MP Chris Loder commented on this matter:



# Chris Loder MP 🕢 @chrisloder · Feb 10

Dorset is not the place for eagles to be reintroduced. I'm not challenging government for more money for Dorset so it goes on this. I don't condone this at all, but I want @dorsetpolice to focus on #countylines rather than spend time and resources on this.



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The RCT responded with the below:

Information held back by comms was the specific location where the bird was found so as not to alert the public.

Furthermore no information has been released in relation to the cause of death as it is currently not known.

Please let me know if you require anything further.

**Sent:** 15 February 2022 10:18

**To:** de Reya, Sam <sam.dereya@dorset.pnn.police.uk> **Cc:** Chilton, Scott <Scott.Chilton@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Subject:** FW: Sea Eagles **Importance:** High

Dear Sam

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You can see his questions below – I have put in answers – are you happy for me to go back as shown. 4. I can say about 4 weeks but you may not want me too and could put OS if better.

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- 4. If so, when will we see the results of it? ????
- 5. Which organisation is undertaking the post-mortem? Not appropriate

Could you also help with the earlier question about the name of the rural crime team? Rural Crime Team / Rural Crime Wildlife and Heritage Team

RCT is the form preferred and the long version will be dropped.

Cheers Dave From: de Reya, Sam <sam.dereya@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Sent:** 15 February 2022 10:41

**To:** Sidwick, David <David.Sidwick@dorset.pnn.police.uk> **Cc:** Chilton, Scott <Scott.Chilton@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Sea Eagles

Updated below

Sorry in Deps board can give you a call later



Sam de Reya

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Cheers

**Sent:** 15 February 2022 12:40

**To:** Chris Loder MP **Subject:** Sea Eagle Questions

#### **Dear Chris**

As requested and as I anticipated a lot of the questions are operationally sensitive.

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RCT is the form preferred and the long version will be dropped.

Hope that helps

Cheers

**Sent:** 16 February 2022 06:04

To: Sidwick, David <David.Sidwick@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

Subject: RE: Sea Eagle Questions

Thanks Dave. There are two questions that come to mind.

Why is the date of when this bird was found operationally sensitive?

If the bird was found in January, why is a post-mortem going to take so long?

Thanks again

Chris

# Chris Loder MP



**Sent:** 16 February 2022 08:59

To: de Reya, Sam <sam.dereya@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Sea Eagle Questions

# Grinding of teeth

Please can you give me the official lines on these two – the second I guess is because it is a specialist lab. Cheers

**Sent:** 16 February 2022 10:19

To: 'LODER, Chris (MP)' <chris.loder.mp@parliament.uk>

Subject: RE: Sea Eagle Questions

**Dear Chris** 

Regarding the date – as I am sure you are aware, this is subject to a live investigation and therefore not all information will be made available – this can be said for all types of investigation, and not just this matter. As a matter of course DP do not routinely provide information on any current investigations to ensure they can maintain the integrity of that investigation.

Regarding the PM there is only one specialist lab in the country and we are at the behest of their timeframes as we need those specialist capabilities.

Hope that helps

Sent: 19 February 2022 09:29

To: Sidwick, David <David.Sidwick@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Sea Eagle Questions

Dave,

Thank you for these helpful answers below.

There are a few further questions that have arisen. Would you be able to help with these please.

- 1. Are the police treating this as a crime, suspected or confirmed?
- 2. If so, is there a crime number? (I don't want the actual number btw, a yes/no is ok).
- 3. Is the bird in question in custody of the police and it's toxicologists or is the post mortem being done external to the Police force's direction?
- 4. How was this bird's death brought to the attention of the police?

Many thanks

Chris

# Chris Loder MP



**Sent:** 19 February 2022 12:02

To: de Reya, Sam <sam.dereya@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Sea Eagle Questions

Eaglegate continues......

Any chance of these answered. I have made my suggestions.

Cheers Dave From: de Reya, Sam <sam.dereya@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

Sent: 20 February 2022 09:40

To: Sidwick, David <David.Sidwick@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Sea Eagle Questions

Hi Dave

I think in support of you I need to push back on Chris in relation to this ongoing request for information through you as the PCC.

I am happy an officer responds to him once the investigation is completed to run through his questions and provide a brief when we have a conclusion to the enquiries. I really don't want him to get into the habit of thinking he can ask detailed questions through you on open criminal investigations. He should write or contact the force direct which is what would normally happen.

Please refer him to the Staff office and we can register and pick up his requests formally.

I hope this helps

Sam



Sam de Reya

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Sent: 21 February 2022 08:15

To: de Reya, Sam <sam.dereya@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

Subject: RE: Sea Eagle Questions

Dear Sam

I am trying to get Chris educated so actually that will only confuse him more.

If he had come to me to talk through his concerns about Eagles with me in the first place before twitting – we would not have had Eaglegate affect the police.

Perfectly happy to go back and say to him re active enquiry and he will have a full briefing afterwards.

I'll sort that today.

Cheers

Sent: 23 February 2022 06:11

To: Sidwick, David <David.Sidwick@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Sea Eagle Questions

Dave

Are you able to answer these please or should I ask Dorset Police directly?

Thanks

Chris

## Chris Loder MP

Member of Parliament for West Dorset



From: LODER, Chris (MP)
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## Chris Loder MP

**Sent:** 23 February 2022 08:56

To: LODER, Chris (MP) <chris.loder.mp@parliament.uk>

Cc: Chilton, Scott <Scott.Chilton@dorset.pnn.police.uk>; de Reya, Sam <sam.dereya@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Sea Eagle Questions

#### **Dear Chris**

I have had a discussion with the Chief and Deputy and they feel that these questions will be answered but after the investigation has completed.

I have forwarded the questions are so they are aware of them. They will give you a full briefing after the investigation is completed.

It may help if you are being inundated with press enquiries to direct those in so they can get the same answer.

Hope that helps to some extent Dave

**Sent:** 23 February 2022 09:13

To: Sidwick, David <David.Sidwick@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

Cc: Chilton, Scott <Scott.Chilton@dorset.pnn.police.uk>; de Reya, Sam <sam.dereya@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

Subject: RE: Sea Eagle Questions

Dave,

Thank you. But I would simply like Dorset Police to answer these very straightforward questions for me.

The fact that the most simple of questions is so difficult to answer is starting to be concerning for me in itself. I'm afraid I am not understanding why it is so difficult to even answer question one below – especially given there is no timeframe for investigation.

This is not about being inundated with press enquiries, it is simply for my own information.

Thanks again

Chris

## Chris Loder MP



Sent: 23 February 2022 09:23

To: Chilton, Scott <Scott.Chilton@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Sea Eagle Questions

**Dear Scott** 

Sorry – can we talk about this? I am bored with it It merits some discussion before I respond.

Kind regards Dave

From: LODER, Chris (MP) < <a href="mailto:chris.loder.mp@parliament.uk">chris.loder.mp@parliament.uk</a>>

Sent: 23 February 2022 09:13

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**Sent:** 23 February 2022 10:07

To: LODER, Chris (MP) <chris.loder.mp@parliament.uk>

Cc: Chilton, Scott <Scott.Chilton@dorset.pnn.police.uk>; de Reya, Sam <sam.dereya@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Sea Eagle Questions

## **Dear Chris**

Rest assured that Dorset Police will brief you as soon as they are able to. All of us understand the public interest and your position and I have asked them to make sure you have the information you need. As ever give me a shout if you have further concerns -I am in the car 5.00 - 6.00 tonight if any good.

Cheers Dave

**Sent:** 16 March 2022 18:33

To: Chilton, Scott <Scott.Chilton@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

Cc: de Reya, Sam <sam.dereya@dorset.pnn.police.uk>; Sidwick, David <David.Sidwick@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Sea Eagle Questions

Dear Scott

We are a month on from our last conversation about it this situation.

Could you advise if there is an update please and a timescale?

Conscious that you been in post a while, it would also be good to meet in the not too distant future too.

Thanks

Chris

## Chris Loder MP



From: Sidwick, David Sent: 17 March 2022 08:37

To: Chilton, Scott <Scott.Chilton@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

Subject: FW: Sea Eagle Questions

Hi Scott

Didn't know he'd spoken to you directly – he has a burr under the saddle as Hopalong Cassidy would say.

Cheers Dave

From: LODER, Chris (MP) < <a href="mailto:chris.loder.mp@parliament.uk">chris.loder.mp@parliament.uk</a>>

Sent: 16 March 2022 18:33

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From: Chilton, Scott <Scott.Chilton@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Sent:** 17 March 2022 08:43

To: Sidwick, David <David.Sidwick@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Subject:** Re: Sea Eagle Questions

He hasn't spoken to me.. not once

On 17 Mar 2022, at 08:37, Sidwick, David < <u>David.Sidwick@dorset.pnn.police.uk</u> > wrote:

Hi Scott

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Cheers Dave From: Sidwick, David Sent: 17 March 2022 08:45

To: Chilton, Scott <Scott.Chilton@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Sea Eagle Questions

What I thought – that's a comment to a p.a. to find out if there is anymore info and it's been conflated with the I would like to meet him bit.

I presume the beast is still being taken to bits as there hasn't been an update.

From: Chilton, Scott <Scott.Chilton@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Sent:** 17 March 2022 08:53

To: Sidwick, David <David.Sidwick@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Subject:** Re: Sea Eagle Questions

I will look it later but he won't get any more detail unless it's appropriate to do so

On 17 Mar 2022, at 08:44, Sidwick, David < <u>David.Sidwick@dorset.pnn.police.uk</u>> wrote:

What I thought – that's a comment to a p.a. to find out if there is anymore info and it's been conflated with the I would like to meet him bit.

I presume the beast is still being taken to bits as there hasn't been an update. Dave

From: Sidwick, David Sent: 17 March 2022 08:55

To: Chilton, Scott <Scott.Chilton@dorset.pnn.police.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Sea Eagle Questions

No argument from me

**From:** de Reya, Sam

**Sent:** 30 March 2022 18:18

**To:** Chilton, Scott; Sidwick, David

**Subject:** Sea eagle investigation - drafted to go out tonight from the Force

**Importance:** High

Dorset Police has responded robustly to allegations that a White-tailed Sea Eagle had been deliberately poisoned and killed by unknown persons. As a result of the sea eagle being found dead on land in the North Dorset area, our team has carried out a full and proportionate investigation under Section 1 of the Wildlife Countryside Act 1981 in conjunction with Natural England, National Wildlife Crime Unit, the RSPB and the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation to identify any offences and perpetrators who may be responsible. As you can imagine detecting the deliberate poisoning of a bird of prey is extremely difficult without local intelligence and information to support the investigation. GPS data provided information that over an 11-day period the White-tailed Sea Eagle spent time across a multitude of locations in the North Dorset area. Despite working with experts, we have been unable to confirm deliberate intent to kill this beautiful bird or identify potential offenders. A detailed examination and tests have been carried out on the bird, which were inconclusive, and it has therefore not been possible to confirm that any criminal offence has been committed. While high levels of brodifacoum were detected, it has not been possible to establish whether this was as a result of a deliberate act or due to secondary rodenticide poisoning. We would still encourage anyone with new information to come forward to support enquiries.

The Force is committed to keeping everyone in our county safe, including our wildlife, which brings so much to our beautiful countryside and our communities. As part of the police uplift programme and working together with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner we have reviewed our Rural Crime Strategy for the county and allocated increased numbers of officers to the Rural Crime Team to tackle the issues that matter. This includes all aspects of rural, wildlife and heritage-related crime. We will continue to work closely with many different partner agencies in relation to these issues. As always, should any new information be received in relation to this investigation, this will be considered.

We want to make it clear that we take any and all potential wildlife offences seriously and will act to prevent and detect offences wherever possible.



Sam de Reya

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**From:** de Reya, Sam

**Sent:** 31 March 2022 09:37

**To:** Sidwick, David; Chilton, Scott

**Subject:** Eagle info

## David

I know you were interested in where the bird was found. We are not releasing the exact location for obvious reasons regarding people jumping to conclusions and repercussions and have talked about North Devon.

# Thanks Sam



Sam de Reya

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