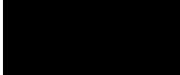
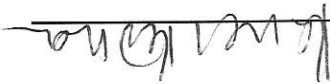


<p style="text-align: center;">REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rt Hon Theresa May MP House of Commons London SW1A 0AA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CORONER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I am Rachel Redman, Senior Coroner for Central and South East Kent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</p> <p>I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013. http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukksl/2013/1629/part/7/made</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 06/01/2016 I commenced an investigation into the death of Thomas Edward HARRIS, aged 22 years. The investigation concluded at the end of the Inquest on 20th April 2016. The conclusion of the Inquest was T E Harris has taken his own life.</p> <p>The case of death is: 1a) Asphyxiation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>On 28th December 2015 the deceased's mother found Thomas Harris sitting in a chair in his bedroom with a plastic bag over his head connected to a helium canister. Thomas had written several letters of explanation to family members and close friends.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CORONER'S CONCERNS</p> <p>During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you.</p> <p>The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows:--</p> <p>That helium is a toxic gas and readily available to buy either on the high street or online.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>
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<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>I am aware that Coroners have written to you in recent years, including myself, regarding concerns about the easy availability of helium which can be abused in circumstances such as this death and I request that you take action to regulate its sale, the size of the canister and the valve thus making them unable to be used in a suicide attempt.</p>	<p>YOUR RESPONSE</p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 23 June 2016. I, the Senior Coroner, may extend the period.</p> <p>Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed.</p>	<p>COPIES and PUBLICATION</p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons:</p> <p></p> <p>I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.</p> <p>The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Dated 28 April 2016</p> <p>Signature Rachel Redman Senior Coroner Central and South East Kent</p> <p></p>
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