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Episode Two

'The Bathroom Phantom'

Cast:

Tony Hayes

Friday 1st September 2023

Approx 09.30

Day Four

On Friday the 14th September 2023 at approx 09.30, Tony Hayes after breakfast, decided to have a shower, something he had done each day since staying at the house. This would be the third morning he had done so.

Please note:

The photographs were taken after the event and should be considered as a reconstruction.



His shower gel, toothpaste and brush were already in the shower having been left there. He had bleached the toilet a few minutes before and placed the lid down.

All he needed to do was to take with him to the bathroom a clean pair of underwear, which he took out of his kit bag.

Old habits do continue, and keeping with the way he showers at home, he placed the clean underwear on the left side of the heated towel rail and his grey top on the right side of the same rail, as below.



Tony's jeans were then draped across the window sill and the toilet cover which was closed, as noted below. Also note the bleach bottle.



Tony's used underwear was then thrown on the floor to be used later to mop up wet drips that fell onto the floor surface after getting out of the shower. Something Tony had done the previous two mornings.

After showering, and as previously, he stepped out of the shower and dried off. Putting on his clean underwear and then his jeans and top. Now he looked for the used underwear to wipe up the water on the floor, but he found they had vanished.

Thinking he had put the used underwear back on, Tony went to the bedroom to find there was no clean underwear. Amanda Griffiths was doing the first and only clothing wash that day. Somewhat confused, Tony went back to the bathroom to use the loo. After lifting up the toilet seat, there floating in the toilet bowl were his used underpants. So how did they get there?



Of all the week's unusual events, this was the strangest so far. No matter how many times Tony tried to find a rational explanation, none could be found.

It just wasn't possible to remove his jeans, to then place them over the closed toilet, to then take off the underwear and throw them down the toilet, and certainly not with bleach in the toilet bowl, that would mean lifting the toilet seat back up where the jeans were placed. It would not make sense.

This event can only be one of two things. Either it's a genuine event or Tony lied about the whole episode.

Tony was understandably reluctant to write up this report. Even explaining to Amanda Griffiths and Cirana Farrell was difficult enough. This takes the investigator into a difficult territory, that of the experiencer with no witness or a thread of evidence to back up the story. Therefore there is a major reluctance to record such activity.

The following day, around 09.25, Saturday the 2nd of September, Tony repeated what he had done the previous three days but was now on full alert. This time rather than facing the shower head he had the shower head behind him. He had placed the used underwear on the edge of the bath this time so they were in full view and was scanning the whole area while showering. Close to being finished, loud knocks were heard on the bathroom door, which he thought were three knocks.

The CCTV did record this incident. On the video at 09.39:46, two loud sounds can be heard. A later video does show Tony coming out of the bathroom a few minutes later with just a towel shouting down the bannister to see if either Amanda or Ciaran wanted him. They did not. You can also hear on the video both Amanda and Ciaran talking at a distant downstairs. No one else was in the house. You can watch the video by following this link, the time of the knocks is around one minute, and 44 seconds

There are two differences between what Tony thought he heard and what was recorded on CCTV. Tony is convinced he heard three knocks, not two which were captured on CCTV. Also, on the CCTV recording the knocks sound more like taps rather than a more bassey sounding knock. The CCTV camera is approximately 30 feet away, where Tony was no more than six feet away in the bathroom. The bathroom ambience may well explain why what he heard sounded different to the CCTV. No other bangs or knocks can be heard while he was in the shower other than those coming from downstairs.

It's somewhat rare for an investigator to be faced with activity where there's little or no direct evidence to support it. What does one do with such events? Do you disclude it and make no mention for the sake of not wanting to face disbelieving faces or ridicule?

But the job of the investigator is to investigate and report, and despite knowing what is likely to happen when these events are recorded and then reported, you have to be transparent. So despite the reservations, the two days' activity is reported and as far as the investigator Tony is concerned, absolutely true.



Whose Done it?