

Date: Saturday 27th August 2022

Time of discovery: 8.00am

Location: Hever Castle, Kent, England

Leading Officer: Inspector Kurt

Crime: Robbery

At 8.00am on Saturday 27th August, a phone call was made to 999 by the Castle caretaker, Mr Robert Jones reporting a robbery at Hever Castle.

Items stolen:

- Dakota Diamonds (value approx. £50,000)
- 2 x gold necklace with ruby pendant (value approx. £3,000 each)
- Pair of diamond earrings (approx. £3,000)
- Gold plated tiara, with ruby and diamond stones (value approx. £5,000)

⇒ The stolen pieces were kept in a vault in the basement of the castle. The vault is usually locked but was found forced open.

⇒ Mr Jones said "I was on my daily rounds of the castle, unlocking the doors which I locked the night before, and when I got to the vault in the basement I noticed the door hanging on its hinges with the broken lock on the floor. Looks like they opened it with some force. And all of those incredible diamonds gone...I just can't believe it!"

⇒ It is believed that the break in must have happened at some point during the night.

⇒ Currently unknown as to how the thieves entered the castle, there are three points of entry which need to be investigated.

⇒ As of yet, no clues as to who the thieves could be.

⇒ We are talking to anyone who may have been in the area at the time who may have seen anything.

⇒ This investigation is ongoing.

Police Station handling case: Hever Police, 04757 234 956