

Criminal enquiry underway following discovery of body in Kirkcaldy



A criminal enquiry is underway following the discovery late last night of the body of a young boy, thought to be Mikaeel Kular.

The body is understood to have been found at a property in Dunvegan Avenue, Kirkcaldy, Fife, owned by Mikaeel's aunt Pandeep Kular.

The body is being left in situ for forensic and scenes-of-crime officers to carry out investigations

The house and a wooded area to the rear have been cordoned off.

As reported last night, a person has been detained in connection with the discovery. That person has not been identified by police although various media sources have named the individual concerned.

Under Scottish law, the person can be detained initially for 12 hours during questioning and then on the say so of a senior officer can be held for another 12 hours.

At the end of that period police must decide whether to release, charge, or formally arrest the person concerned.

An update is expected later today.

The Daily Mail produced a video of the moment when Assistant Chief Constable Malcolm Graham broke the news of the grim discovery to the media at Fettes in Edinburgh:-