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'I'm going to kill myself... and it will be your fault'

By **Tony Bonnici**

THE youngest victim of Bridgend's suicide cluster hanged himself after an online argument with his girlfriend.

Nathaniel Pritchard, 15, warned Hannah Brookes in an internet chat room that he would take his own life, it was revealed yesterday.

An inquest heard that he wrote: "I'm going to kill myself - it will be your fault."

Bridgend Coroner Phillip Walters was told that Nathaniel's nine-year-old brother found him hanging in an attic room at the family home. He was the 16th victim in a series of 17 tragedies that have blighted the town in South Wales since January 2007.

The hearing heard how Nathaniel was "chatting" online with Hannah when they rowed about a boy named Dan.

Cousin

Detective Inspector Jason Redrup said: "Hannah told him in their computer conversation that she was finished with him and was going with another boy. He replied, 'Just **** off, go with Dan. I'm going to kill myself and it will be your fault.'"

The inquest heard that Hannah rang his home a short time later to speak to him. DI Redrup said: "His brother Connor took the phone upstairs and discovered his brother hanging. He called his parents and cut Nathaniel down."

The teenager was put on a life-support machine but died the following morning. His cousin Kelly Stephenson, 20, also of Bridgend, hanged herself the next day while on holiday in Kent, after being told about the



ONLINE ROW: Nathaniel Pritchard and his girlfriend Hannah Brookes

incident. The coroner asked for a printout of the MSN instant-messaging conversation between Nathaniel and Hannah that night. The chatrooms, where users swap written messages, are popular among teenagers.

The fact that the row took place online is set to reignite claims that the 17 suicides are linked through the internet.

Nathaniel, of Cefn Glas, Bridgend, had been in a relationship with Hannah for eight months and his Bebo web page was full of photographs and declarations of his love for her.

The hearing in Merthyr Tydfil gave the cause of death as multi-organ failure and hanging.

An inquest was also opened into the death of teenager Jenna Parry, found hanging from a tree in the village of Cefn Cribbwr near Bridgend on Tuesday. DI Redrup said: "She was struggling

in her relationship with her boyfriend. She was trying to rekindle the relationship."

The inquest also heard that Jenna, 16, had attempted suicide on a number of occasions - at least twice by attempting an overdose. Her cause of death was given as hanging.

The coroner adjourned the inquests for both Nathaniel and Jenna while inquiries continue.

Meanwhile the BBC has announced it is dropping a TV youth drama about a girl who commits suicide, because it would be "insensitive" to screen the programme on BBC3 on Monday in the wake of the Bridgend tragedies.

A BBC spokesman said: "Dis/Connected is a drama aimed at a young audience which deals with the emotional build-up to the suicide of a teenage girl and the effect it has on her friends."

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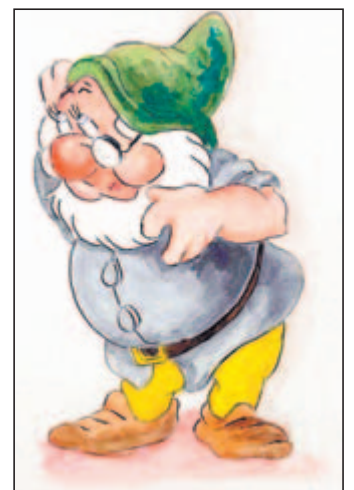
BASHFUL: But is it by Hitler?

LONG-LOST sketches of Walt Disney's lovable cartoon dwarfs Doc and Bashful have been linked to the most unlikely artist - Adolf Hitler.

Norwegian museum director William Hakvaag claims that three coloured cartoons of characters from Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs found in the back of a painting he bought for £150 are the work of the Nazi dictator. The painting was signed "A.Hitler" and the cartoons "A.H."

Tests suggest the pictures date from 1940 and the signatures match other copies of Hitler's handwriting.

Mr Hakvaag said: "I am 100 per cent sure that these are drawings by Hitler... If one wanted to make a forgery, one would never hide it in the back of a picture, where it might never be discovered." Hitler tried to be an artist before going into politics. Some of his works sold recently for £120,000.



DOC: Did dictator copy Disney?