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Chris Goode arrested for possession of indecent images prior to death

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Chris Goode in a performance of Mirabel in 2018. Photo: The Other Richard

Chris Goode was arrested for possessing indecent images just a few weeks before he killed himself, The Stage can reveal.

The police confirmed to The Stage that they were called to an address in east London at about 1am on Wednesday May 5, “to reports of possession of indecent images”. It is understood these images were of children.

Officers attended the property and arrested a man in his 40s, the police confirmed, with that man now known to be Goode.

At the time, he was released under bail conditions and under investigation, while enquiries were ongoing.

He killed himself on June 1.

[Goode's death was confirmed by his husband Griffyn Gilligan earlier this week](#), who shared a statement online.

The statement from Gilligan said: "Early in the morning of Tuesday, June 1, Chris Goode decided to end his own life."

He added that he did not have "many words or certainly the right words yet".

"But it is clear that Chris was loved deeply by many, many people. The world cannot and will not be the same with him no longer living in it," Gilligan said.

Goode recently turned 48.

His company, Chris Goode and Company, closed last month, with Goode providing a statement to The Stage at the time, which said "the decision to close the company has been taken by Chris for personal reasons, with the support of everyone involved".

The statement added: "The company is now working with all its stakeholders to ensure the smoothest possible process towards closure. We will not be making any further statement at this point."

In 2019, Chris Goode and Company [cancelled a planned Edinburgh Fringe show](#) and put the rest of its public-facing work on hold, citing safeguarding issues for the move.

The organisation said it had cancelled a planned run of its show Narcolepsy at the fringe – and suspended other work – following an independent investigation in response to concerns raised by former colleagues. It said this had resulted in a report outlining a number of recommendations “for better safeguarding across our work”.