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British model and TV presenter Peaches Geldof dead at 25

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USPA News - Former model and TV host Peaches Geldof, the daughter of Irish singer and activist Bob Geldof and the late TV presenter Paula Yates, was found dead at her home in southeast England on Monday afternoon, British police said. She was just 25 years old.

Officers were called to Geldof's house in the village of Wrotham in Kent, about 27 miles (43 kilometers) southeast of London, at about 1:35 p.m. local time on Monday after a report of concern for the welfare of a woman. Geldof was later pronounced dead by the South East Coast Ambulance Service. "At this stage, the death is being treated as an unexplained and sudden death. Officers are working to establish the circumstances around the death," Kent Police said in a brief statement, giving no other details. It was not immediately clear whether she had died on Monday or on Sunday evening, when she last posted to her Twitter account. In Geldof's last tweet, she linked to an Instagram photo showing herself and her mother Paula Yates, the TV presenter who died of a heroin overdose in September 2000. Geldof had said in a recent interview that she had struggled coming to terms with her mother's death, telling "Elle" magazine: "I remember the day my mother died, and it's still hard to talk about it." Geldof's father Bob, who is best remembered for his recent political activism and previously as the lead singer of the Irish rock band the "Boomtown Rats" in the late 1970s and early 1980s, said in a joint statement with his family that they were "beyond pain" after Peaches' sudden death. "She was the wildest, funniest, cleverest, wittiest and the most bonkers of all of us. Writing 'was' destroys me afresh," the statement said. "What a beautiful child. How is this possible that we will not see her again? How is that bearable? We loved her and will cherish her forever. How sad that sentence is." Geldof was married to Thomas Cohen, the former lead singer of the English band S.C.U.M., with whom she had two sons, 1-year-old Astala and 11-month-old Phaedra. The couple married in September 2012 at the same church in Kent where her parents had married decades ago and where her mother's funeral was held in 2000. "My beloved wife Peaches was adored by myself and her two sons Astala and Phaedra and I shall bring them up with their mother in their hearts everyday. We shall love her forever," Cohen said in a brief statement after the death of his wife.

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