

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF SUDESH AMMAN

DIRECTIONS – 4th JANUARY 2021

Interested Persons

1. The following are designated as Interested Persons (“IPs”), within the meaning of section 47(2) of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (“CJA”):
 - a. Haleema Khan, as being a person within the scope of section 47(2)(a);
 - b. The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, by virtue of section 47(2)(f), because Sudesh Amman died as a result of acts by officers of the Metropolitan Police Service;
 - c. The Secretary of State for Justice, representing the interests of HM Prison and Probation Service (“HMPPS”), on the basis of sufficiency of interest (section 47(2)(m)); and
 - d. The Director-General of the Independent Office for Police Conduct, by virtue of section 47(2)(k).

Jury

2. The inquest will be heard with a jury, that being mandatory pursuant to section 7(2)(b)(i), CJA, in an inquest into a death resulting from the act or omission of a police officer in the execution of his or her duty.

Article 2, ECHR

3. The procedural obligation under Article 2, ECHR, is engaged.

Disclosure

4. The Solicitor to the Inquest will arrange for each IP’s legal representatives to provide appropriate confidentiality undertakings.
5. Disclosure of documents will be provided to IPs whose representatives have given such undertakings. Disclosure will be arranged in tranches and will be provided by means of a document management platform.

Anonymity / Special Measures Applications

6. By 4pm on Friday 29 January 2021, the MPS shall file with the Solicitor to the Inquest a confidential list of officers in respect of whom the MPS would seek anonymity and special measures if those officers were to be called and/or their names considered relevant, providing the officers' real names and proposed ciphers.
7. When providing potentially relevant evidential material to the Solicitor for the Inquest in response to his requests, the MPS shall either replace with proposed ciphers the names of officers on the list referred to in paragraph 4 above or highlight all such names and indicate proposed ciphers. Evidential material will in the first instance be disclosed to IPs with such names replaced by ciphers.
8. After receipt and review of the list referred to in paragraph 4 above, the Inquests Team will identify to the MPS those officers who are likely to be called as witnesses or whose names may otherwise be considered relevant by the Court. The MPS will then, if so advised, file applications for anonymity in respect of those officers.
9. In the event that anonymity is not sought or is not granted to any officer whose name is considered relevant by the Court or who is to be called as a witness, IPs will be provided with a key to the cipher(s) used and real name(s) for such officer(s).

Listing of the Inquest Hearing

10. Subject to further order of the Court, the inquest hearing is to be held at the Royal Courts of Justice with a start date of Monday, 2nd August 2021 and a provisional time estimate of two to three weeks.

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE HILLIARD