

**INQUESTS ARISING FROM THE DEATHS IN THE LONDON BRIDGE AND
BOROUGH MARKET TERROR ATTACK OF 3 JUNE 2017**

DIRECTIONS FROM THE THIRD PRE-INQUEST REVIEW

HELD ON 6 JULY 2018

Interested Persons

1. Celine Hotonnier is designated as an Interested Person, within the meaning of section 47(2) of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (“CJA”), in relation to the Inquest into the death of Sébastien Bélanger.
2. Transport for London is designated as an Interested Person, within the meaning of section 47(2) of the CJA, in relation to the Inquests into the deaths of Christine Archibald and Xavier Thomas.

Scope

3. The indicative scope of the Inquests is set out in the annex to these directions (which identifies topics for inquiry).

Expert evidence

4. Any interested person wishing to suggest that expert evidence should be obtained or adduced in the Inquests, beyond the expert evidence referred to in the written submissions of Counsel to the Inquests for this hearing, should make the proposal in writing to the Solicitors to the Inquests as soon as possible.

Anonymity applications

5. There are five outstanding applications for anonymity and special measures. These are:
 - a. an application dated March 2018 on behalf of eight firearms officers from the Metropolitan Police Service who were involved in the confrontation with the attackers;

- b. an application dated March 2018 on behalf of three firearms officers from the City of London Police who were involved in the confrontation with the attackers;
 - c. an application for anonymity dated March 2018 on behalf of the widowed partner of Rachid Redouane on behalf of herself and her child (no application being made for special measures at this time);
 - d. an application for anonymity dated March 2018 on behalf of the widow of Khuram Butt and her two children (no application being made for special measures at this time); and
 - e. an application for anonymity dated July 2018 by two further relatives of Khuram Butt (no application being made for special measures at this time).
6. Counsel to the Inquest made written and oral submissions, to the effect that:
- a. the two applications for anonymity and special measures for the police officers should be allowed;
 - b. the applications by the widowed partners of Rachid Redouane and Khuram Butt should not be allowed, but that either of those individuals who is called to give evidence should be screened from the press and public;
 - c. the children of the widowed partner of Khuram Butt, and the child of the widowed partner of Rachid Redouane should be anonymised in the Inquests;
 - d. in respect of the two applications made on behalf of further relatives of Khuram Butt, dated July 2018:
 - i. the application by 'applicant one', should be deferred pending provision by the applicant of further evidence about the potential effects on the applicant of the application being refused to any extent; and
 - ii. the application in respect of 'applicant two', for anonymity of two children, should be allowed.

7. The application by 'applicant one' (a relative of Khuram Butt) shall be deferred pending provision of further evidence about the potential effects on that person of the application being refused to any extent.
8. Any media organisation which wishes to make submissions on these applications (other than that of 'applicant one' referred to above) may request a copy of the application(s) and the written submissions referred to above from the Solicitors to the Inquests, and shall provide its submissions in writing by 4pm on 20 July 2018 to the Solicitors to the Inquests.
9. Each applicant for anonymity and special measures shall provide any further written submissions in response by 4pm on 27 July 2018 to the Solicitor to the Inquests.
10. The applications (other than that of 'applicant one' referred to above) will be determined on the papers unless the Chief Coroner considers that there is a need for a further hearing.

Inquest Hearings

11. The Hearing of the Inquests into the deaths of the eight victims of the attack shall commence shortly after Easter 2019 (21 April 2019), with the precise date to be confirmed.
12. The Hearing of the Inquests into the death of three attackers shall commence after the conclusion of the Hearing of those eight Inquests.

6 July 2018

HIS HONOUR JUDGE LUCRAFT QC

CHIEF CORONER

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INDICATIVE SCOPE

A. For **all of the Inquests**, it will be appropriate to consider some evidence of the background to the attacks, including:

- (i) the personal history and background of each of the attackers;
- (ii) the extent to which each had come to the attention of UK and other national authorities before the attacks and whether their activities gave any warning signs (to include some consideration of what was known to MI5 about Khuram Butt and his associates);
- (iii) their planning and preparations for the attacks (including hiring the van and purchasing the knives, the material for the fake suicide vests and the materials for the “petrol bombs”);
- (iv) whether they received assistance or support from others in planning, preparing for and/or perpetrating the attacks;
- (v) their dealings with each other and with any others in the period before the attack; and
- (vi) their movements in the days and hours immediately preceding the attacks, including their journey to the scene.

B. For the Inquests concerning **Xavier Thomas** and **Christine Archibald**, it will be appropriate to consider:

- (i) the sequence of events on the Bridge, including the speed and movements of the vehicle;
- (ii) the impact of the vehicle with Christine Archibald, the injuries she suffered and the resuscitation efforts;

(iii) how Xavier Thomas came to be in the river, the injuries he suffered (and their cause), the effects of immersion on him and how his body came to be found;

(iv) the medical cause of death of each of them; and

(v) physical security measures on the Bridge (so far as relevant to the deaths).

C. For the Inquests concerning **James McMullan, Alexandre Pigeard, Kirsty Boden; Sébastien Bélanger, Sara Zelenak and Ignacio Echeverria Miralles de Imperial**, it will be appropriate to consider:

(i) the sequence of events in the attack, from the vehicle colliding with the railings above Boro Bistro to the time the attackers were confronted by police (with particular focus on the attack on each of those who died);

(ii) the care, assistance and treatment given to those who died (including efforts of those at the scene and, where relevant, treatment by paramedics and clinicians);

(iii) the injuries suffered by each of them and the medical cause of death of each of them; and

(iv) to complete the narrative, the arrival of the police and other emergency services on the scene and the confrontation of armed police with the attackers.

D. For the Inquests concerning the **three attackers**, it will be appropriate to consider:

(i) by way of background, the events of the attack from the time of the van being driven into pedestrians on the Bridge to the attackers being confronted by armed police officers;

(ii) the events in and around Stoney Street immediately before the arrival of the armed officers, and the scene they found when they arrived;

(iii) the confrontation of armed officers from the MPS and City of London Police with the attackers, and the initial shots being fired;

(iv) the sequence of events after the initial shots, including the police reaction to the apparent explosive devices, the further shots fired and efforts to clear the area; and

(v) the injuries sustained by each of the attackers and the medical cause of death of each one.