

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

DIRECTIONS FROM THE PROCEDURAL HEARING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2019

Anonymity applications

1. Four applications for anonymity and special measures fall to be determined. These are:
 - a. an application made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on behalf of MI5's Head of International Counter Terrorism Policy, Strategy and Capability ("Witness L");
 - b. an application made by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, on behalf of a Counter Terrorism Senior Investigating Officer ("Witness M"); and
 - c. two applications made by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, on behalf of two Authorised Firearms Officers ("D4" and "AY37").
2. In each case I have received written applications supported by OPEN and CLOSED evidence. The OPEN applications have been circulated to Interested Persons and have been made available to the media.
3. Counsel to the Inquest have made full written submissions in support of the applications. No person has made any submissions, in writing or orally, that the applications should not be granted.
4. I have previously handed down a written ruling in these Inquests concerning other applications for anonymity and special measures, dated 19 November 2018. The law as set out in that ruling applies equally to the four instant applications.
5. The applications are properly made and I grant them for the reasons set out in the written submissions of Counsel to the Inquest, dated 4 April 2019.

6. In respect of **Witness L**, I make an Order as follows:
- a. The name and identifying details of Witness L shall be withheld in disclosure and evidence within the Inquests.
 - b. The pseudonym Witness L shall be used for the purpose of the Inquests.
 - c. When Witness L is giving evidence, no question may be asked which might lead to his identification.
 - d. Pursuant to rule 18 of the Coroners (Inquests) Rules 2013, when Witness L is giving evidence he shall be screened from the Court (including from the public, the press, interested persons, their lawyers and from me as Coroner).
 - e. When Witness L attends to give evidence, he shall be permitted to enter and exit the Court by an appropriate, non-public route.
 - f. Pursuant to s11 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981, there shall be no publication of the name of Witness L or identifying information about Witness L (including images of Witness L) in connection with these Inquests or their subject-matter. That order shall have effect for the duration of the Inquests and thereafter, subject to any further order of the Court.
 - g. Electronic devices in Court shall be turned off during his evidence, save for (i) devices required for official transcription of evidence; (ii) devices required for use of the Opus system for the hearing; and (iii) laptop computers and tablets of legal representatives (save that such devices shall not be used to make a recording or note of Witness L's evidence while it is being given and that any microphone or other recording capability of such a device must be turned off).
 - h. There shall be no recording of any of Witness L's evidence, save for the official recording for the purposes of transcription for the Court.
 - i. Witness L's evidence shall not be publicly disclosed until Counsel to the Inquests confirm that this may be done.

- j. Any live audio or television link to or from the Court shall be turned off when Witness L enters and leaves the Court room.
 - k. The Court room shall be vacated whenever Witness L enters or leaves.
7. In respect of **Witness M**, I make an Order as follows:
- a. The name and identifying details of Witness M shall be withheld in disclosure and evidence within the Inquests.
 - b. The pseudonym Witness M shall be used for the purpose of the Inquests.
 - c. When Witness M is giving evidence, no question may be asked which might lead to his identification.
 - d. Pursuant to rule 18 of the Coroners (Inquests) Rules 2013, when Witness M is giving evidence he shall be screened from the public gallery, including the press (although not from the Coroner, Interested Persons or their lawyers).
 - e. When Witness M attends to give evidence, he shall be permitted to enter and exit the Court by an appropriate, non-public route.
 - f. Pursuant to s11 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981, there shall be no publication of the name of Witness M or identifying information about Witness M (including images of Witness M) in connection with these Inquests or their subject-matter. That order shall have effect for the duration of the Inquests and thereafter, subject to any further order of the Court.
8. In respect of **D4** and **AY37**, I make an Order as follows:
- a. The name and identifying details of each of D4 and AY37 shall be withheld in disclosure and evidence within the Inquests.
 - b. Pseudonyms (D4 and AY37) shall be used for each of those officers for the purposes of the Inquests.
 - c. When each of those officers is giving evidence, no question may be asked which might lead to their identification.

- d. Pursuant to rule 18 of the Coroners (Inquests) Rules 2013, when each of those officers is giving evidence he shall be screened from the public gallery, including the press (although not from the Coroner, Interested Persons, their lawyers or members of the jury). There is liberty to apply to the MPS for the screening order to be extended to individuals who qualify as or represent Interested Persons.
- e. When each of the officers attends to give evidence, he shall be permitted to enter and exit the Court by an appropriate, non-public route.
- f. Pursuant to s11 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981, there shall be no publication of the name of D4 or AY37 or identifying information about either of them (including images of them) in connection with these Inquests or their subject-matter. That order shall have effect for the duration of the Inquests and thereafter, subject to any further order of the Court.

15 April 2019

HIS HONOUR JUDGE LUCRAFT QC

CHIEF CORONER