

Determinations Sheet – Christine Archibald

Christine Archibald was unlawfully killed.

On 3 June 2017, Christine Archibald was visiting London. She had been walking south across London Bridge with her fiancé, Tyler Ferguson. They had passed the midpoint of the Bridge when a Renault van was driven deliberately towards them and other pedestrians on the pavement. This was part of a terrorist attack. Christine tried to avoid the van and Tyler tried to protect Christine with his arm. Christine was struck with full force by the vehicle. She was carried forward with the van until it crossed the central reservation, where Christine's body was released. She was run over by the van. Christine was immediately unconscious and died nearly instantly from these injuries, which were not survivable. Christine was treated by Tyler, members of the public, police officers, Emergency Ambulance Crew, a student paramedic and doctors. She was assessed as dead at the scene by a doctor.

Multiple warning signs about the extremist views and conduct of one attacker were known to a number of his close family members in the months and years before the attack. In the main these were not reported to the authorities.

One of the attackers was a Subject of Interest under active investigation by the Security Service at the time of attack and for around two years before it. He was subject to surveillance in varying degrees but was not the subject of live monitoring in the days immediately before the attack. The other attackers had not been identified before they carried out the attack together.

At the time of the attack described above, there was no form of physical protective security on London Bridge, despite the fact that it was a location which was particularly vulnerable to a terrorist attack using a vehicle as a weapon. There were weaknesses in systems for assessing the need for such measures on the bridge and implementing them promptly. Absent such weaknesses, suitable hostile vehicle mitigation measures may have been present.