

Determinations Sheet – James McMullan

James McMullan was unlawfully killed.

On 3 June 2017, James McMullan was with a group of friends in the Borough Market area. James left the Barrowboy and Banker public house and went towards Boro Bistro. Three attackers had deliberately driven a Renault van into multiple pedestrians on London Bridge, before crashing it into railings on Borough High Street, next to the Barrowboy and Banker public house. The attackers left the van and immediately began attacking further pedestrians with knives. The attackers then went down a stone stairway towards Boro Bistro. This was all part of a terrorist attack. Around the area at the top of the stone stairway, James was attacked and suffered stab wounds, resulting in rapid blood loss. It is likely that he was attempting to assist a young woman, Sara Zelenak, who had been attacked when he himself was stabbed. He moved from where he was attacked, entering an alleyway at one side of Boro Bistro. This location was out of sight from most of the Boro Bistro courtyard. He collapsed in that alleyway. James later received treatment from police officers. They stayed to treat him regardless of any risk to themselves but they saw no sign of life. He had died very quickly after receiving his injuries, which were not survivable. Police officers carried James to a paramedic, who assessed him as dead.

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.