

Determinations Sheet – Sébastien Bélanger

Sébastien Bélanger was unlawfully killed.

On 3 June 2017, Sébastien Bélanger was with a group of friends around Borough Market. Three attackers had deliberately driven a Renault van into multiple pedestrians on London Bridge and into railings on Borough High Street, next to the Barrowboy and Banker public house. The attackers had left the van and had immediately started attacking further pedestrians with knives. The attackers went down a stone stairway towards Boro Bistro. This was all part of a terrorist attack. At or around the base of the stairway, Sébastien was attacked. Despite efforts to defend himself, he suffered a number of injuries when stabbed with the knives of one or more attackers. His most significant injuries were to his chest. Sébastien received prompt treatment, including CPR, from members of the public and police officers who stayed to treat him regardless of any risk to themselves. At the time at which treatment commenced, Sébastien had not died. However, his injuries were very serious and he could not be saved, despite the best efforts of the police officers and members of the public. Sébastien was carried to an ambulance where he was assessed as dead by a paramedic.

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.