

Bayoh Family – meeting with the Chair  
- 13 April 2022

In attendance:

Adama Jalloh

Kosna Bayoh

Ade Johnson

Kadi Johnson

Sadif Ashraf

Laura Thomson

Lord Bracadale

Michael Etienne

**Inquiry staff**

April Meechan

Member of AA&co team

LB AG can't be with us – make sure you know everyone. You will remember meeting Sadif. And **Inquiry staff** and LT. Michael Etienne – barrister I have appointed to junior counsel to the Inquiry – brings the number up to 3. Michael was recommended to me by Raju Bhatt. Michael has experience of representing families in death in custody and racial discrimination. Important addition to the Inquiry legal team. As I explained to you before, I want the 10 May to be your day. Your opportunity to tell me the CPs, and the public, about Sheku, who he was, what he was like, what he meant to you, the impact of his death. An opportunity to give a pen portrait of SB. Include that material in my report. When I spoke to you before when we met – each of you gave me a very powerful account of the way in which you were treated on 3 May 2015 and subsequently. I will want you to give evidence in due course about that. I see day 1 about something different. I know you have been working on this and have ideas and consulted with a film maker. Hear from you what your ideas re hearing 1.

AJ Good evening = the plan for the portrait – working on it just now. The plan is we will start with a short speech and do a video and conclude with a short speech. That is what we have in mind to do.

LB Who would do the speeches.

AJ Myself and other sisters but still deciding on that.

LB What form do you think the video will take?

AJ Meeting this weekend. Because of short notice – just starting it now. Start this weekend.

AJ Filming is going to start on Friday – family and friends talking about who SB was to them, the impact he made in his life and also about the contribution they knew SB made to the community. Focus more about who he really was as a person so is going to take a journey from before born all the way to his death. He was with the family the night before – up to 10pm that night. Film of less than an hour.

LB You will all take part in it?

AJ Yes –

LB One thing we need to make sure – the video works on our technology. We will need to have some sort of arrangement beforehand. CC happy – practise where speeches.

KJ Appreciate that – that is good.

LB SA and CC organise that for you. Helpful if a member of the legal team watch the video with you and see your speeches – nothing in them that might provoke and interruption or objection. Very pleased with your thinking.

KB Exactly as they have said – we will taking it from my mum all the way down – who he was and how he impacted our lives. Finalise things – having our recording on Monday.

SA I will get in touch with April and liaise re dates for rehearsal. Make sure the hearing room is available.

LB Think that will be a very strong start to the hearings. We won't do anything else that day.

KJ What time it will start? People have been asking us.

LB Follow normal court hours – 10 am – 4pm. Hour break between 1 -2 pm.

ME Just wanted to say I wanted to express condolences – all very raw and going through these processes can make it feel like – take the opportunity to say that.