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OPENING DAY OF HEARINGS TO FOCUS ON THE PERSON SHEKU BAYOH WAS AND IMPACT OF HIS DEATH

The first day of hearings in the Sheku Bayoh Inquiry will focus on the person Sheku Bayoh was and what he meant to those left behind, the Chair has said.

As evidential hearings opened in Edinburgh, Lord Bracadale reiterated his commitment to ensuring Mr Bayoh's families are at the heart of proceedings.

He said: "Every aspect of this Inquiry derives from the sudden, unexpected and untimely death of Sheku Bayoh, who died on 3 May 2015 aged 31 years.

"On a number of occasions I have said that I want the families of Sheku Bayoh to be at the heart of the Inquiry. As part of that commitment I am allocating this first day of the hearing to the members of the families to allow them an opportunity to communicate to the Inquiry and the public the person Sheku Bayoh was, what he meant to each of them and the impact on each of them of his death."

"This is not their evidence to the Inquiry. The focus today is on Sheku Bayoh himself and what he meant to those he left behind."

The Inquiry will hear evidence over a number of blocks of hearings.

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