

# SCOTTISH POLICE FEDERATION

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## MEDIA RELEASE

The Scottish Police Federation represents all police officers in the ranks of constable, sergeant, inspector and chief inspector, police cadets and special constables, over 18,500 people, 98% of all police officers in Scotland.

**To:** News Editor

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**Subject:** Death of Sheku Bayou

Speaking in response to the comments made at the press conference by representatives of the family for Sheku Bayou this morning, Brian Docherty, Chairman of the Scottish Police Federation said;

“The Scottish Police Federation (SPF) recognises that the family of Sheku Bayoh is mourning his death and that this is a painful process.

The SPF does not wish to add to that pain by making unhelpful comments to the press. We are saddened that his legal representatives appear not to take the same approach.

We are also saddened that his legal representatives are inferring police officers should not have the same legal protections as any other member of the public.

A petit female police officer responding to a call of a man brandishing a knife was subject to a violent and unprovoked attack by a large male. The officer believed she was going to die as a result of this assault.

I very much regret that Mr Bayoh sadly lost his own life following this incident but innuendo and speculation whilst the independent investigation is ongoing adds nothing other than to the pain and grief of the family.

We make no apology for standing up for the rights of police officers and we continue to extend to the family and friends of Mr Bayou our sincere condolences”

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