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## DEATH OF MR SHEKU BAYOH – FAMILY LAWYER HEAVILY CRITICISED

(Issued on behalf of the Scottish Police Federation)

**Glasgow, June 2, 2015:** The legal adviser to the Scottish Police Federation has responded to criticism levelled at the organisation by Aamer Anwar, the lawyer representing the family of Sheku Bayoh.

Professor Peter Watson of PBW Law said: "The comments made by those representing the family of the deceased continue to promote a completely inaccurate and misleading account. The officer injured remains off work, has had several hospital visits and is now in rehabilitation. An examination by a leading Consultant confirms her injuries were significant. The injuries have been documented and photographed.

"The officers involved have never refused to provide statements. It was agreed at the outset with PIRC that they would revert to us when they wanted statements and when they were clear on the basis that statements were to be given. PIRC emailed me this morning at 10:46am asking for our assistance to organise interviews and we answered at 11:29am confirming we would be pleased to assist. Those are the facts." Brian Docherty, Chairman of the Scottish Police Federation, said: "Mr Anwar can try to throw whatever mud he wishes but the fact remains that a petite female police officer was violently assaulted by a large male and believed she was going to die as a consequence. In directing increasingly hyperbolic, inaccurate and bizarre rhetoric at the Scottish Police Federation, one could be mistaken for believing that Mr Anwar being at the centre of attention appears to be of greater importance than allowing the investigation to proceed without interference."

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