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Dr Steven B Karch



08 September 2015

Dear Dr Karch,

Death of Sheku Ahmed Tejan Bayoh Expert Witness Additional Instruction

In furtherance of the above subject and my letter of instruction dated 13 August 2015, a copy of which I attach.

As you are aware I undertake independent investigation under direction from the Lord Advocate of Scotland. In furtherance of the four areas outlined in my letter of the 10 August 2015 namely:

- (a) the physiological effect of the drugs detected in the toxicology sample, individually or in combination, on the deceased in the circumstances of his arrest.
- (b) the physiological effect of the CS/PAVA spray, individually or in combination, on the deceased in the circumstances of his arrest.
- (c) the physiological effect of the physical restraint of the deceased in the circumstances of his arrest.
- (d) the physiological effect of (a)(b) and (c) on the deceased in combination in the circumstances of his arrest.

I have been instructed by the Lord Advocate to ask that you consider and provide expert witness opinion on:

(e) The significance of the effect of the deceased being handcuffed to the front and leg restraints applied and whether such restraint could have contributed to any positional asphyxiation, given the fact the restraints continued to be applied following the deceased becoming unresponsive and subsequently during and following resuscitation attempts. (f) The fracture to the deceased rib as outlined in page 9 and 15 of the post mortem report and the most likely mechanism as to how this injury was sustained.

I trust that you are able to undertake this additional work as requested. However, should you have any queries please contact DSI William Little or DSI Keith Harrower on telephone number or email:

Yours sincerely,



Kate Frame Police Investigations & Review Commissioner