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Police shooting of Harry Stanley: Judgement to be handed down 29 April 2003

Tuesday 29th April 2.15 pm
Court 10, High Court, Strand, London
Mr Justice Simber

On Tuesday 29 April 2003 at the High Court in London Mr Justice Simber will hand down his judgement following the judicial review of the inquest into the fatal shooting by Metropolitan police officers of Harry Stanley.

On 7 April 2003 Mr Justice Simber ordered that a fresh inquest be held into Mr Stanley's death after hearing from Counsel for the deceased's family about the conduct of the St Pancras coroner Dr Stephen Chan.

It is expected that the judgement will give guidance to the new St Pancras coroner about how the inquest should be conducted particularly in relation to the calling of expert evidence regarding firearms training.

Deborah Coles co-director of INQUEST who has been working with the family and their lawyers said:

'The Stanley family had to ensure an inquest where the coroner behaved reprehensibly, denying the inquest jury the opportunity to hear from firearms experts and to consider whether Mr Stanley had been unlawfully killed. They will now have to endure another inquest in their fight for the truth and accountability for his death. We hope that this judgement will have wider implications for the way in which deaths in custody are examined at inquests so that no other family are put through this terrible ordeal.'