

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**INQUEST CONDEMNS MPA DECISION**  
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INQUEST condemns the decision of the Metropolitan Police Authority to fund the Police Federation challenge of the “unlawful killing” verdict in case of Roger Sylvester.

Deborah Coles, co-director of INQUEST has been working with Roger’s family and their lawyers since his death. She said:

“INQUEST utterly condemn this highly controversial decision and believe it must be overturned. It is reprehensible that the MPA intends to use public money to support the police officers’ challenge to the inquest verdict of unlawful killing. This verdict was unanimously returned by a London jury after 4 weeks of evidence.