

FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2005

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF MALCOLM CASH

NORTHAMPTON CORONERS COURT

MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER to FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2005

The inquest into the death of 29 year old Malcolm Cash will begin on Monday 21st November 2005 at the Vice Presidents Lounge, The Diamond Centre, Rushden and Diamonds Football Club, Nene Park, Irlingborough, Northants, NN9 5QF. It is set to last two weeks.

On the morning of 5 July 2002 Malcolm Cash was at home with his girlfriend. The couple argued and he then took a small quantity of sleeping tablets. Following this he cut himself several times on the forearm with a razor blade.

An ambulance was called and a request was also made that police officers should attend. When the emergency services arrived Malcolm and his girlfriend were in the back garden of their property at Kiln Way, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire. It appears that Malcolm was unsteady on his feet and seemed to be slurring his words as the tablets took effect.

After a time it appears that the police officers decided to detain Malcolm. Officers took Malcolm Cash down to the ground and restrained him face down in the muddy/grassy area of his back garden.

During the course of the restraint the police officers realised Malcolm was having breathing difficulties and he was carried to the ambulance. The ambulance crew attempted to resuscitate him those efforts continued all the way to hospital and were continued by doctors. Unfortunately Malcolm Cash did not recover consciousness.

The Inquest will have to consider why the Police officers felt they had to restrain Malcolm Cash and what powers they were apparently exercising. The Inquest will hear detailed medical evidence as to the cause of death. It is also hoped that the inquest process will find out precisely how long the restraint lasted.

Other issues of concern are the degree of response that is appropriate in dealing with a person with mental health problems and the use of restraint holds and handcuffs.

Malcolm's Sister, Helen Cash will be represented by Mr Stephen Simblet of Garden Court Chambers and James Bell of Christian Khan.

Further Information	www.inquest.org.uk
Inquest details	HM Coroner for Northampton sitting at the Vice Presidents Lounge, The Diamond Centre, Rushden and Diamonds Football Club, Nene Park, Irlingborough, Northants, NN9 5QF Time: 10.00 a.m.
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