

FURTHER CONCERNS STATEMENT - SARAH SAK

1. Since giving my statement to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (as it then was) [IPC000384] dated 5 April 2017, my statement [IPC000383] dated 9 November 2015 and, the notes I provided at IPC000555, I have been provided with further disclosure as part of the resumed inquest into the death of my son, Anthony Walgate. I am concerned that the version of events as recorded in the Family Liaison Officer's (FLO) logs, and as described in the statement of Paul Slaymaker, the police Family Liaison Officer initially assigned to us by the police, are inaccurate and do not properly reflect the communication that took place between Mr Slaymaker, Anthony's father Tom, and me. I therefore make this further statement to set out my concerns about the inadequacy of the police investigation.

2. Mr Slaymaker has described a positive working relationship with us, but this was not the case. The FLO logs contained in IPC000078, IPC000079, IPC000134 and MPS000406 do not record the frustration and distress I experienced during the calls I had with Mr Slaymaker, and the repeated complaints I made as to the progress of the investigation into Anthony's death. They do not record the concerns I repeatedly highlighted about my son's death, which I said from the very beginning was a murder. The logs are very brief and regularly record that I said I was "satisfied", which is untrue. The calls I had with Mr Slaymaker were often long, and I frequently pleaded with the police to investigate a death which they seemed uninterested in investigating. I also highlighted various inconsistencies in what the police were telling me, but I feel I was dismissed and ignored.

3. The first contact I had with the police was with Detective Sergeant Martin O'Donnell on 23 June 2014. I felt he treated me like I had lost my dog rather than my son, as he showed me a real lack of empathy. Mr O'Donnell was blunt and simply told me that Anthony was found