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INQUISITION

An Inquisition taken for our Sovereign Lady the Queen

At the Coroner's Court in the districts of Birmingham and Solihull, West Midlands County

On the 4th day of November 2009 to

And by adjournment on the 19th day of September 2003

Before and by me [redacted]

One of Her Majesty's Assistant Deputy Coroners for the said County and the undermentioned jurors touching the death of MICHAEL LLOYD POWELL

The following matters were found

1. Name of Deceased - Michael Lloyd Powell
2. Injury or disease causing death
 - 1a.
 - 1b.
 - 1c.
 - 2.
3. Time, place and circumstances at or in which injury was sustained.
4. Conclusion of the jury as to the death _____
5. Particulars for the time being required by the Registration Acts to be registered concerning the death

(a) Date and place of birth: 18 March 1965, Heath field RD hospital Birmingham	
(b) Name and surname of deceased: Michael Lloyd Powell	
(c) Sex: Male	(d) Maiden surname of woman who has married: N/A
(e) Date and place of death: 7th Sept 03, City hospital, Dudley Road, Birmingham	
(f) Occupation and usual address: team leader [redacted]	

Signature of Coroner [redacted]

Signature of Jurors [redacted]

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Jury Questions for Verdict

1. On the balance of probabilities what was the injury or disease causing death:-
- a. Exertional Sudden death associated with Sickle Cell Trait, or
 - b. Positional asphyxia, or
 - c. Unascertained?

Majority 8

2. On the balance of probabilities, did Mr. Powell die either:
- a. In the Police van prior to his removal from it, or
 - b. At an unascertained point between his removal from the Police van and his arrival at cell D1 at Thornhill Road Police Station, or
 - c. Cell D1 in Thornhill Road Police Station, or
 - d. Between Thornhill Road Police Station and at the City Hospital, Birmingham, or
 - e. At the City Hospital, Birmingham, or
 - f. [If agreement is not possible as to any of the above], at an unascertained point between his departure from Wilton Street and certification of death at 0157 on 7 September 2003 at City Hospital, Birmingham.

Majority 8

3. If you have found that the cause of death was either Exertional sudden death in association with Sickle Cell trait or positional asphyxia, on the balance of probabilities did he become more vulnerable to suffering death in the way you have found as a result of one or more of the following:-

- a. Contact with a moving vehicle?
- b. Being sprayed with CS gas?
- c. Being struck by a Casco baton?
- d. Being restrained on the ground in Wilton Street whilst suffering a psychosis?
- e. Extreme exertion?

Yes.

4. On the balance of probabilities, was the overall nature and duration of the restraint on the ground in Wilton Street reasonable in the circumstances?

Not Attributable

5. If you have found that the cause of death was positional asphyxia (question 1), on the balance of probabilities:-

- a. Was the initial position in the van on his front, his side or in between?
- b. Was he transported between Wilton Street and Thornhill Road Police Station on his front, his side or in between?
- c. Was he on his front, his side or in between when PS Williams saw him at the Police Station?

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(Assistant Deputy Coroner)