

PRESS STATEMENT

DANIEL MORGAN'S FAMILY CALL FOR FULL JUDICIAL INQUIRY

On the 24th anniversary of Daniel Morgan's murder, his family have seen that the criminal justice system is simply not fit for purpose to address the crime with which they have been required to live over the last two and a half decades. So, they have been left with no option but to call upon the Home Secretary today to order a full judicial inquiry into the handling of the case by the Metropolitan Police and the Crown Prosecution Service through five separate investigations and two separate prosecutions over these years.

Daniel Morgan was found axed to death in the car park of the Golden Lion pub in South London, on 10 March 1987. Despite serious and cogent evidence of police involvement in the murder and its cover up, no one has been required to stand trial, and those suspected to be responsible for the murder continue to walk free.

Daniel's brother Alastair Morgan said:

"For almost a quarter of a century, my family has done everything democratically and legally possible to secure justice for Daniel and to expose police corruption.

For much of this time, we have encountered stubborn obstruction and worse at the highest levels of the Metropolitan Police. We have found an impotent police complaints system. And we have met with inertia or worse on the part of successive governments. We have been failed utterly by all of the institutions designed to protect us. We have seen for ourselves a criminal justice system which has proved incapable of coming to terms with the murder or the subsequent criminality of those charged with enforcing the law.

In the midst of what is a tragic mess for my family, we recognise that those responsible for the most recent prosecution, police officers and lawyers alike, have done their utmost to redress the catastrophic failures of earlier investigations. Nevertheless, despite their best efforts, the fact remains that there has been no public scrutiny of the evidence available in relation to Daniel's murder.

In that light, we call upon the Home Secretary now to order a full judicial inquiry into this sorry state of affairs, and we look to the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and the Director of Public Prosecutions to support our call for such an inquiry."

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NOTE:

See attached letter dated 18 October 2010 to the judge presiding over the collapsed prosecution for a sense of the family's ordeal in relation to the recent proceedings.

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