

**INTERVIEW WITH DCI PAMELA YOUNG**

Outside the NSW Coroner's Court, Glebe, NSW

On Monday, 13 April 2015

1 INTERVIEWER: Can we get a reaction to today's decision by  
2 the coroner, Michael Barnes?

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4 DCI PAMELA YOUNG: Yes. The NSW Police are very pleased  
5 about the decision today. We're very much looking forward  
6 to having the inquest.

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8 From March last year we were hoping that the coroner  
9 would consider this, and we wrote to him in March last year  
10 to bring it to his mind. It's very good today that that's  
11 happened and we very much look forward to the public of  
12 New South Wales getting to scrutinise the facts of the  
13 matter.

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15 INTERVIEWER: Counsel assisting the Johnson family,  
16 John Agius, suggested in court today that police had been  
17 resisting a third inquest and were actually calling for the  
18 court to reject the application.

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20 DCI PAMELA YOUNG: Mmm. I found that quite amusing. It's  
21 certainly not based in any fact, so I'm not sure why he  
22 used that line. Maybe he thought it might be interesting  
23 to the waiting media. It's certainly not based in the - in  
24 the fact, and it's never been our position to resist it.  
25 So there you go.

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27 INTERVIEWER: Are you actually saying that you called for  
28 a third inquest?

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30 DCI PAMELA YOUNG: We were the ones who went to the  
31 coroner in the first instance, to put his mind to that one  
32 might be necessary, if he considered that there was fresh  
33 evidence, and it appears that he does, so that's good.  
34 We - we did that.

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36 In fact, the first reaction from Scott's family was to  
37 be quite cross at us for having approached the coroner  
38 without consulting them first, and I got the impression  
39 from their first responses that they weren't ready to have  
40 an inquest considered at that stage, without - without  
41 having their go-ahead, I suppose. I certainly interpreted  
42 it like that.

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44 INTERVIEWER: We also hear in court that after your  
45 two-year investigation - that you have suggested that a new  
46 inquest will deliver no different finding to that which was  
47 established in 2012 by Deputy State Coroner Carmel Forbes.

1 Can you tell us how you arrived at that conclusion, given  
2 we haven't had another inquest yet?  
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4 DCI PAMELA YOUNG: Yes. I am just basing that on my  
5 experience and my thorough knowledge of the brief.  
6 I believe there are some new pieces of information and  
7 potentially some evidence that the coroner could be  
8 interested in, but, nonetheless, none of it is direct -  
9 directly relates to Scott being murdered. So that is why  
10 I have that position of an open finding is potentially the  
11 most appropriate finding. But, of course, that's up to the  
12 coroner. It's not impossible that it be - perhaps go back  
13 towards suicide, either, or misadventure. Any of those  
14 things are possible as well.  
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16 INTERVIEWER: Thank you very much.  
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