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Hi David,

I am concerned the proposal may be inconsistent with the arrangements made as a result of Ms Young's inappropriate media comments in relation to this matter. In order to ensure there is no confusion, I have asked the CSO to write to the solicitors retained by NSWPF OGC in relation to this issue.

In the meantime, I request that the application by Chief Inspector Young be held in abeyance.

kind regards,
 Michael Barnes
 NSW State Coroner

State Coroners Court
 44-46 Parramatta Rd
 Glebe NSW 2037

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From: David Laidlaw [REDACTED]
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Your Honour,

As discussed yesterday regarding the proposed investigative action surrounding the death of Scott Johnson, with enquiries to be conducted in the United Kingdom.

As the acting Commander of the Homicide Squad, I have received a report from Detective Chief Inspector Pam Young seeking approval to travel to the England in order to obtain statements from Nicholas Williams (London) and also Dr. Roger Bancroft (Kent) who have knowledge of the earlier attempted suicide by Mr. Johnson. Whilst in country, they will also review student and confidential medical records from Cambridge and Oxford Universities and meet with Michael Noone's next of kin to provide current status of the investigation.

During the course of the investigation conducted by Det. Young, it was identified that Mr. Johnson expressed ideation of suicide, which has been corroborated by two mutual friends of Mr. Johnson and Mr Noone, being Mr. Williams and Dr. Bancroft. These two persons have provided corroboration of this fact via both email and verbal accounts to investigators, which has been incorporated into the current Coronial brief. It is the view of Det. Young that the exploration of a possible suicide by Mr. Johnson will be central to the Inquest.

The proposal is for both Detective Chief Inspector Young and Detective Sergeant Penelope Brown to travel to conduct such enquiries, as they have the requisite knowledge of the Coronial investigation, together with the need to corroborate this information and their familiarity with the proposed witnesses and also Mr. Noone's family.

This facet of the investigation does not conflict with the recent arrangements with your Honour that any new information and subsequent investigations be supervised by Detective Inspector Dickinson.

I have conferred with both Detective Superintendent Mick Willing (currently relieving as the Commander, FSG - Asst. Comm.) and also the current Commander of State Crime Command, A/Asst. Comm. John Kerlatec regarding this issue and as discussed we wish to seek your view on this matter as we conduct such enquiries under your direction.

This is the relevant information extracted from the report and if you or Ms. McNaughton SC, wish to discuss further, then please don't hesitate in contacting me.

Regards,

David

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