



INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF JENI LARMOUR: STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF FAMILY FOLLOWING CONCLUSION

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KRW LAW LLP (KRW) is instructed by Sandra and David Larmour, the parents of Northern Ireland university student, Jeni Larmour.

Jeni died on the first night of arriving at Newcastle University in 2020 aged 18. She was embarking on a degree in urban planning and architecture following a successful and fulfilled school career at the Royal School, Armagh.

Jeni's family were represented before the Senior Coroner at Newcastle Coroner's Court by Christian Weaver, Barrister of Garden Court North Chambers. KRW acted *pro bono* on behalf of the Larmour family. The two-day inquest into Jeni's death concluded today with Senior Coroner Karen Dilks finding that there was no evidence to believe Jeni was "pressured or coerced" into taking a lethal mix of alcohol and ketamine on the night she died.

Kavir Kalliecharan, a student has expressed his "guilt" after he sniffed ketamine with a high-achieving 18-year-old who died after taking it on her first day at university. Mr. Kalliecharan, admitted possessing drugs following Jeni's death. He was sentenced to two years on conditional discharge after pleading guilty possessing Class A and Class B drugs.

Outside of the Coroner's Court, Sandra Larmour said:

"Today I leave this court feeling in pain, but in the knowing that my daughter has been vindicated. I had to sit through Kavir's drugs possession trial and here outright lies told about my daughter. I have had to hear that the substance that killed Jeni was her own and that she was wilfully engaged in the supplying of these drugs to others. I have always known that this could not be further from the truth; particularly given the fact that just a few hours earlier – Jeni had boarded a plane with me from Belfast to Newcastle – meaning she would have had to have taken the substance with her.

My Jeni was talented. She was most known for her infectious laugh. Everybody that knows Jeni says 'that laugh' – it was loud, it went everywhere. She was always laughing. We had a very close relationship. She was my best friend.

Jeni was much loved. She has a huge following of friends and a lot of people are looking out for her both here and in Northern Ireland. The coroner's acknowledgement that the drugs were provided to her by another, or in other

words, not her own is a comfort to us - getting out to her friends and the community of Northern Ireland that she was innocent in all of this.

Jeni forgot her ID that night, If she hadn't forgotten her ID, or the Bar she was seeking to enter had let her in, or somebody different had gone back to the room with her - we don't feel this would have happened. One person with drugs opted to bring her back to the room and that's what led her to her death.

We've had to listen to unbearable evidence throughout this inquest. Kavir's flat mates heard him say things such as, "*I feel like it's my fault. I gave her too much, I killed her*". His flatmates even outright heard him say that the ketamine was his. Perhaps what hurts us the most however is that Kavir has never once expressed any form of apology to us, or acknowledgment whatsoever as to what happened that night. He has just lied about our daughter who is not here to defend herself.

The last two years have been difficult, as has been this inquest.

I will forever be proud of my daughter's achievements. Nobody can ever take that away from me.

We would like to thank our wonderful barrister, Christian Weaver, who has been great and we would also like to thank our solicitors KRW LAW LLP who have acted *pro bono* in this and helped bring this to where we are. This is not the end for us.

We now have to go away and consider the comments of the Senior Coroner and the conclusions that we've drawn from this process, including Kavir's admission of moral guilt and the attitudes of Northumbria Police. I will leave no stone unturned for my daughter." **ENDS**

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