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WIDOW OF BRITISH SERVICEMAN KILLED IN CYPRUS HOPES FOR TRUTH FOLLOWING VERIDCT ON INQUEST FROM COURT IN NICOSIA

KRW LAW (Belfast, Northern Ireland) is working with L. ZAMBARTAS LLC (Limassol and Paphos, Republic of Cyprus) *pro bono* to assist Sally Oxley in the matter of the death of her husband Anthony Oxley.

Colour Sergeant Oxley was killed following a fatal collision involving his motorcycle and a car driven by a USAF Serviceman. Both men were based at RAF Akrotiri, part of the UK Sovereign Base Authority (SBA), within the Republic of Cyprus.

Anthony Oxley was fatally injured in the collision in June 2016 and died at the General Hospital in Nicosia.

On 18 December 2023, a Judge sitting as a Coroner in a District Court in Nicosia, delivered his verdict following an inquest into the death of Anthony Oxley.

A certified translation of the verdict from Greek to English is awaited.

Colleagues at L. ZAMBARTAS LLC have indicated that:

“The Judge has reviewed evidence, both forensic material and witness statements, including maps of the topography of the collision terrain. The witness evidence includes that of an SBA Police Officer, originally in charge of the investigation on behalf of the MOD.

Specifically, the Judge has indicated that Mr Oxley’s route was impeded or blocked. The resulting collision caused him multiple injuries which directly resulted in his death. The impairment to Mr Oxley’s journey indicates to the judge that there are grounds for suspecting acts or omissions of a Third-Party in causing the collision in which Mr Oxley was killed.”

An inquest into the death of Anthony Oxley was held in Wakefield, England in 2018. That process and verdict are being challenged by Mrs Oxley by way of an application to the Attorney General for England and Wales.

The Coroner in that inquest relied upon evidence not disclosed to her in arriving at his verdict. Mrs Oxley has applied for a new inquest to be held into the death of her husband. The verdict on the inquest in the Nicosia Court has been sent by KRW LAW to the Attorney General to inform her decision.

Sally Oxley said today:

"I am very pleased with the initial interpretation of the verdict on the inquest into the death of my husband Anthony Oxley. The proceedings this year in Nicosia have at last started to establish the truth, justice, and accountability about the death of my husband, and the father of our children, 'The Ox', which I have been striving for eight years now.

To date the MOD and USAF – and the British judicial system – have failed me and, from my point of view, sought to deny the truth about who was ultimately responsible for contributing to the death of my beloved husband.

The USAF have sought to protect 'their own' with the help of the MOD. The judicial authorities in the Republic of Cyprus have now exhibited the power of independent legal oversight in this tragedy.

I shall be speaking to my legal teams in Northern Ireland Cyprus this week about what happens next. The Attorney General has the recent original version of the judgment of the court in Nicosia"

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