



Statement On Behalf Of Family Of Thomas Lockard Deceased

We act for the next of kin of Thomas Lockard who disappeared from his home in April 1998. His body was later discovered in County Louth but it is believed that Thomas was murdered in the North before his body was dumped in the South of Ireland.

A previous inquest in Co Louth together with criminal investigations by the PSNI and Gardai respectively failed to deliver any meaningful outcome. That included a failed prosecution against a number of persons. After many years of campaigning, in September 2023 the Attorney General directed a new inquest into the killing.

Speaking today on the listing of the first preliminary hearing of the inquest Associate Solicitor Mr Barry ODonnell of KRW LAW said,

“We welcome today’s review hearing as it’s the first time the family have a chance to see the tangible out workings of their fight for justice for Thomas. It’s been a long tough journey for them. The prosecution of a number of persons a few years ago was a false dawn as all charges were withdrawn. There are many unresolved issues around the decision to drop those prosecutions. Today’s hearing and the welcome positive soundings of the Coroner will help restore lost confidence that they will ever get answers. They look forward to engaging on the next stages of the inquest.”

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