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KRW LAW PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING THE POLICE OMBUDSMAN'S FINDINGS INTO THE POLICE ACTIONS AND THE DEATH OF SHANNON MCQUILLAN DECEASED 20TH JANUARY 2018

KRW LAW acts on behalf of the family of Shannon McQuillan deceased.

Shannon McQuillan was a 19 year old law student at the University of Ulster (Jordanstown) when she was tragically killed when a van struck her on the Moneynick road, near Randalstown, County Antrim.

The Family of Shannon McQuillan welcome the findings of the Police Ombudsman into the death of Shannon following a fatal road traffic collision on the Moneynick road.

The Ombudsman found breaches of a duty of care on several levels owed by Police to Shannon who was presenting as an extremely vulnerable person. The Ombudsman also found that basic safeguarding checks were not carried out.

The Ombudsman commented on the contradictory positions of the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service personnel and the Police Officers in attendance, in effect communication between the two had broken down.

Reacting to the findings, solicitor Barry O'Donnell said:

“The Family of Shannon take some *‘relief’* from the new Protocol now being developed by the PSNI in conjunction with other front-line agencies titled, *‘Right Care, Right Person’* which will ensure a more robust joined up interaction between the frontline agencies when dealing with similar circumstances that Shannon presented with on the 20 January 2018.”

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