

**INQUEST PRESS RELEASE
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**INQUEST OPENS INTO RESTRAINT RELATED DEATH OF JOHN HINDE
IN GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE CUSTODY**

The inquest into the death of John Hinde will start on Monday 8th November 2004. Shortly after midnight on Friday 24th August 2001 John Hinde died after being restrained by Greater Manchester Police. The family have grave concerns about the circumstances of his death.

Deborah Coles Co-Director of INQUEST said: “Whilst the number of deaths involving the use of force are a small minority of all deaths in custody they have been the most controversial because of what they have revealed about the excessive use of force by functionaries of the state.”

INQUEST has worked with many of the families of those who have died on the most significant and controversial deaths in all forms of custody over the past few decades including those involving the use of restraint.

Notes to Editors

The Inquest will start on Monday 8th November at 10 am. It is expected to last one week.
HM Coroner Leonard Gorodkin
Manchester Coroner’s Court
Crown Square Manchester.
Starts 10 am