

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**May 17 2005**

**HM Coroner for Essex and Thurrock, Caroline Beasley-Murray**  
**Venue: Chelmsford County Hall, Essex SM1 1LX**  
**Starting at: Wednesday 18 May 2005 10am**

**INQUEST OF RESTRAINT RELATED DEATH TO BEGIN**

The inquest into the restraint related death of Joey Jackson will begin on Wednesday 18 May 2005 and is expected to last one week.

On 7 October 2002 Joey Jackson was handcuffed and restrained by police officers in a hotel room in Essex. The police had been called after concern had been raised about Joey's welfare and his behaviour. Joey Jackson lost consciousness during the restraint and stopped breathing. Resuscitation attempts followed but he was pronounced dead at 10.39 pm at the Darent Valley Hospital.

The family hopes that the coroner will conduct a full, fearless and proper investigation into all the issues and circumstances surrounding Joey Jackson's death especially on the use of control and restraint.

Year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number	6	5	5	6	12	3	0

Notes to Editors

The family are being represented by INQUEST Lawyers Group solicitor Shazia Khan of Christian Khan Solicitors and barrister, Leslie Thomas of Garden Court.

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