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## HEATHROW POLICE SHOOTING INQUEST BEGINS

6 June 2005

Sitting with HM Coroner for Western London District Mrs Allison Thompson  
Coroner's Court  
25 Bagleys Lane  
London SW6 2QA

The inquest into the death of **Keith Larkins** will begin at 10 am on 6 June 2005 - exactly two years since his death on the 6 June 2003. It is scheduled to last for three weeks, sitting with HM Coroner for West London Allison Thompson.

Mr Larkins died 2 years ago after being shot by police near Heathrow Airport. He had been discharged from psychiatric hospital some months previously and his mother Maureen Larkins had been trying desperately to get him seen again by a psychiatrist. Mr Larkins was shot after he allegedly threatened police officers with a replica firearm after he was allowed to drive away in a police vehicle. The family will be questioning the way in the police handled the incident and the possible failure of the hospital to give him follow up psychiatric treatment.

INQUEST Lawyers Group members Louise Christian (solicitor) and Leslie Thomas (barrister) will be representing the family.

Notes to editors:

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Police Shooting Deaths 2000-2005 (England & Wales)						
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total
2	4	2	2	2	2	14

Source: INQUEST Casework and monitoring

Further Information	<a href="http://www.inquest.org.uk">www.inquest.org.uk</a>
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