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**INQUEST OPENS INTO THE DEATH OF TINA BROMLEY – FIRST OF 13
SELF-INFLICTED DEATHS OF WOMEN IN PRISON IN 2004**

Monday 6 June 2005, 10.00 am

HM Coroner Dr P J Dean

Sitting at:

Cable Net Training Services Ltd

Academia House, Kempson Way

Suffolk Business Park

Bury St Edmunds

Suffolk IP32 7AR

The inquest into the death of 37 year old **Tina Bromley** in HMP Edmunds Hill will start on Monday June 6th 2005 at 10.00 am and is expected to last two weeks.

Tina Bromley, who was placed on suicide watch on arrival at the prison and had previously self harmed, died on 4 January 2004. She was just 12 days into a four month sentence for possession of drugs and criminal damage.

It is believed that Tina, who had been a heroin user for a number of years, was placed on a basic eight day detoxification regime. Tina, who suffered from epilepsy, was also taking a number of prescribed drugs including olanzepine.

The family hope that the inquest will examine a number of key areas regarding Tina's care and treatment during the 12 days she spent in HMP Edmunds Hill. These include:

- 1) How Tina's drug addiction was addressed and treated and whether the detox programme was appropriate and in keeping with prison protocols;
- 2) Whether the other medical treatment she received was adequate;
- 3) The management of Tina's suicide and self-harming risk.

The family will be represented by INQUEST Lawyers Group members Sarah Ricca of Hickman and Rose Solicitors, and by barrister Colin Hutchinson of 2 Garden Court Chambers.

Notes to editors:

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Self- Inflicted Deaths of Women in Prison 2004					
Name	Date Of Death	Ethnicity	Age	Cause	Establishment
Tina Bromley	04/01/04	UK White	37	Hanging	HMP Edmunds Hill
April Sherman	13/01/04	UK White	27	Hanging	HMP Edmunds Hill
Sheena Kotecha	03/04/04	UK Asian	22	Hanging	HMP Brockhill
Julie Hope	17/04/04	White	35	Hanging	HMP Holloway
Paige Tapp	18/04/04	UK White	23	Hanging	HMP Send
Louise Davis	18/04/04	White	32	Hanging	HMP New Hall
Heather Wait	08/05/04	UK White	28	Hanging	HMP Holloway
Sharon Miller	08/05/04	UK White	45	Hanging	HMP Durham
Rebecca Smith	01/06/04	UK White	40	Suffocation/Hanging	HMP Buckley Hall
Rebecca Turner	28/07/04	UK White	22	Hanging	HMP Low Newton
Marie Walsh	29/07/04	UK White	29	Hanging	HMP New Hall
Mandy Pearson	12/10/04	UK White	37	Hanging	HMP New Hall
Katherine Jones	15/10/04	UK White	19	Hanging	HMP Brockhill

Self-inflicted Deaths of women in Prison 1999-2005

Classification	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total
Self-Inflicted	5	8	6	9	14	13	1	56

Source: INQUEST Casework and monitoring

Further Information	www.inquest.org.uk
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