

03 April 2006

John L. Leckey LL.M.  
H.M. Coroner  
Coroner's Office  
Courthouse  
Old Town Hall Building  
80 Victoria Street  
Belfast  
Northern Ireland  
BT1 3GL

Dear Mr Leckey

**Re Death of Adam Strain, November 1995.**

You aware there is a police investigation into the circumstances of Adam's death. In preparing for the Inquest you requested that microscope slides and clinical notes were sent by the Royal Belfast Hospital of Sick Children to a Professor Berry, at Bristol Royal Infirmary. He examined these slides and reported to you. Police have discovered that these slides still exist and have been stored at Bristol.

Professor Berry has advised police that they should have the slides re-examined, possibly by a renal pathologist. In order that we may do so now, or that the court may have that option at a later date, police wish to secure possession of this material. I would therefore request that you provide police with a written authorisation for Pathology Departments, both at Bristol and in Belfast, to release to police any tissues/slides or such material which they may have obtained in the course of assisting you in your role as Coroner.

I have also considered there may be a possibility that Pathology have stored items relating to the deaths of Lucy Crawford in 2000 and Raychel Ferguson in 2001. If you are minded to grant such an authorisation to police in relation to Adam, can you extend it to cover these deaths also?

Yours sincerely

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Detective Sergeant

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