

**DONALD BURGESS FAMILY STATEMENT IN  
RESPONSE TO OFFICERS' ASSAULT CHARGES**

12 June 2024

In light of a trial date having been identified in the criminal proceedings against PC Smith and PC Comotto, Donald's family have made the following statement:

*"We are glad and relieved that the officers' criminal trial has now been set for May 2025. Our family have endured a distressing ordeal over the past two years. We have been concerned by the lack of transparency and support that we received from the IOPC during this period.*

*We would like to thank INQUEST for their continued support."*

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