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Date: 30 April 2014

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Your Ref:

REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO :

Highways Department,
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council,
Oldbury Council House
Freeth Street
Oldbury
B69 3DE

1. CORONER

I Robin John Balmain am the Senior Coroner for the Black Country Coroners Jurisdiction

2. CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS

I make this report under {paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013.

3. INVESTIGATION AND INQUEST

I carried out an investigation into the deaths of **Sukbir Singh RANA and Mandip SINGH** and concluded that both were killed as a result of a road traffic collision.

4. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH

There was a collision on Park Lane, Handsworth, Birmingham on 14th August 2013 at about 10.p.m. Both men were in the same motor car. No other vehicle was involved. It was clear to me that excessive speed was a factor. The driver of the car lost control and crashed.

5. CORONERS CONCERNS

The **MATTERS OF CONCERN** are as follows :-

My concerns are that the speed limit for the road in question is 60 miles an hour. I write to enquire whether this is appropriate for what is largely a country lane with

limited lighting and a number of bends. I appreciate of course, that if the speed limit were to be reduced it does not of itself prevent drivers exceeding the limit, but it may provide the appropriate signal to drivers. I also was concerned to note that the maximum theoretical speed for the bend where the collision occurred was around 60 miles per hour.

6. ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN

In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you have the power to take such action.

7. YOUR RESPONSE

You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of the report, namely by **26th June 2014**.

8. COPIES and PUBLICATIONS

I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following interested Persons :



I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.

The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the Coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R.J. Balmain', written over the printed name.

R.J. Balmain
Senior Coroner