



REMOTE INQUEST INTO DEATH OF SCOTT DAVIES, 2010 FULL INTRODUCTION

Thank you for reporting for this Remote Inquest. Working with a Coroner employed by the Ministry of Justice, you are going to serve as a jury and return a verdict on an open case.

A number of deaths each year receive open verdicts from Coroners, meaning the case has not been formally closed. Closing these cases has become a priority for the justice system, due to a growing backlog.

After recent amendments to the Justice Act 2020 aimed at ensuring transparency, a jury is now required to assist any Coroner engaged in a Remote Inquest. It is only because of your help that this case can be closed. Thank you for serving today.

In approximately one hour and forty-five minutes, via majority voting, you and the Coroner will need to agree a single recommended verdict to close the case for good. This verdict can be:

- Accidental death
- Death by misadventure
- Suicide
- Natural causes
- Unlawful killing

This Remote Inquest has been called to return a final verdict on the death of **Scott Davies**.

Mr Davies was reported dead in the early hours of the 11th of November 2010. He had been found floating in the river Cam, in Cambridge.

He was a student in his final year at the University. While he was naked when discovered, his clothes were found on the nearby Silver Street Bridge.

The original report, published on the 15th of November 2010, returned an open verdict. The case is now due to be closed as no new information has been brought to light. You will return a verdict

There will now follow the concluding summary of the findings of the original Inquest in 2010:

“Scott Davies was a popular student at Magdalene College who was described by multiple peers as having a keen interest in journalism and social justice.

On the night of the 10th of November 2010 he was seen by many drinking in the Anchor pub, very close to the Silver Street Bridge. This is corroborated by several different accounts,

all of which were provided to Cambridgeshire Constabulary as witness statements.

No one claims to be near the bridge at the moment that Mr Davies entered the water, which appears to have been at around quarter-to-midnight.

The autopsy carried out shows that the deceased's arm was broken and there were signs of an impact on the skull. Mr Davies' inebriation, the cold and the shock of collision are likely factors in his death.

It is unknown why his clothes were left on the bridge. While suicide cannot be ruled out, there is insufficient evidence to return anything other than an open verdict."