

Form 3.4

**Notice of an inquiry under the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents
and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016**

SHERIFFDOM OF NORTH STRATHCLYDE AT OBAN

Court ref: OBN-B12-23

ANNE MARIE HICKS, PROCURATOR FISCAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH STRATHCLYDE GIVES NOTICE UNDER SECTION 15(1) OF THE INQUIRIES INTO FATAL ACCIDENTS AND SUDDEN DEATHS ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016 THAT:

1. An inquiry into the deaths of Martyn Smith and John White is to be held.
2. The inquiry is a discretionary inquiry under Section 4 of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016. The Lord Advocate considers that in terms of Section 4(1)(a)(ii) and (b) of the Act the deaths occurred in circumstances giving rise to serious public concern and that it is in the public interest for an inquiry to be held into the circumstances of the deaths.
3. A preliminary hearing has been fixed for 20 April 2023 at 10.00 am at the Sheriff Court House at Sheriff Court House, Albany Street, Oban, PA34 4AL.

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4. You may wish to seek legal advice and may be eligible for legal aid to enable you to participate in this inquiry.

If you wish to participate in this inquiry you must apply to the sheriff to do so under rule 3.5 of the Act of Sederunt (Fatal Accident Inquiry Rules) 2017.