

**SHERIFFDOM OF SOUTH STRATHCLYDE, DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY AT
DUMFRIES**

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DETERMINATION

BY

SHERIFF G JAMIESON

UNDER THE INQUIRIES INTO FATAL ACCIDENTS AND SUDDEN DEATHS ETC
(SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

into the death of

MICHAEL DAVID REID

[1] A fatal accident inquiry into the circumstances of the death of Michael David Reid, born 12 March 1954, was held at Dumfries Sheriff Court on 19 March 2019. The family was not formally represented at the inquiry. Ms Claire Gallacher, the procurator fiscal depute, read out a statement of uncontroversial evidence. No further evidence was led. I then closed the inquiry and reserved the making of my determination to have time to consider the evidence presented at the inquiry. Having now done that, I make the following findings required by section 26(2) of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016:

- (a) Mr Reid died on 7 February 2018 on the A701 Dumfries to Edinburgh road.
- (b) The accident resulting in his death occurred on 7 February 2018 on the A701 Dumfries to Edinburgh road.

- (c) The cause of his death was multiple injuries due to road traffic collision (driver).
 - (d) The cause of the accident resulting in his death was Mr Reid, for reasons unknown, crossing the centre of the road carriageway in his work's delivery vehicle and on to the northbound lane in direct conflict with a northbound Scania P310 three axle rigid fuel tanker motor lorry, whereby a heavy frontal collision occurred between both vehicles.
 - (e) There were no precautions which could reasonably have been taken, and had they been taken, might realistically have resulted in the death, or any accident resulting in the death, being avoided.
 - (f) There were no defects in any system of working which contributed to the death or the accident resulting in the death.
 - (g) There are no other facts which are relevant to the circumstances of Mr Reid's death.
- [2] I have no recommendations to make under subsection (1)(b) of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016.
- [3] I extend my condolences to Mr Reid's family and friends for their sad loss.