

SHERIFFDOM OF TAYSIDE CENTRAL AND FIFE AT DUNDEE

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DETERMINATION

BY

SHERIFF SUSAN DUFF

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

into the death of

DEREK BALFOUR TAYLOR

Dundee, 12 December 2024

Determination

The Sheriff having considered all the evidence and the submissions of Crown,
determines in terms of section 26 of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden
Deaths Etc (Scotland) Act 2016 ("the Act") that:

1. In terms of section 26(2)(a) Mr Taylor died on 18 September 2022 at 2036 hours at Maidenwells Farm, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross.
2. In terms of section 26(2)(b) that the accident that resulted in Mr Taylor's death occurred between 1900 hours and 1943 hours on 18 September 2022 at Maidenwells, Farm, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross..
3. In terms of section 26(2)(c) the cause of death was:
 - 1a. blunt force chest injuries, and

1b. entrapment under utility vehicle

4. In terms of section 26(2)(d) the cause of the accident was the vehicle rolling on an incline causing it to collide with Mr Taylor.

5. In terms of section 26(2)(e) precautions that could have been taken that had they been taken might realistically have resulted in the accident and Mr Taylor's death being avoided would have been putting the vehicle in neutral, applying the handbrake and parking across the incline.

6. In terms of section 26(2)(f) there were no defects in any system of working which contributed to the death.

7. In terms of section 26(2)(g) there were no other facts which are relevant to the circumstances of the death.

There are no recommendations to be made in terms of section 26(5).