

## Justice for Roger Sylvester

On the night of Monday, 11, January 1999, Roger Sylvester, a 30 year old black man, was restrained outside his home by eight police officers, from Tottenham Police Station. Within 45 minutes he had sustained numerous injuries and was later in a coma on a life support system. Seven days later, Roger was dead.

### WHY IS ROGER DEAD?

#### THE FACTS:

- The family was told that Roger was not arrested and he had not been violent towards any police officers, or anyone else.
- The police also told the family that Roger was being restrained for his 'own safety' yet, 45 minutes later he was in a coma.
- Roger was a healthy, 30 year old man.
- Roger was a trustworthy person. On the day in question, he helped out in the family business.

- At approximately 9:00 p.m. He talked cheerfully to a friend outside his home.

#### ABOUT ROGER:

- He was a supportive and loving person, who was committed to his family, he always remembered birthdays

and would call his mum to remind her of a family members' imminent birthday.

He was well liked by all who knew him, and was a Godfather to five children.

Roger worked for the past five years for Islington Council and was highly regarded.

He was a committed Christian, who loved music. He was an avid Arsenal supporter. He had a keen interest in computers.

- He was looking forward to life and had many hopes and aspirations for the future.



Roger with his God-daughter

### We Demand:

- JUSTICE FOR ROGER
- A FAIR AND OPEN INQUIRY, NOT ONE SHROUDED IN SECRECY
- THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF ALL 8 OFFICERS
- A FULL INDEPENDENT AND OPEN INQUIRY INTO ROGER'S DEATH NOT ONE CARRIED OUT BY THE POLICE
- SATISFACTORY ANSWERS TO THE MANY QUESTIONS SURROUNDING WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE A MYSTERIOUS DEATH WHILST BEING RESTRAINED BY THE POLICE
- LEGAL AID FOR THE INQUEST
- THE PROSECUTION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR ROGER'S DEATH

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## FAMILY CONCERNS:

- The family are concerned about the statement originally issued by the Metropolitan Police on the 14th January 1999 and the subsequent misleading articles in the press.
- The unprofessional conduct of the Coroners' appointed Pathologist.
- We feel that the above actions are attempts to influence public opinion about the circumstances surrounding Roger's tragic and premature death.
- The Police Complaints Authority (PCA) are supervising an investigation into Roger's death. The investigation itself is being conducted by a neighbouring police force.
- Given the very serious nature of this case, we are appalled that the officers concerned have not been suspended.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

If you have any information, please contact us at:

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Justice Campaign**

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You may visit or write to your local MP/MEP, raising your concerns about Roger's death.

## WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

Family and friends organised a peaceful vigil on Sunday 24 January, this was attended by over 1000 people.

We have asked for the maximum disclosure of documents.

Subsequent to our complaint to the Coroner the Pathologist appointed by him has now been replaced. **This has never happened before.**

## OUR NEXT STEPS:

We are awaiting the post-mortem results, the early disclosure of documents and a progress report from the PCA.

We are organising a public meeting – date to be confirmed.

In the longer term we are awaiting the outcome of the investigation, primarily whether the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) back any prosecutions.

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## Support The Roger Sylvester Justice Campaign:

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**This is a campaign setup and run by Roger's Family**