

IN THE CORONERS COURT OF VICTORIA AT MELBOURNE

Court reference: COR 2017 0325 COR 2017 0327 COR 2017 0328 COR 2017 0329 COR 2017 0343 COR 2017 0465

INQUEST INTO THE DEATHS OF MATTHEW POH CHUAN SI, THALIA HAKIN, YOSUKE KANNO, JESS MUDIE, ZACHARY MATTHEW BRYANT AND BHAVITA PATEL

INTERIM ORDER

Section 20 of the Open Courts Act 2013 (Vic)

CORONER:

Coroner Jacqui Hawkins

19 November 2019

DATE MADE:

ATTENDANCE:

Mr S O'Meara QC with Mr P Lawrie, counsel assisting the coroner

Ms A Magee QC with Ms F Spencer on behalf of the families of the deceased

Dr I Freckelton QC with Mr R Gipp on behalf of the Chief Commissioner of Police

Ms E Gardner on behalf of the Department of Justice and Community Safety

Mr B Ihle with Ms C Fitzgerald on behalf of 21 Victoria Police members

Ms R Ellyard with Ms M Chorn on behalf of 30 Victoria Police members

Ms M Isobel on behalf of Senior Constable Roland Jones

Mr I Hill QC with Ms R Avis on behalf of Mr Christos Pantelios

OTHER MATTERS:

On 19 November 2019 the Chief Commissioner of Police applied for a proceeding suppression order pursuant to section 18(2) of the Open Courts Act 2013.

The substantive application will be heard at 10am on 20 November 2019.

I, Coroner Jacqui Hawkins, in respect of the inquest into the deaths of Matthew Poh Chuan Si, Thalia Hakin, Yosuke Kanno, Jess Mudie, Zachary Matthew Bryant and Bhavita Patel and pursuant to section 20(1) of the *Open Courts Act 2013* (Vic) (the **Open Courts Act**), am satisfied that an interim order should be made, without having determined the merits of the application for a proceeding suppression order, in order that the substance of that application be preserved to be determined in the substantive application, and

ORDER THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 20(1) of the Open Courts Act the following, or information derived from the following, is prohibited from disclosure by publication or broadcast in Victoria or elsewhere in Australia:
 - (i) the identification of, or information that would tend to lead to the identification of,
 who was referred to by Detective Senior
 Constable Murray Gentner in the course of his evidence on 19 November 2019.
- 2. That where in this proceeding, it is necessary to refer to who was referred to by Detective Senior Constable Murray Gentner in the course of his evidence on 19 November 2019, they be referred to as "GHW".
- 3. For the purpose of this order, "publication" has the meaning attributed to it by section 3 of the Open Courts Act, that is to say, it means the dissemination or provision of access to the public or a section of the public by any means, including by -
 - (a) publication in a book, newspaper or other written publication; or
 - (b) broadcast by radio or television; or
 - (c) public exhibition; or
 - (d) broadcast or electronic communication.
- 4. I order that a redacted version of this order removing references to the identity of GHW be published on the Coroners Court website.
- 5. This order will remain in effect until a substantive application pursuant to section 18 of the Act is determined, or this interim order is revoked.

Signature:

JACQUI HAWKINS CORONER

Date: 19 November 2019



NOTE: Under section 23 of the **Open Courts Act 2013** a person must not engage in conduct that constitutes a contravention of an interim order. The maximum penalty for an individual is 5 years imprisonment or 600 penalty units or both, and 3000 penalty units for a body corporate.