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Rt Hon Theresa May MP
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Dear Home Secretary

I am writing to add my voice to the calls from Birmingham resident Tariq Jahan, and his MP Shabana Mahmood, for a public inquiry. Tariq is the father of one of three young men who died in Winson Green in the early hours of August 10th 2011. The three men Haroon Jahan, Shazad Ali and Abdul Musavir died as they tried to defend local businesses from looters. Not long after his son died, Mr Jahan appealed for calm in Birmingham and is widely credited for preventing further disorder and possible loss of life in the city.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission recently published its report into the West Midlands Police investigation. It found that one officer alone had acted recklessly. This officer has since retired. A second officer, who had been previously accused by a judge of having lied on oath, was found to have no case to answer. Three years after the death of his son, Mr Jahan has quite understandably lost faith in the justice system. Eight men were prosecuted, but none convicted in a trial which almost collapsed because of issues with the investigation.

The IPCC report was too narrow in its terms of reference, and could not adequately consider the role of other agencies and participants. There are serious unanswered questions for the CPS, courts and IPCC. These were not fully considered by the report and therefore the families of these men are no closer to justice.

I am convinced that a full public inquiry is needed to get to the truth of the matter and I would like to ask you formally to instigate this and furthermore, to meet with Mr Jahan as a matter of priority.

I look forward to your earliest response.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R M Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Bob Jones
Police and Crime Commissioner