

**IN THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND LUTON CORONER'S COURT**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE INQUEST TOUCHING THE DEATH OF ELLIOTT  
ALSTON RAYMOND JOHNSON**

**Extract from Ruling on Scope**

35. In my judgment the following are potentially relevant issues for exploration.

36. The fact that the deceased lost his job. The redundancy letter is clearly linked to the incident on the 12 August 2015 and in fact states so in terms.

37. The correspondence between the deceased and his employers is clearly relevant. Mr Paul Abbott will deal with the correspondence in his evidence.

38. The letter of complaint by the deceased in relation to what took place on 12 August 2015 is obviously relevant, since the deceased makes mention of this as being a 'huge political issue' in the letter he left his parents.

39. The last three letters he wrote the day before his death are obviously relevant.

40. Mr Blaney has made mention of the fact that there is an audio recording of a meeting which took place the day before the deceased's death. This is potentially relevant, and I would like to listen to this recording.

41. In my judgment I do not consider at this stage that it is necessary to call either Mr Walker or Mr Clarke. The allegation against them is a blunt one of bullying and betrayal. It is difficult to see that, beyond the assertions made by the Deceased in his letter, what these potential witnesses could add to the inquest, save for to deny any bullying.

42. An investigation into the circumstances of the deceased becoming redundant, the fact that he believed he was being and his subsequent actions that lead to his death would satisfy a Jamieson inquest, in my judgment.