## THE IMPACT ON FAMILIES OF ROAD DEATHS AND INJURIES, AND OF THEIR CASUAL TREATMENT, IS ENORMOUS. THE WHOLE SOCIETY PAYS THE COST



Livia Galli-Atkinson, killed aged 16 on 12 January 1998

A driver had mounted the pavement, or her side, travelled along it for 39.5 metres, without braking, injured another pedestrian, before hitting Livia and dragging her to her death.

The driver was found guilty of causing death by dangerous driving, was fined £2 000 and hanned from driving for 5

An appeal against the unduly lenient sentence was lodged with the Attorney General and eventually reached the European Court of Human Rights, whe

"The trauma of betrayal continues to live alongside the trauma of loss. Livia's death might not have been the outcom of a shining example of a piece of very bad driving. Her flame was extinguishe violently, nevertheless, on her right of way. So what is a bad piece of driving? And what value a life taken on the road today?'



Dr Jim Williams killed aged 65

after his retirement, Dr Williams and his wife were stationary before traffic lights when a lorry driver lost control and the lorry smashed through the central rese vation into their car. Dr Williams was killed brutally and his wife Caroline very very seriously injured.

The driver was charged with careless driving, fined £150 and given penalty

"I grew up respecting authority and ssuming professional people were to be trusted. I thought British Justice was itterly fair and that I could just let the law take its course and justice would b

In all the aftermath of the tragedy. I felt there was no one on my side. I was completely ignored by the justice syste and I felt my dear husband - this wonderful man - had died in vain."

Caroline Williams



GARRIEL GUARDIA IONSSON BARCELONA, SPAIN BORN 17.3.1978 - KILLED 31.7.1999 AT THE AGE OF 21

MY ONLY SON GABRIEL WAS A CAR MECHANIC, EDUCATED AND TRAINED BY THE MONLAU SCHOOL IN BARCELONA. WHERE HE DEVELOPED HIS GREAT INTEREST FOR ENGINES

THE FATAL CRASH THAT KILLED HIM TOOK PLACE SOME 45 KMS FROM BARCELONA ON 31 ILILY 31 1999

GABRIEL SAT BESIDE THE DRIVER (A YOUNG MAN HE KNEW) IN HIS OWN CAR. THE DRIVER, WHO WAS DRUNK, LOST CONTROL OF THE CAR AND THE CAR CRASHED VIOLENTLY AGAINST A FENCE AND TREES BEHIND IT. TURNED OVER AND CAUGHT FIRE, HE HAD JUST FINISHED HIS MILITARY SERVICE AND WAS ABOUT TO START HIS PROFESSIONAL LIFE.

THE DRUNK DRIVER WAS PROSECUTED IN MAY 2002 (1.14 MG/L OF ALCOHOL THE TEST WAS DONE 3 HRS & 22 MIN AFTER THE CRASH). FOR MANSLAUGHTER. THE SENTENCE WAS 2 YEARS IN PRISON AND A 2-1/2 YEAR

THE ACCUSED APPEALED AND THE FINAL PUNISHMENT, SIGNED BY 3 JUDGES AT THE "AUDENCIA PROVINCIAL OF BARCELONA" ON 17 JULY 2003, WAS: A FINE OF 135 FUROS A 6 MONTH DRIVING BAN

THE LOSS OF OUR ONLY SON WAS SUCH A SHOCK TO US THAT MY HUSBAND SUFFERED SERIOUS DEPRESSION AND FINALLY DIFD OF A HEART ATTACK 3 YEARS LATER AGED ONLY 56 YEARS

HIS MOTHER



nine Burke, killed aged 27

talented, beautiful young woman, an aromatherapist and graduate in Chinese, Janine travelled the world. only to be killed in London, as she cycled to work, by a left-turning lorry

Her death was never prosecuted.



08/02/1981 - 15/06/2002

he crash happened on 8/06/2002 22:30, Saturday night, at the exit of "Modein" city

Ffrats' girlfriend drove the car. Ffrat was sitting in the back. The driver crossed the unction without stopping at traffic lights. A tourist bus driving through the junction hit the car on Ffrat's side. She was injured and lost her

Efrat was operated in hospital but did not wake-up.

mmunity service and a 15- year riving han

We think that the punishment makes life very cheap. We think all the time about Ffrat's dreams: to study travel and nave her own family. We feel our lives stopped with Ffrat's death, we miss her day and night.



RUBEN SÁNCHEZ MOYA 07/02/1979 - 12/04/1995 rom: Sahadall SPAIN

Ruben practised hurdle and loved to go cycling. He was full of ideas and plans. which were all shattered by the responsible behaviour of others

His death has greatly distressed and ffected his father, mother and younger rother, as well as the rest of the family nd his friends

SASCHA

My son Sascha died on 15 August 2003

in a motorcycle crash, he was 28 years

old. It happened at a roundabout, and

Sascha died after 5 days in a coma.

le is the father of a little boy, Josh,

who was only 4 months old when

ascha died. Sascha loved him so

uch, he was crazy about his child.

ogether with his wife Claudine, they

Now I am taking care of his baby Josh.

he is all that is left in my life.

also get much consolation

from my faith

tended to build a common existence

uben lost his life as a consequence of n illegal race of a group of motorbike lers, organized on a road close to Sabadell. Two of these road-terrorists who were riding at a speed of 220 m/hour where the speed limit is 60 km/hour, drove straight out of the bend ran down and killed Ruhen who was standing with his bicycle by the side of the road

hese two motorbike riders were given an "exemplary" sentence of withdrawa of their driving licence for 85 days. ntences like these certainly DO NOT nelp to solve such a serious problem a eaths on the road.



Alex Jane McVitty

illed in June 2000 aged 26

She was cycling to work in the City of

ondon when she was knocked from

iver lorry turning left across her nath

Through incompetence of the prosecut-

ing authorities, neither the driver nor his

ompany were prosecuted. There was

also no civil justice available, as under

British law parents are only entitled to

reavement damages if their children

are under the 18. The Coroner's verdict

"She was my only child and the most

recious thing in my life. She was 26.

had a first degree a master's degree a

good job and a nice hoyfriend and she

was enjoying her life. It was a shattering

discovered that my daughter's death

was not an isolated event, but that she

was one of five deaths of cyclists involv

ing cement lorries in the City of London

in the recent past. Yet it seems that no

one is accountable for enforcing stan-

My anguish at both her suffering at the

time, and the violation and injustice she

suffered subsequently at the hands of

the legal system will never he

Cynthia Barlow. Her mother

and unbelievable blow for me.

her hike and run over by a concrete

HOMAS SEGARRA CLOETTA 05/10/1970 - 06/03/86 From

homas' short life was full of experiences that would have made nim a wonderful man. He was a good student and his favourite subject was physics. He spoke fluently Spanish. Catalan and Norwegian and rather vell English. He was always nsidered a peacemaker by his teach ers and friends and used to comfort and encourage others.

He loved music and from the age of 5 sang in a choir. He narticinated in the Festival of Neerpelt, Belgium and was also chosen to sing in Mahler's 3rd Symphony with one of Spain's most important directors. He played the guita and was preparing his 4th degree piano exam at the Conservatory of the opera

le lived in close contact with nature an racticed both cross country and alpine skiing, as well as swimming, cycling, sail ing, rowing and fishing.

On the way back to Barcelona after an excursion with his school. Thomas, who had been crossing Furone by car every ummer of his life, from Norway to Spain, was killed when the car driven by his headmaster went straight out of the highway due to too high speed and lack of attention.



USSANNA COROMINAS CUMPLIDO 23/12/1978 - 14/11/1999 rom: Sant Bartomeu del Grau, SPAIN

ssanna was studying Spanish Philology at the University of Gerona. ively young girl, who loved to listen to music together with her friends. She has left an enormous gap in our family.

The crash took place on the way back from Barcelona, she was sitting in the back seat just behind the driver. A drunken driver caused the crash and another speeding driver ran into the back of the

Today, four years after her premature death, we are still waiting for the trial. We, her father, mother and sister, are still fighting for justice, as Sussanna was nied the right to live!



ndy MFRSCH

ur daughter Sandy, one of four chilen, was just 13 years old when on 5th February 1993, she was killed by a speeding lorry driver This was around 7 o'clock on a Friday norning. A day we never forget.

On her way to the bus stop to get to school, Sandy tried to cross on a zebra ossing. Her older brother Marc had assed this main street just seconds

The driver drove away...Sandy died 3 nours later from severe head injuries

My wife was not allowed to stay with he

The driver was sentenced to a 3-year suspended prison sentence, 5-year licence withdrawal, and 2,500 payment

When I saw Sandy lying there, peaceful her body cold, at that moment I promsed her to do everything in my power, that what we had lived through on this 5th of February will not happen to any-

nnot Mersch



He was killed on 13 June 2000 in Eindhoven, Holland, where he lived tem porarily. He was offered a lift by some one he knew, but was unaware he had peen drinking.

Joel had just matured into a lovely young man, with his whole life ahead of m. He had just met his first girlfriend Annemieke. He had just planned to visit relations in Australia and seeing some of the world out there.

He was reserved extremely humorous considerate and polite, generous, helpful, responsible, conscientious, affecionate, intelligent, fit and attractive, Joel's death left me and his father with shattered lives as he was our only child. We suffered the indignity and trauma of the inquest and the court case of the river in Holland - he did not even turn up to the hearing and did not serve his entence. We have suffered mental and hysical illness due to the trauma, yet annot claim anything and are just expected to carry on and for what?"

Lvnn-Marie Fountain



ughter of Pascal and Josette IIII FR-POSS 23/02/1980 - 10/06/2000 the prime of life, at only 20 years

She would have got her Nursery Teache finloma the following year.

Everybody loved Vero, she was part of a large circle of friends.

On 10 June, just one day before Mother riends led to one young man speeding off, driving directly at Veronique and he friend Tanja waiting at the roadside. Tanja succeeded in jumping away at the ast second, but Veronique was hit full on by the

car - no help could save her life. The same night, the speeding driver wa

caught by the police and put in jail. It was also confirmed that he was under the influence of drugs and was neavily drunk

inslaughter and after 2 years the sentence was pronounced: 15 years in orison (5 years reduction for good haviour). He appealed and after one further long year the first judgement wa confirmed and his driving licence was also withdrawn.

But what are 15 years in iail against Vero's lifelong death? We the parents our family and friends are missing ronique so much, it is very painful to speak or write about what happened. In ur hearts she will nevertheless go on to

Tarca.

My son Marc REULAND.

on 2 October 1978

When we came back home from holi-

days on this 20th of May, we got the sac

news. Marc was on his way to the mili-

tary centre in Diekirch. He had no sleep

all night and was not wearing a seat

belt. He fell asleep for just a moment

m this moment nothing is like it was

hefore. But Marc was always smiling and

I know that Marc would not want to see

which cost him his life - far too

me sad

His Mother



aged only 36 years.

The driver responsible was a 21 years old woman.

(ate Dovle killed aged 24 in June 1995 in

She was knocked down on a zebra cross

ing by a hit and run driver who had been

he crash

nned from driving two months prior to

"We were informed about 10 days before

the court case (Magistrates Court) that

the defendant would only be charged for

driving while hanned and failing to ston

lo mention was made of Kate's death.

was so angry that I stood up and object-

ed - I was threatened with contempt of

After 9 years, the impact continues to

at the time, was diagnosed with post-

ered with severe depression. He has

found it particularly difficult to come to

rms with the great, great sense of inju-

tice and has lost any respect for the law.

Kate was 24 - a law graduate hoping to

pecialise in family law. She was our joy.

the light of our life, so loved, so kind, so lov

ing. Not to have her death acknowledged

not to see justice done - I am sure if the

case had been given proper attention, the

cost would not have been so high."

My husband and I have separated.

erberate. Our grief and cataclysmic

oss has affected each of us. My son. 21

aumatic stress syndrome and has suf

We appealed against the first judgeme and on 16.3.1999 the Court of Appeal reased the driving ban from three to ive years and doubled the fine to 3750

he crash happened at 11.30am on a ural road in the Grand-Duchy of emburg, the driver was on the wrong side of the road and our daughter could ot avoid the collision, which was so te rible that of her Golf only the left side nained. Angelique died on the spot

For her all prospects of a happy life we suddenly erased. For us the parents, h prother Marco and her fiance Jean-Claude it is a trauma, a real disaster.

ngeborg and Marcel BECKER- WOLF



n Holmes, husband, father, grandfati

Killed on 20 December 1995 near Oxford in a horrific crash, in which his ife was seriously injured.

traffic that had stopped, when a vehicle nit us in the rear of the car. We were ushed to the right and in front of a 35on lorry travelling at about 50mph. The orn, went over the top of our car remov ing the car roof and engine, before it finally ended up a tree.

Alan was killed instantly, his body was ragmented, and it took 1 hours for the cue team to release me.

e driver was fined £140 and had oints put on his driving licence.

Insurance Company did not pay the nages for 4 years - I had to pay pritely for all medical examinations, etc. etc. Our daughter had a nervous breaklown due to her father's death. It is now 8 years since that day, but I feel I have aged 100 years."

Colleen Holmes



PHNY WAS BORN IN MONTREAL ON

1/7/1969 TO HER STUDENT PARENTS, SHE WAS RAISED IN ISRAEL SHE WAS A BRILLIANT STUDENT - SHE STUDIED AT HADASSA SCHOOL OF MEDI CINE THE HERREW LINIVERSITY IN JERUSAI EM AND GRADUATED WITH HONOURS, SHE THEN BECAME THE HEAD OF A GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO PRACTICED MEDICINE IN VARIOUS HOS-PITALS. SHE HAD TO TRAVEL FROM JERUSALEM TO A HOSPITAL ABOUT 50 MILES AWAY. IT WAS A RAINY MORNING IN NOVEMBER 1994. FOUR OTHER MED-ICAL STUDENTS WERE IN THE CAR WITH HER. THE CAR HAD TO GIVE WAY AND WHILE TRYING TO COME BACK TO THE ROAD THE DRIVER LOST CONTROL AND COLLIDED WITH A JEEP ON THE OTHER, INSEPARATED, ROAD THREE OF THE STUDENTS WERE KIII I ED INSTANTI Y THE DRIVER SUR-VIVED UNHARMED. DAPHNY SAT IN THE FRONT SEAT. DAPHNY'S DEATH SHATTERED THE FAMILY, HER TWO SISTERS, PARENTS. GRANDPARENTS AND HUSBAND, TO WHOM SHE WAS MARRIED A YEAR EAR-

LIER. HER PROFESSORS SAID THAT THE

MEDICAL PROFESSION HAD LOST A

MEDICAL LEADER.



On 27 October 1990 Mansoor was vid ently killed by a van driver who crossed a junction against a bank of red traffic lights and ploughed into him as he was erossing on his motorcycle on green. He sustained terrible injuries and was declared dead two hours later. The fami were denied access to his body and only received an envelope with his nos

took nine months before they knew hat five witnesses testified that the river not only ignored the red lights but also the traffic that had stopped. Yet he was only charged with "Driving without due care and attention" and received a fine of £250 and 8 nenalty points. The fact that he had killed someone was completely ignored not even mentioned in court.

Mansoor was my only son, a gifted and beautiful person, with his whole life before him. He suffered a horrific death at the hands of a consistent offender. n my entire life will I get over the casua insulting treatment of my son's death. The lack of authorities' recognition of our tragedies is made even more obvious and insulting by their very serious and most appropriate response to deaths in other disasters "



Greg Turner (standing), killed or 9.6.1994, aged 18 ussell Turner, killed on 4.12.1997

wo policemen arrived at our home at 2.30am, pushed past my husband to enter the house and required a statenent, which they said could not wait intil the morning. Later we asked the olice why they had not called us wher Greg was lying just 10 minutes from the use, -we were told they were busy and was not their remit to contact families

After 9 months, the driver was found guilty of racing and dangerous driving, but not guilty of causing Greg's death we could never understand this.

Since the day of Greg's death, we never felt real happiness or peace. We thought our life could not get much worse until 4 ecember 1997, when Russell died in a crash close to where his brother died. We will never know what happened, but an only believe he was speeding, possi ly he was thinking of Greg, as he had

osing our sons has devastated us and ve will never come to terms with the oss, we just live from day to day.



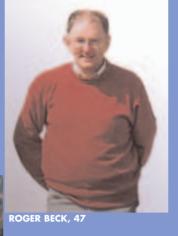
MARC BIRCH, 22

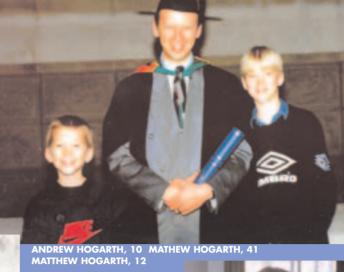
SAMANTHA BUTLER, 15

















TREVOR JASSIE, 27



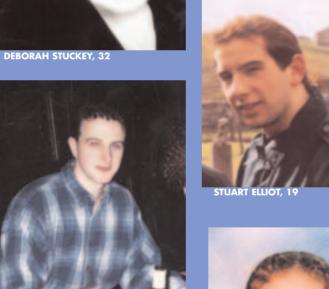


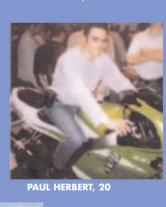












JONATHAN MOON, 8







DAVID STOCKWELL, 34

















ALAN HARRISON, 58