

PATRICIA BROWN - Submission 2

Adverse affect on the trial of Tirrell Davis and others in respect of the sensational reporting of the death of Kodjo Yenga which we believe was substantially informed by police information

In media terms there is a presentation of this case as evidence of gang violence in a "leafy Hammersmith Grove" which is another underlying issue in this case. There seems to be a question about gang violence being brought into the area by the press coverage as if black families did not both own and rent houses in the area.

Besides the information listed below evidencing the kind of information given in the reporting there was significant local coverage of Kodjo's funeral in May 2007. The coded language, the media bombardment would seem to ensure that school children are foreseen as brutal thugs and reported as a notorious street gang, all guilty on arrest.

There were two off duty policeman in a car who were at the scene of the crime who's statements were contradictory. The foreman of the jury was a serving sergeant policeman from a neighbouring borough: this was revealed whilst the jury were in deliberation and gave rise to an appeal although it seems not to have been played out in the failed appeal.

Mirror Friday 16th March 2007

Front Page

4th Teenager killed in 6 weeks

For his dog

Gentle Kodjo

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Young Girls calling Kill Him Kill Him / was used at Committal only

Shop-keeper source

Bullying gone on for weeks

These boys breed the dogs for killing

One was a well known gang member

They were not all wearing school uniform

MDP Murder de Pussies

Came tooled up

Congolese born -

Another fight earlier day

Evening Standard 15th March 2007 Secondary Headline

(Largely similar to the Mirror in terms of detail)

- Papers talk about being stabbed leg
- They indicate that Kodjo is older than those being investigated.
- Staffordshire bull terrier weapon on choice

- Roll call of victims killed in previous 6 weeks

16th March 2007

Editorial

Murder dem Pussies

Two policeman : one saw 6 -10 /one saw 2 – both in same car

Daily Telegraph

Friday 16th March 2007

Gang shouting Kill him, Kill him

Lynch mob

Home in on Kodjo's music: associate it with Billy Cox – fallen soldier tribute

St. Charles have a group of youths known as RFL (Ride for Life)

Housing references – Kodjo Ladboke Grove

Daily Mail Friday

16th March 2007

Quiet Kill Him, Kill him - girls

prosperous area

Shopkeeper: all about dog

Kodjo gang member?

Kizzle Sweet thug

Making cross references with Billy Cox (crack)

Daily Mail Saturday 17th March 2007

Fear of gang warfare

Initiation Crime

Home in on rap

Daily Express Friday 16th March 2007

One had the other in a headlock

Male Youth ran off down the road

Hammersmith and Shepherd's Bush Gazette

Friday 16th March

5 youths being questioned after running battle

Hurling objects and abuse at victim

Shops remain closed

A lot of people in area: looking for witnesses

Reference to another recent stabbing

Reference to local gun crime

Daily Telegraph Saturday 17th March 2007

Report of 4 + 5 young men charged

Daily Express Saturday 17th March 2007

Kodjo may have been killed for disrespecting to a female member of a local gang (friends)
Initiation
Placing Kodjo clearly in gang ?

**News of the World/ The Mail on Sunday/The Sunday Mirror
18th March 2007**

Regarding grieving family
Age details of four teenagers charged

**The People
18th March 2007**

Police say they have found knife
Mob of girls chanting "kill him, kill him"
Knife being tested as police try to trace witnesses
Four teenagers appeared in court on Saturday

**The Sunday Times
18th March 2007**

The Times report mother's statement as released by police
The grieving family with significantly more detail of Kodjo as A level student, a good Christian son, who wanted to study graphic design
Sang hymns and called for end to knife culture
Reference to Kodjo's interview with MTV
Girlfriend asking for "No revenge"
Reference to other deaths

**Daily Mail
Monday 19th March 2007**

Website tributes to Kodjo as fallen soldier
Distinction made with Adam Regis East London (and Billy Cox?)

**Evening Standard
22nd March 2007**

Charlotte Fletcher seeking police protection
Accused of being responsible for Kodjo's murder
Initiation Rite to MDP : Cookie

**Hammersmith and Shepherds Bush Gazette
Friday 23rd March 2007**

Kodjo chased by gang
Natural leader –Kodjo
Local attack on crime rise/drugs/young people

**Ealing Gazette/Local Press
Friday 23rd March 2007**

Background with reference to case

26th March 2007

A squabble over text messages
100 strong MDP

**Ealing Gazette
Friday 30th March 2007**

Scared, Broken Community
General concerns over rise in youth violence

**Hammersmith and Shepherds Bush Gazette
Friday 30th March 2007**

Another murder/reference to Kodjo case

**Hammersmith and Shepherds Bush Gazette
March 18th 2011**

Paper still reporting that " Kill him Kill him " was being shouted

**Ealing Gazette
Friday May 13th 2011**

Facts about " joiner case" and ten youths jailed in connection with Kodjo's death.

Background Reporting on associated issues.

It should be noted that some recording refers to the police submission that had been presented to the Home Affairs Committee and was being printed on 27th March 2007.