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CORONER'S VERDICT

Milton Keynes Collapse –linked to faulty scaffolding!

The jury at a Coroners' inquest, on Friday 18th January 2008, found that faults in the scaffolding resulted in the in the death of a carpenter, who died following the collapse of the 19 lift structure, 16th April 2006



The inquest heard that John Robinson (49) died in hospital from a heart attack caused by a deep vein thrombosis, 3 days after the accident. Mr. Robinson had lived in Eaglestone in Milton Keynes. He and his son Mark, who was also injured in the collapse, were working to fix cladding tiles to east elevation at the time of the disaster. Home Office pathologist Dr Ken Shorrock said Robinson would not have died had he not been involved in the accident.

In a narrative verdict, it was ruled that the death was accidental and found no single cause of the collapse, but it was linked to faulty scaffolding.

Evidence heard from the Health and Safety Executive included:

- There was no design for the scaffolding
- The scaffolding did not conform to British Standards
- The scaffold was not tied properly
- Elements of the scaffold were missing
- Platforms were overloaded
- Safety Inspections had not carried out for 2 months prior to the collapse.

Mr. Robinson's family are now said to be considering a civil case against those responsible for the scaffolding.

The Health and Safety Executive will be considering the verdict and the possibility of prosecutions seem likely.

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