

**IN ISLEWORTH CROWN COURT
IN THE MATTER OF AN INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF:**

JIMMY MUBENGA, DECEASED

STATEMENT OF

Adrienne Makenda Kambana

1. My name is Adrienne Kambana. I am the widow of Jimmy Mubenga and the mother of our five children. I would like to make a statement to ask for justice for Jimmy Mubenga.

2. Jimmy Mubenga was a good father. He was doing everything a good father should do. He would take the children to school and he would play football with them, he did many activities with them and he provided a lot of joy in their lives. He was a good husband and he treated me well.

3. He had never been in trouble with the police before; he had never done anything wrong. When he was arrested he was in the wrong place at the wrong time an argument started and Jimmy got caught up in it. Jimmy was convicted of an offence of causing actual bodily harm and he was sent to prison in March 2006. Although I was not a witness to what happened, I was present and the trial and he found guilty. He told me I was innocent and I believed him. This was the first time he had ever been away from the children. By April 2007 he had served his sentence but he was detained under immigration powers. He remained detained until June 2008 when he

was granted bail. It was during this time that Blessing was conceived. Jimmy instructed a solicitor and tried to challenge the deportation because he wanted to stay with his family. He was found guilty. He told me I was innocent and I believed him.

4. Our children deeply miss him. They miss all the fun they used to have with their father. Especially Blessing, his daughter. It is a punishment for her not to have him around. She misses all the fun and games and times spent with her father and her brothers. She never had the chance to get to know him or call him 'dad'. All she has is pictures of him. I don't know how she will react to what has happened when she grows up.
5. I will have to tell her that on 12 October 2010 I was on the phone to him and he spoke to your brothers but you were too young to speak to him. I know he loves you.
6. I was asked by the police to tell them about the phone calls I had with Jimmy on the 12 October 2010. I would like to add that he spoke to Roland, his eldest son, and said "Go to the MP, go to Mr Timms and tell him I am innocent."
7. He said "I'll call you back" and he did not call me back. That was the end of the story.
8. Now, me and my children cannot face G4S guards or someone wearing this logo. This can happen on a daily basis and it hurts us to see it.
9. It is not easy to lose someone who was not sick. He did not deserve this kind of death. His death is painful and sad. We feel sad for him because we have been told that he was asking for help and he did not get it.

10. I know he died with sadness. I believe he died with regret. He died asking for help and thinking 'what have I done to deserve this?'
11. I wish I could have helped him. My children ask me why he could not get help, he should have got help, he asked for it.
12. Jimmy has gone forever. We need justice. Justice will help Jimmy rest in peace. This will prevent this situation from happening again. Justice will give the other passengers on the plane piece of mind about what happened. Justice will protect people in the future because I don't want anyone to be in my shoes. Justice will help my children not to feel angry about what happened to their father. Justice will help me to live a long and healthy life so that I can take care of our children. I need justice especially for my daughter who did not get the chance to know her father. We will never forget Jimmy.



