

# Judicial Communications Office

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PRESS NOTICE

LEGACY INQUEST UNIT

## INQUEST TOUCHING UPON THE DEATH OF PATRICK MCELHONE ON 7 AUGUST 1974

The Coroner, The Honourable Mrs Justice Keegan, will deliver her findings on the death of Patrick McElhone at 11.00am on Thursday 21 January 2021 at Omagh Courthouse.

Mr McElhone, who was 24 years old, died on 7 August 1974 near his home in Limehill, Pomeroy, Co. Tyrone after sustaining a fatal gunshot wound in an incident involving a military patrol.

Lance Corporal Roy Alun Jones was charged with murder on 9 August 1974 and acquitted of that charge on 27 March 1975 by Mr Justice MacDermott, who sat without a jury.

This inquest, the second into Mr McElhone's death, was directed by the Attorney-General for Northern Ireland following an application by Mr McElhone's family.

This inquest into Mr McElhone's death has been the first legacy inquest of the Lord Chief Justice's plan to be heard.

### NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The Coroner's findings will be published on the JudiciaryNI website, where further information on this legacy inquest is also available (<https://www.judiciaryni.uk/patrick-mcelhone-inquest>).
2. Please note that due to limited courtroom capacity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the press cannot be accommodated within the courtroom. The proceedings can be followed via Sightlink (<https://my.sightlink.net/meet/93632850/>)

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