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PRESS UPDATE

Issued at 4.35pm on Thursday 3 June 2010

Police investigating the shooting in Whitehaven have formally identified five of the people who were tragically killed.

Police can now confirm the following people have been formally identified:

Mother of two, Susan Hughes, 57, of Park View, Castle Croft, Egremont, died on Haggard End, Orgill, in Egremont. A statement from her family reads: "Susan was a proud and determined mother of two daughters. She is completely irreplaceable to her family and friends."

Jane Elizabeth Robinson, 66, of Drigg Road, Seascale, whose body was found on Drigg Road a few hundred yards from her home.

Jamie Michael Dennis Clark, 23, of St Pierre Avenue, Carlisle, formerly of Northall in Buckinghamshire, whose body was found in his car on the A5083.

A tribute from his parents, Richard and Jane Clark, reads: "Our darling son, Jamie, has been taken from us. Our lives will never be the same again. He was the most wonderful gentle, loving, considerate man. Much loved by us his parents, his brother and his fiance and all his friends."

Jamie's fiance, Lianne Jarman, 21, of Carlisle, said: "He was not just my fiancee, but my closest friend. He is my life, my world, my everything. Taken too soon, he gave so many people love and joy. He touched so many lives, but he did not realise how cherished he was. We are all truly devastated."

The family added: "At this moment we would ask you to give us space and respect our wishes to be alone with our desperate grief."

David Bird (twin brother of Derrick Bird), 52, was found dead at his house on High Trees Farm, Lamplugh.

A statement from his three daughters 28-year-old Rachel, 26-year-old Tracey and 19-year-old Katie, said: "We are utterly devastated about the death of our dad. He was the nicest man you could ever meet. He was a loving husband and doting Dad and Granda. We would like to take this opportunity to say there was absolutely no family feud. Our Dad's only downfall was to try and help his brother. Dad was a loving and cheerful character and was well known throughout the village. He will not only be missed by us, but by the whole community. Love you forever. Sleep well. xxx

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"We would also like to send our condolences to all the other families and people involved in this tragic incident. Our thoughts are with them also."

Earlier today police also confirmed the identity of Kevin Joseph Commons, 60, of Frizington Road, Frizington who was found dead on his driveway.

Mr Commons was a local solicitor and senior partner in law firm KJ.Commons and Co - a tribute issued by the company partner Tim Frost is attached.

A dedicated team of family liaison officers are continuing to formally identify those who died and inform immediate family members. Any witnesses or anyone with information which could assist police in their investigation into the incident is asked to call the dedicated Police Helpline number on 0800 096 0095

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Notes for Editors

The families of Susan Hughes, David Bird and Jamie Clark have issued the attached photos of them and are urging all media to use this family photo instead of any others they may have acquired from other sources.