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Dear Ms Beddoe,

R v MATTHEWS

Thank you for your letter of 25 June 2010, which I have read, along with the comments of HHJ Roach. I have raised the matter with the Chief Crown Prosecutor for Gloucestershire and he has arranged for the regional Complex Casework Unit to review the case.

I will consider that review as soon as it is completed and I will then write to you setting out the CPS explanation for the outcome and indicating what steps will be taken to ensure that all relevant lessons are learnt.

I have made it clear to the Chief Crown Prosecutor for Gloucestershire that the review in this case should be carried out as swiftly as possible and I anticipate being able to update you in the near future.

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KEIR STARMER QC