

**NOTICE TO THE COURT REGARDING POLICE EVIDENCE SUBMISSION PORTAL
COURT-DIRECTED FACILITY — STATED 30-DAY VALIDITY, SUBSEQUENT
UNAVAILABILITY, EFFECT UPON ME AND REQUEST FOR EXPLANATION**

Defendant: Derrick Lynch, known as John Canoe

Case Reference: 01GD1160226

Court: Wood Green Crown Court

Date of Notice: 1 September 2026

Next Hearing: 16 September 2026

1. PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE

I, **Derrick Lynch, known as John Canoe**, submit this Notice for the Court record.

The purpose of this Notice is to record factually the circumstances concerning an electronic evidence submission facility provided to me by the Metropolitan Police following information received by the Police from the Court.

I also record the effect that the unexpected unavailability of the facility has had upon me and request an explanation.

I make **no allegation, no accusation, no assertion and no assumption** concerning why the facility ceased accepting submissions, and I have reached **no conclusion** concerning the reason.

2. THE POLICE EVIDENCE SUBMISSION REQUEST

On **Saturday 29 August 2026 at 06:41**, I received an email from **Axon**, on behalf of the **Metropolitan Police**, headed:

“Evidence Share Request 01/GD/11602/26”

and identifying the matter as an:

“Evidence Submission Request.”

The email stated:

“L. Farr has requested evidence from you. Please use the link provided to view your request and submit evidence.”

It further stated that questions should be directed to the Metropolitan Police using **Community Request ID 01/GD/11602/26**.

3. CONNECTION WITH THE COURT

The description accompanying the evidence submission request stated:

“Good Morning Mr LYNCH I have been informed by the court you wish to upload some footage please upload any to this link”

The Police communication therefore expressly records that the Police had been informed by the Court that I wished to upload footage and that the link was being provided for that purpose.

I record this because it establishes the context in which I understood the evidence submission facility to have been provided.

4. EXPRESS STATEMENT THAT THE LINK WAS VALID FOR 30 DAYS

The evidence submission request expressly stated:

“Link is valid for 30 days”

The email containing that statement was dated **29 August 2026**.

I therefore understood from the written information supplied to me that the evidence submission link would remain valid for **30 days**.

I relied upon that written information in understanding that I would continue to have an opportunity to submit material through the facility during that period.

5. ATTEMPT TO USE THE FACILITY ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

On **1 September 2026**, I attempted to use the evidence submission link.

The Axon **Evidence Submission Portal** opened.

However, instead of permitting a further submission, the portal displayed:

“We are no longer accepting submissions for this portal.”

I preserved a screenshot showing that message.

The screenshot is incorporated into the evidence accompanying this Notice.

This occurred only approximately three days after the evidence submission request was issued.

The stated 30-day period had not expired.

6. MATERIAL I INTENDED TO SUBMIT

I intended to use the facility to submit further material, including a written document asking the Police questions concerning **safeguards against anti-Black racism and institutional racism**.

I have previously raised questions concerning safeguards.

However, where I do not possess evidence proving Police receipt of particular earlier communications, I do not ask the Court to assume that those communications were received.

I therefore intended to ask or re-ask the questions through the Police-provided submission facility so that there would be an identifiable record of their submission.

The Police would then have an opportunity to provide their answers in writing before my next appearance before the Court.

7. WHY THE SAFEGUARD QUESTIONS ARE IMPORTANT TO ME

I am a Black person.

I am in fear of my life because of reports concerning deaths of Black people in Police custody.

I wish to establish what safeguards against anti-Black racism and institutional racism exist, how those safeguards operate, whether they applied to Police decision-making concerning me, and what evidence exists demonstrating their operation.

I am asking questions.

I am seeking evidence.

I am not alleging that any Police officer involved in my case is racist.

I am not accusing any Police officer of racism.

I am not asserting that anti-Black racism or institutional racism has occurred in my case.

I am not assuming that racism has affected any decision concerning me.

I have reached no conclusion that racism has occurred.

The purpose of asking the questions is precisely to obtain information and evidence rather than make assumptions.

8. EFFECT UPON ME

The circumstances surrounding the evidence submission facility have caused me **stress, trauma and distress.**

I had received a written communication expressly stating that the link was valid for 30 days.

I relied upon that information.

When I attempted to use the facility on 1 September 2026, I discovered that it was no longer accepting submissions even though the stated 30-day period had not expired.

This is particularly distressing to me because the material I intended to submit concerns safeguards which I am seeking because of matters relating to my safety and my stated fear arising from reports concerning deaths of Black people in Police custody.

I record the effect upon me as a fact concerning my experience of these circumstances.

I do **not** ask the Court to infer from my stress, trauma or distress that anybody deliberately caused the portal to become unavailable.

9. CHRONOLOGY

For clarity, the material presently available establishes the following sequence:

29 August 2026 at 06:41:

The Metropolitan Police/Axon evidence submission request was sent to me.

29 August 2026:

The written request expressly stated:

“Link is valid for 30 days.”

1 September 2026:

I attempted to use the evidence submission facility.

1 September 2026:

The portal displayed:

“We are no longer accepting submissions for this portal.”

The stated 30-day period had not expired.

10. REQUEST FOR EXPLANATION

I require a written explanation of what occurred.

I respectfully request that the Metropolitan Police provide written answers to the following questions:

1. Why was the evidence submission portal no longer accepting submissions on 1 September 2026 when the written evidence submission request stated that the link was valid for 30 days?
2. On what date and at what time did the portal cease accepting submissions?
3. Was the cessation of submissions caused manually, automatically, administratively, technically or by some other process?
4. Who or what authorised, instructed, initiated or caused the portal to cease accepting submissions?
5. Were the Metropolitan Police aware that the portal had ceased accepting submissions?
6. Did any technical, administrative or operational error occur?
7. Was the evidence submission request still active when I attempted to access it on 1 September 2026?
8. Can the existing evidence submission facility be restored immediately?
9. If the existing facility cannot be restored, when will a replacement evidence submission link be provided?
10. If the statement “**Link is valid for 30 days**” does not mean that submissions will be accepted through that link for 30 days, what does that statement mean?

11. NO ALLEGATION OR CONCLUSION CONCERNING THE REASON

I do not presently know why the portal ceased accepting submissions.

Accordingly:

I make no allegation that the Metropolitan Police deliberately closed the facility early.

I make no accusation against any Police officer or other person.

I make no assertion concerning why the facility ceased accepting submissions.

I make no assumption concerning the reason.

I have reached no conclusion concerning the reason.

The documentary evidence establishes that the communication dated 29 August 2026 stated that the link was valid for 30 days.

The screenshot records what I encountered when I attempted to use the facility on 1 September 2026.

I am asking for an explanation of the discrepancy.

12. URGENCY AND NEXT COURT HEARING

My next hearing before **Wood Green Crown Court** is listed for **16 September 2026**.

The questions I intended to submit concern safeguards against anti-Black racism and institutional racism.

I wish to provide those questions to the Police, permit the Police a reasonable opportunity to answer them, consider any response received and accurately inform the Court of the position.

I therefore respectfully request that a functioning evidence submission facility be restored, or a replacement facility provided, **without delay and sufficiently before 16 September 2026**.

I also request that the explanation concerning the premature unavailability of the original facility be provided in writing sufficiently before the hearing to enable me to consider it and report the position accurately to the Court.

13. EVIDENCE PRESERVED

I have preserved:

1. the Axon/Metropolitan Police **Evidence Share Request dated 29 August 2026**, Community Request ID **01/GD/11602/26**;

2. the written statement contained within that communication that the **“Link is valid for 30 days”**; and

3. the screenshot taken on **1 September 2026** showing the Evidence Submission Portal displaying:

“We are no longer accepting submissions for this portal.”

The original Metropolitan Police/Axon email also states that replies to that message are not monitored.

14. REQUEST TO THE COURT

I respectfully request that:

1. this Notice be **placed upon the Court record** under case reference **01GD1160226**;
2. the supporting Metropolitan Police/Axon communication and screenshot be retained with it;
3. this Notice be **brought to the attention of the Judge before my hearing on 16 September 2026**;
4. the Court note that I remain ready and willing to submit the material once a functioning submission facility is available; and
5. the Court note that I am seeking a written explanation concerning why the facility was no longer accepting submissions within the stated 30-day period.

15. FINAL STATEMENT OF POSITION

For the avoidance of doubt:

I make no allegations.

I make no accusations.

I make no assertions concerning why the portal ceased accepting submissions.

I make no assumptions concerning why the portal ceased accepting submissions.

I have reached no conclusions concerning why the portal ceased accepting submissions.

I am recording what occurred.

I am preserving the evidence.

I am asking questions.

I am requesting an explanation.

I remain willing and ready to submit the intended material as soon as a functioning evidence submission facility is made available.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a series of loops and a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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Defendant / Litigant in Person

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