

Duwayne Brooks to meet Nick Clegg to discuss Lawrence family smear claims

Brooks, who was with Stephen Lawrence on the night he was murdered, to discuss allegations of police misconduct



Stephen Lawrence's friend, Duwayne Brooks Photograph: John Stillwell/PA

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Duwayne Brooks, who was with [Stephen Lawrence](#) on the night he was murdered by racists, will meet Nick Clegg, the deputy prime minister, on Friday to discuss allegations of police misconduct, his solicitor said. The meeting was set up after Peter Francis, a former undercover policeman, alleged that he had been told to find information to smear the Lawrence family after the killing.

Eighteen-year-old Stephen Lawrence was waiting for a bus with Brooks when he was murdered by racists in Eltham, south-east [London](#), in 1993.

Following the claims, Lawrence's parents called for a public inquiry into the allegations, which the teenager's mother said made her feel "sick to the stomach". After meeting the home secretary last week, she said: "We want to be open and not behind closed doors, so that we can hear once and for all exactly what was going on after Stephen was murdered."

Theresa May has said she will meet Mrs Lawrence again to discuss what should happen. She initially suggested that an inquiry led by barrister Mark Ellison QC into alleged corruption in the original Lawrence murder investigation could be extended, as well as a police investigation into undercover work.

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