

LOSING MUM TOOK AWAY YEARS OF MY LIFE

A DAUGHTER of the only mother killed at Hillsborough ended up in care, lost her home and family and still suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Becky Shah was watching the alarming scenes from Hillsborough live on television knowing her mother Inger, 38, was there with her 13-year-old brother Daniel. He survived but the pair are estranged.

Ms Shah, 44, told Metro: 'I didn't go in 1989 because my season-ticket ended in the wrong number so I missed out on the allocation - otherwise I wouldn't be sitting here talking to you now.'

She had attended the previous year's FA Cup semi-final at Hillsborough, also between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest and also marked by dangerous overcrowding. Tragedy was avoided then but warnings were unheeded.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission is expected to rule soon on the police's actions at Hillsborough while Operation Resolve, the criminal investigation into the deaths, will announce whether any officers will face charges.

Ms Shah (pictured) said: 'Hopefully they'll leave no



Victim: Inger Shah PICTURES: MIRROR/MAVERICK

stone unturned. However, given our previous experiences, optimism is extremely low.' Ms Shah, now living in Anfield, Liverpool, said April's inquest rulings were 'monumental' but 'should have come a lot sooner'. She added: 'All this has taken years off my life, whereas there are people in authority who've got off far too easily.'



PHOTO OF DEAD BROTHER 'THROWN AT ME'

STEVE KELLY finally discovered his brother Mike was among the victims when a police officer threw him a Polaroid showing the body 'like dealing a playing card'.

At that brutal moment, the last of the fans killed on the day was identified - but it was only when April's inquests vindicated the victims that Steve felt any closure.

After spending Saturday night as a taxi driver ferrying traumatised supporters back home, Everton fan Steve spent much of the Sunday searching for his brother.

At last one officer brusquely revealed 38-year-old Mike was among the victims in a makeshift morgue, before swiftly shifting to asking about fans drinking.

Steve, 63, of Croxteth, told Metro: 'We were just an ordinary family - we'd never had any dealings with police and these were people you just believed in. They were building their case right from



Vindicated: Fan Michael Kelly SYSTEM

the start, setting up the cover-up.' After this April's verdicts, Steve (pictured) went to the graves of his sister and parents.

He said: 'For 27 years Mike had been in a sort of limbo. Now I felt like finally my brother was going home to his mum.'



FATEFUL DECISION TO LET SON JOIN PALS

BARRY DEVONSIDE is still haunted by the choice he made 27 years ago to back down and let his teenage son join his friends in the ill-fated Leppings Lane end of the stadium.

The 69-year-old father recalled a conversation with his 18-year-old son Chris, who had tickets for the clash, the Thursday night before the disaster.

Mr Devonside said: 'Chris asked me three times if he could go in the Leppings Lane end with his mates. 'I was telling him no, it's not safe, it's a massive crush. But the third time I just said yes. I haven't a clue why, I just don't know. I'm going to carry that for the rest of my life.'

Chris, a keen sportsman who wanted to be a journalist, was one of the 96 killed in the disaster.

His father, of Formby, Merseyside, later came face-to-face with David Duckenfield, the police commander at the match who gave the fateful order to open the gates. Mr Devonside



Sporty: Chris Devonside died at match

said he asked him during the second inquest why it took him so long to tell the truth, to which Mr Duckenfield replied: 'I'm sorry.'

Mr Devonside said his response was: 'Is that the best you can do?' The father (pictured) said he believes the ex-police chief will 'always have 96 deaths on his conscience'.



Ditching of Human Rights Act 'betrays Hillsborough dead'

EXCLUSIVE
BY AIDAN RADNEDGE

FAMILIES of football fans killed in the Hillsborough disaster are urging Theresa May not to 'betray' them by scrapping the Human Rights Act.

Justice For The 96 campaigners are backing a new Amnesty International defence of the Act, which proved crucial in securing a second inquest into how and why their loved ones died.

They said ditching the Act could prevent similar disasters from being properly investigated while protecting corrupt police and authorities.

Steve Kelly, 62, who lost 38-year-old brother Mike, told Metro: 'I'm quite surprised that the prime minister - who as home secretary gave such a



Justice: Metro reports inquest ruling

powerful speech to parliament supporting us - is now trying to repeal the Act which was so vital for us.

'Events like Hillsborough will happen again and people need some-

where to go to challenge those who've possibly let them down.'

Families are backing the Amnesty campaign to keep the legislation, particularly Article 2 which protects the 'right to life' - denied to the 96 fans who died in 1989 during a Liverpool FA Cup match. That mechanism strengthened demands for the second inquest which in April ruled the killings were unlawful and there had been a police cover-up.

Amnesty's Laura Trevelyan said: 'The Act protects people let down by other avenues of justice. We mustn't let politicians take those hard-won rights away.' The Ministry of Justice said plans for a replacement Bill of Rights will be set out 'in due course' and it would 'consult fully'.

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