



## People for Proper Policing in North Wales

**The inquest finally reports on the death, in December 2007, of an Anglesey woman driver. Reported Sep 5 2008 by Daily Post**

Mother of two, Traci D'Ormain, 30, from Maes Llwyn, Amlwch, suffered multiple injuries in the horrific crash when her **Ford Fiesta** collided with the **gravel lorry near Dulas on the A5025** just days before Christmas 2007.

The inquest was told she had **a high level of amphetamine in her blood** when the crash happened as she travelled to work at a Bangor supermarket at **10am** on December 20.

Mrs D'Ormain, was travelling from Amlwch to Bangor when her car pulled into the oncoming lane near Dulas. Witnesses say that half of her Fiesta was in the Amlwch-bound lane when it struck the right side of the truck, sending it spinning across the road and into a grass verge.

**North-west Wales coroner Dewi Pritchard Jones** said *she appeared to be overtaking and misjudged the distance – possibly due to the effect of the drug. There is an impression she was at a fairly high speed. It is likely her vision was affected by the low sun but I do not believe she would not have seen this lorry. On the balance of probabilities she was thinking of overtaking and misjudged the distance.*

*"This could have been because of the effect of the amphetamines, I think this could have affected her ability to react properly to an emergency situation. It is possible she was unable to appreciate the danger because of the amphetamine."*

**He recorded a verdict of accidental death.**

Accident investigators found **no defects in either vehicle** that would have contributed to causing the crash.

**The PPP comments** ... This tragic event highlights the possible and complex causes of fatal incidents. The only positive outcome is to understand and take note and use the information to prevent a reoccurrence. **The psychology of the driver** is usually the key, in this case impaired judgement, the physics involves the fatal **high energy** involved in a head on impact. If her vehicle had been moving slower and had had all the latest driver protection she **may have survived** but such collisions must be **avoided**. This is one of many similar incidents on the A5025 and similar roads. **We need to know and learn from the causes.**