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By JONATHAN REILLY Political Correspondent

KILLER smart motorways will be kept running after ministers shunned calls to bring back permanent hard shoulders.

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps is set to unveil a host of extra safety measures including better technology but there will be no end to using the emergency lane for high-speed traffic.

That is despite 38 people being killed on smart motorways in the past five years and coroners ruling them responsible for the deaths.

Smart motorways have been criticised because the hard shoulder is either permanently turned into a traffic lane or the lane is switched end of March 2025. on or off to traffic depending on how busy the road is.

can be trapped in speeding traffic.
Highways England has admitted turning the hard shoulder on and off can be confusing and has promised to convert all smart motorways absolutely have to have these as safe ment for Transport

Killer roads will stay



Number of people killed on "smart" roads in last 5 yrs

into all-lane running roads by the or safer than regular motor-

Last year, a BBC investigation them at all." found that on one section of the The Sun understands the It means drivers who break down M25, the number of near misses had new safety measures will be risen from 72 to 1,485 since the hard briefed to road safety charities shoulder was removed in April 2014. today, with an announcement

launched plans to increase the number of emergency refuge areas and upgrade the equipment that auto-matically detects a stopped vehicle within three years.

Just 37 miles of motorway have been fitted with this technology. Coroner David Urpeth said in January smart motorways were an "ongoing risk of deaths" after Jason Mercer and Alexandru Murgeanu were killed by a lorry on the M1

near Rotherham. And an inquest for Nargis Begum, 62, who died after a car she was travelling in broke down and was hit, has also been referred to the Crown Prosecution Service to consider investigating Highways England for possible corporate manslaughter charges.

It comes as Britain's pot-hole littered roads led to a three-fold jump in breakdowns this year, RAC figures show. Patrols helped 4,694 drivers who had probably broken down as a result of hitting a pothole in the first three months of 2021, up from 1,461 for the last three months of 2020. jonathan.reilly@the-sun.co.uk

Better tech . . . Shapps



Victim . . . James Nash

By BEN LEO

CHILDREN'S author was shot then beaten to death by a mentally neighbour convinced was a Russian spy, an inquest heard.

James Nash, 42, Wal blasted by Alex Sartain 34, with a home-made shotgun in his garden

Parish councillor Mr Nash's head was then repeatedly stamped on His killer also died later that day when he crashed his motorbike while being chased by police

A post mortem on Mr Nash, who died three days later in hospital found he had deflected the shot with his let hand but died from multiple blunt-force injuries

Sartain's father John told the inquest his son believed his neighbour worked for Russian president Vladimir Putin.

Sartain also believed he was spied on by the CIA MI6 and Nasa.

He had been detained under the Mental Health Act but was released three months before the killing in August &

Upper Enham, Hants Mr Nash's widow Sarah told the Winchester hearing she heard the shet and ran to find Sartain Stamping on his head Verdict: Unlawful killing

Formula predicts Big C risk

AN algorithm has been created to predict the risk of prostate cancer based on a man's age, weight and history.

Other factors include smoking, ethnicity, serious mental illness, deprivation and diabetes.

The formula, based on a study of 800,000 men aged 25 to 84, also takes into account blood tests. Prostate cancer kills 300,000 men worldwide

each year. It is hoped the new calculation, devised by researchers at Oxford University, will help save lives as current risk tests

are unreliable. Prostate Cancer UK said: "We need more accurate ways to detect these cancers earlier."

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By EMMA JAMES

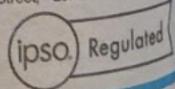
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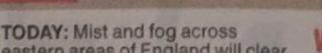
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