

UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

In the matter of sections 19(3) and 20 of the Inquiries Act 2005

Applications for restriction orders in respect of the real and cover names of officers of the Special Operations Squad and the Special Demonstration Squad

Ruling 15

Nominal	Ruling
HN18	I defer consideration of the application for a restriction order in respect of the real name, pending the receipt of further information.
HN66/EN327	The real name cannot be published.
HN122	The real name cannot be published.
HN299/342	The real name cannot be published.
HN344	The real name cannot be published.

Reasons

HN18

Decision deferred.

1. Further information has been received about the deployment of HN18, which must be explored before a decision is made.

HN66/EN327

Restriction over real name granted. Restriction over cover name refused.

2. I confirm that the cover names disclosed by the Inquiry are those under which it is believed he was known by those with whom he associated during his deployments with the Special Demonstration Squad and the National Public Order Intelligence Unit. I have no reason to suspect that there are “whistleblower

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colleagues” who may have anything to say about his conduct when deployed. I have no reason to suspect that HN66/EN327 interacted with either unit when performing private security work. Accordingly, his work in that capacity is not within the terms of reference of the Inquiry. For those reasons, and those set out in paragraph 6 of ‘Minded to’ note 5 and the accompanying closed note, I make the order stated.

HN122

Restriction over real name granted. Restriction over cover name refused.

3. For the reasons set out in paragraph 14 of ‘Minded to’ note 5 and in the accompanying closed note, I make the order stated.

HN299/342

Restriction over real name granted. No cover name restriction sought.

4. For the reasons set out in ‘Minded to’ note 13, I make the order stated.

HN344

Restriction over real name granted. No cover name restriction sought.

5. HN344 was uncooperative and inaccurate. This is more likely to be the explanation for his misstatements than dishonesty. The Inquiry is aware of only one cover name, which has been published, of which it has confirmatory evidence. Because HN344 lives abroad, the Inquiry can only obtain worthwhile evidence from him with his cooperation. For those reasons and for those set out in paragraph 6 of ‘Minded to’ note 14, I make the order stated.

17 April 2019

Sir John Mitting
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry