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PRESS NOTICE

No anonymity sought for undercover identity 'Rod Richardson'

The Inquiry has received confirmation that no restriction is sought over the undercover identity used by a police officer known as N596, which was 'Rod Richardson'. The officer known as 'Rod Richardson' was employed by the Metropolitan Police Service and worked for the National Public Order Intelligence Unit. The officer is not currently a core participant in the Inquiry and will be making an application for a restriction order over his real identity; his anonymity application will be published on the Inquiry website in due course.

Background

The purpose of the Undercover Policing Inquiry is to investigate and report on undercover police operations conducted by English and Welsh police forces in England and Wales since 1968. The Inquiry will examine the contribution undercover policing has made to tackling crime, how it was and is supervised and regulated, and its effect on individuals involved, both police officers and others who came into contact with them.

The work of the Inquiry ranges across the full scope of undercover policing work and will look at the work of the Special Demonstration Squad, the National Public Order Intelligence Unit and police forces in England and Wales. The Inquiry will also examine whether people may have been wrongly convicted in cases involving undercover police officers, and refer any such cases to a separate panel for consideration.

The work of the Inquiry will fall into three modules:

1. Module one will look at what happened in the deployment of undercover officers in the past, their conduct, and the impact of their activities on themselves and others.
2. Module two will look at the management and oversight of undercover officers, including their selection, training, supervision and care after the end of an undercover deployment. This section will also look at the law and other rules covering undercover policing.
3. Module three will make recommendations about how undercover policing should be conducted in future.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The legal approach that the Chairman will follow when determining applications for restriction orders is described in the [Ruling](#) dated 3 May 2016.
2. Further information as to the process by which anonymity applications by key individuals will be determined is contained in the Inquiry's [third update note](#) (at pages 5-6).
3. The Undercover Policing Inquiry is constituted under the [Inquiries Act 2005](#).
4. The Inquiry's [terms of reference](#) were announced by the Home Secretary on 16 July 2015.
5. The Inquiry's '[frequently asked questions](#)' provides more information on the Inquiry more generally, as do [three published update notes](#).
6. The Inquiry's website is www.ucpi.org.uk and the Inquiry can be found on Twitter @ucpinquiry

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