

For: Undercover Police Inquiry
By: MPS Designated Lawyer
1st Statement of witness
Exhibits: n/a
Dated: 08 August 2017

RE: PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING
IMPACT STATEMENT OF HN348

1. I want an application to be made for a restriction order in respect of my real name.
2. A risk assessment has been conducted by the Metropolitan Police in relation to the risks to me and others regarding the question of whether a restriction order should be made. I have seen a redacted copy of that document. With respect to paragraph 19.2 of that document, where it is stated that the probability of physical attack is very low: firstly, I think the assessment is somewhat contradictory in stating that the risk is low but that the impact is hard to assess; further, I don't think my age or gender should impact on that assessment. In any case, if my real name were confirmed I believe there are individuals out there, who may not necessarily have been involved in the organisations I infiltrated, who are anti-police or anti-establishment and who might seek me out due to the role I played in the Special Operation Squad (SOS) and attack me for that reason.

Deployment

3. I believe I was deployed with the Special Operation Squad from 1972 – 1973 (I cannot recall if that name changed to the Special Demonstration Squad whilst I was deployed). The organisation that I infiltrated was the Women's Liberation Front but specifically a Maoist faction of that group. I am aware that some of the documentation, which I have not seen, obtained by the Metropolitan Police refers to me working with the SOS in a later period during the 1980s. This is not correct. I left the police in [REDACTED] and did not return to police work of this or any kind.
4. My role was to report on the numbers involved in the group and how they were likely to react during the policing of public order events. I did not become heavily involved in the groups and I was deployed for less than a year.
5. The group I was involved in was quite small but had links to other organisations, as such I am afraid about not knowing whether there would be a wider impact for me if my real name was released.
6. My deployment came to an end as a result of *a possible compromise*
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] To my knowledge I was

never identified as an undercover officer and the ending of my deployment was precautionary only.

7. I am concerned about one person in the group I infiltrated becoming aware of my deployment, her name was [REDACTED] she was the main activist in the group. I would be embarrassed about her finding out about me being an undercover officer.

8. I don't remember what my cover name was but I know I would not have used a deceased child's identity.

Impact

9. None of my family and friends, aside from those I refer to below, know anything about the work I did on the SOS. I live in a small village and my neighbours have known me since I moved there over [REDACTED]

10. I have [REDACTED] children, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I wouldn't want the release of my name and association with this Inquiry to impact their lives and careers.

11. My partner [REDACTED] knows about my work on the SOS. I had to tell my child [REDACTED] recently as he/she was becoming suspicious when overhearing that I had a call from the Metropolitan Police. I told him/her that I worked undercover in Special Branch, that I had a limited brief when doing so

and that there was some interest in the matter as people who worked in the area sometime after me had overstepped their role. Given I have told my **child**, I do intend to tell my **other child** [REDACTED] about this also. No one else knows.

12. [REDACTED] It makes my heart sink to think of my colleagues there knowing about my work on the SOS, they would probably find it unbelievable that I was involved in this work as they don't even know that I was a police officer. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

13. I do have some fears about my involvement in this Inquiry. Firstly I am concerned that if my real name were released I may become a target to anti-establishment or anti-police individuals.

14. Further, if my involvement were to become public knowledge, I would have to explain and justify myself to my friends and acquaintances. Whilst I think my close friends would understand, I am worried that my reputation amongst my wider group of associates would be tainted. I fear that some people might think of me as insincere and wouldn't understand what I did.

15. [REDACTED] Whilst I consider myself strong mentally, I think we live in a time of an intrusive media; I am frightened that the media and paparazzi may find me of particular interest being a woman involved in these matters. I feel vulnerable and feel my children are also. I am worried about not being in control of this situation.

16. When working on the SOS it was taken as read that you would only discuss your role with your senior officer, you would not even discuss your actions within your team. We didn't expect to be involved in legal proceedings as we were warned not to get too involved with the groups. I felt I would be protected by the MPS and that we as undercover officers would be taken care of, regrettably this doesn't seem to be happening. I wouldn't have undertaken the work with the SOS if I had thought I may have to give evidence in a public Inquiry 50 years later and I think that other individuals may be put off from doing this type of work as a result.

I believe the content of this statement to be true.

Signed.....

Dated.....

