

For: Undercover Police Inquiry
By: MPS Designated Lawyer
Statement of witness: HN109
Dated: 30.11.2017

**RE: PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING
IMPACT STATEMENT OF HN109**

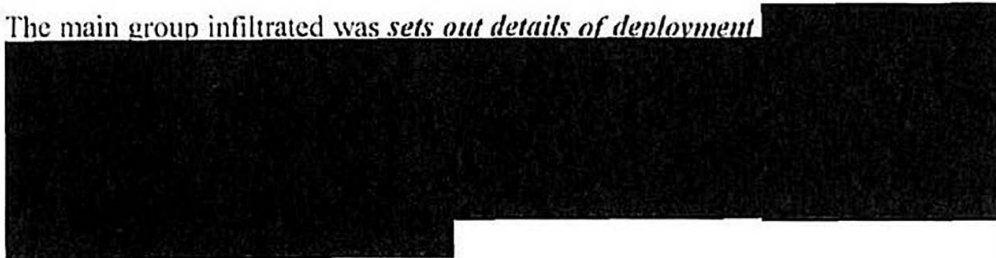
1. I understand that the MPS will make an application for a restriction order in respect of my real name and cover name. I support those applications. However, at the time of drafting this statement, I have not seen the detail of those applications. I have not seen copies of any documents relating to my deployment prior to making this statement.
2. I was an undercover officer in the SDS *in the 1970s* [REDACTED] and returned to the SDS as a manager in 1980/90s. [REDACTED] I recognise that the starting point for the Inquiry is to publish the cover names of undercover officers and real names of managers where possible. I also acknowledge that the Inquiry will want to hear about the events of the time when I was a manager. However, for the reasons set out in this impact statement and the supporting documents provided to the Inquiry, I would request that both my cover name and real name are protected.
3. I met with risk assessors and have seen a copy of the completed risk assessment. I am concerned that the risk assessment does not adequately assess the risks to me in respect of my real or cover name being made public and the consequential risks to others.
4. I am very concerned about the physical safety of myself and my family but also the risk to our private and family life should either my real or cover name be revealed. I would therefore ask that the Inquiry restrict my real and cover name as well as the dates of my deployment and the organisations that I infiltrated.

SDS Undercover Deployment

5. I was deployed with the SDS *in the 1970s* [REDACTED] I believe that I had an unremarkable deployment. I had no sexual relationships. I was never arrested in my cover identity nor did I appear in Court in my cover name. I do not believe that my deployment led to any miscarriage of justice allegation.
6. While I do not recall any express promise of confidentiality made to me when I joined the SDS, the very set up of the SDS, its functions, and the steps taken to protect our real and cover identities meant that anonymity was very much part of the process. I certainly always understood that my identity would not be revealed. This included when I returned as a manager.

7. I would not have undertaken the role or gone on to do subsequent roles if I had been aware that my identity would not be protected by the State.

8. The main group infiltrated was *sets out details of deployment*



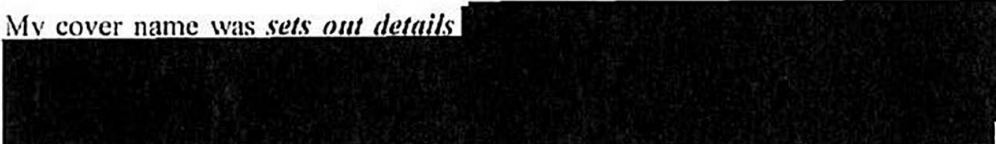
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11. My cover name was *sets out details*



12.



Discussion of sterile corridor

13.



[REDACTED]

Sets out specific and identified concerns not covered by the risk assessor

14. Finally, given the significant risks to me and others if my real identity were to be confirmed, I would invite the Inquiry to not take that risk in confirming my cover name.

Management Role

15. I acknowledge that the Inquiry will wish to hear evidence from me regarding my time as a manager. However, I ask that I be permitted to do in a pseudonym and protecting my real identity for the reasons identified in the risk assessment and this statement.

16. I particularly invite the Inquiry to note the fact that my role as a manager included addressing concerns which caused issues with some of the officers in role at the time.

[REDACTED]

Post SDS Career

17. *Sets out current role and risks arising from that*

[REDACTED]

Private Life

18. The details of my family and health are set out in the RA. I am concerned about the impact on my family both in terms of a risk of harm to them but also the significant impact on our private and family life were my real or cover identities to be confirmed. In particular, I am concerned about the reputational impact on my children and their current (or future) careers [RA 8.3]. I believe the confirmation of my real identity would have a very significant impact on their private lives (and their family). I am also concerned about

the impact on my mental health and wellbeing should my real or cover identities be revealed.

19. I am not on social media and have always maintained a low public profile.

Conclusion

20. I carried out the work I was tasked to do with integrity and in a professional manner and on the understanding that the work I was doing was intelligence gathering and would be kept confidential as would my identity. I believe that there is a significant risk to myself and third parties should my identity (including my cover identity) or the groups I infiltrated be revealed. I am also concerned about the impact on our private and family life.

21. I would therefore ask that the Inquiry agree to restrict my real name and my cover name and take steps to restrict my identity to ensure that I am not placed at risk. This includes restricting my gender, and not revealing the organisations that I infiltrated, or the dates of my deployment. Given *sets out specific concerns* [REDACTED] I believe that I and others would come to significant harm if either my real or cover identities are revealed.

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