

For: Undercover Police Inquiry
By: MPS Designated Lawyer
Statement of witness: N341
Dated: 15.09.2017

**RE: PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING
IMPACT STATEMENT OF HN341**

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.
2. I met with risk assessors and have seen a copy of the completed risk assessment. I agree with the conclusions as to the level of risk.
3. For the reasons set out in the risk assessment, I am very concerned about my physical safety but also the risk to my private and family life should either my real or cover name be revealed. In particular, I am very concerned about the impact that this Inquiry is having on my spouse.
4. I have not been provided with any documents in preparing this impact statement.

SDS Deployment

5. I joined the Police in [REDACTED] I joined Special Branch in [REDACTED]. When I joined the Police I signed the Official Secrets Act. On joining Special Branch it was very clear that everything we did was confidential and there were strict protocols in place..
6. I was deployed with the SDS *in the 1970's*. The main organisations that I infiltrated were *sets out 2 groups* [REDACTED]. The RA covers the risks involved with the groups infiltrated [REDACTED].
7. [REDACTED]
8. I was subsequently spoken to by [REDACTED] who told me about the SDS. It was apparent that it was very obviously sensitive as I had not heard of the unit despite working in Special Branch for some time. I was asked to join.

9. Whilst I was not expressly told that my identity would be protected, the secrecy and sensitivity of the unit made very clear that it was not to be discussed, even within Special Branch. I believed that my identity (real name and cover name) and the work that I did would be kept secret and that it would never be confirmed in the public domain. I have never confirmed my identity and have kept my role confidential for all these years. I made a number of decisions about my subsequent career based on the understanding that it would not be confirmed that I worked for the SDS. That included that I felt able to mention in passing that I worked for Special Branch. However, any confirmation that I worked in SDS would now have serious ramifications.

10. My cover name was [REDACTED] *Sets out method of creating cover identity*
[REDACTED]

11. I had a cover employer [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Post SDS Career

12. I left the SDS in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

13. *Sets out details of work after SDS including current employment and significant risk to private and family life if real or cover identity revealed* [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

14. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

15. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

16.

[REDACTED]

Family

17. *Sets out family circumstances including grave illness of partner*

[REDACTED]

18.

[REDACTED]

19.

[REDACTED]

Social Media

20. *Sets out extent of any social media profile.*

[REDACTED]

Sexual Relationships

21. I did not have any sexual relationships while I was deployed.

Health

22. I am in good health physically.

Conclusion

23. 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, my spouse and my family as well as to those who assisted in my deployment 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.
24. 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 the nature of the groups that I infiltrated, I believe the revelation that there was an undercover officer in those groups would lead to my identification. If I am asked to give evidence in due course, I would ask that I be allowed to do so in private. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Approved by phone on 15.9.2017