

For: Undercover Police Inquiry  
By: MPS Designated Lawyer  
Statement of witness HN83  
Exhibits: N/A  
Dated: 15 January 2018

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RE: PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING  
IMPACT STATEMENT OF HN83

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1. I have been asked to provide an 'impact statement' about the effect of any disclosure of my real name and cover name by the Inquiry.
2. I want an application to be made to restrict my real and cover names.

SDS/SOS Deployment

3. I joined Special Branch in  and the SDS/SOS in *the 1980s*   
Whilst in the SDS/SOS I infiltrated *one group*   
 I left the  
SDS/SOS in around  and *sets out post SDS police career*  
 until I retired in

4. *HN83 provides details of his cover name and employment.*

5. I have already experienced significant disruption to my life as a result of my undercover role. **HN83 describes how his deployment disrupted his personal life**

I do not want further disruption to be caused to my family with the release of my real or cover name.

6. I also recall several instances both during and after my deployment where I was nearly compromised. **Sets out details of those occasions**

I do not want the risk of future compromises increased as a result of my real or cover name being released now.

Impact

7. If my real or cover identity were revealed it would have a devastating impact on my family. My  **child** asked me recently whether  **s/he** had any ½ siblings that  **s/he** wasn't aware of,  **s/he** said it half in jest, but I feel like the Inquiry is already impacting  **his/her** life and I don't want it to do more. I had no sexual relationships whilst I was deployed nor did I do anything in my view which was inappropriate.

8. I am worried about the risk of violence to my family as members of the group I infiltrated and those associated with them may well want retribution for the fact I accessed the group.

9. **HN83 sets out post police career and describes the impact on his work**

10. I feel quite isolated. I have no confidence that we the undercover officers who have done nothing wrong will be protected and think we will probably be hung out to dry.

Risk of individuals and groups

11. I am concerned about the risk to those around me if my real name or cover name were to be released.

12. ***HN83 describes the risk of physical harm to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party.***

13. ***HN83 refers to the risk of physical harm and to his private life from individuals within the group(s) he was deployed into.***

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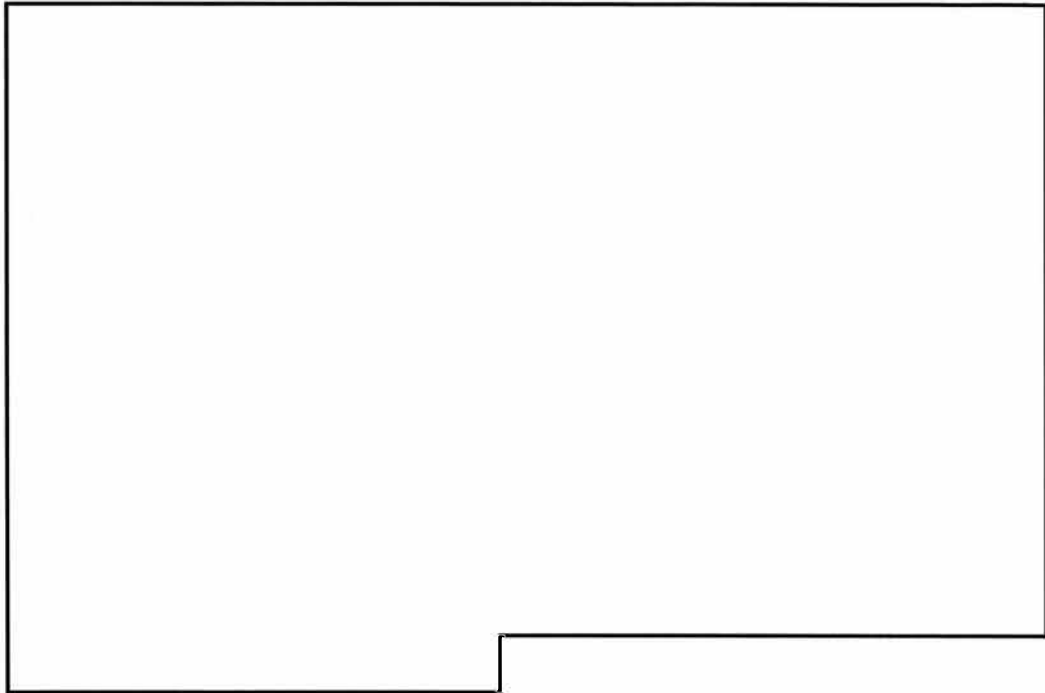
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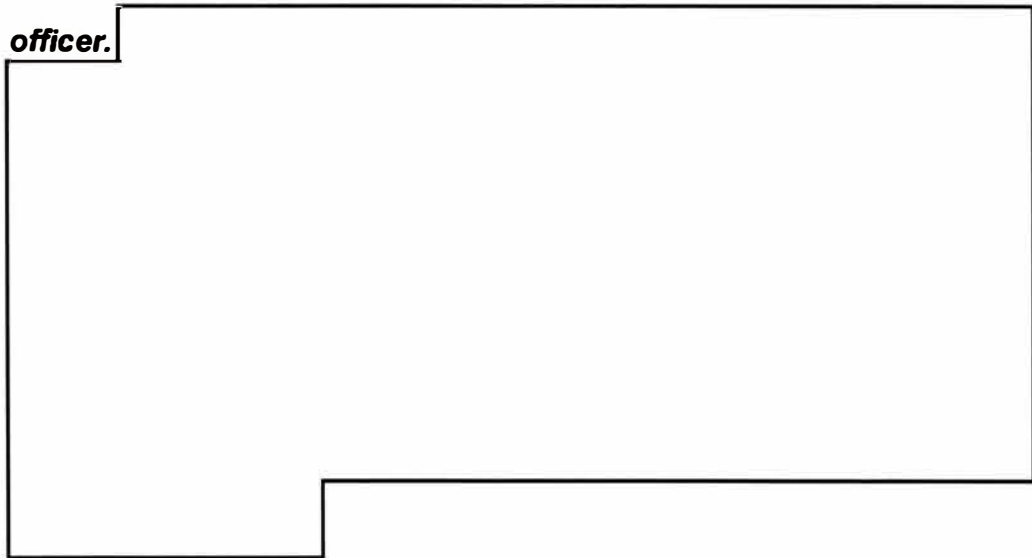
16. ***HN83 refers to the risk of impact on private life from individuals other than those from the group(s) he was deployed into.***

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17. **HN83** refers to the risk of his identity being revealed by another

**officer.**



18. I am worried that these individuals or others would be able to track down me and my family and **sets out further disruption**

I feel the only escape for me would be to move abroad if that happened.

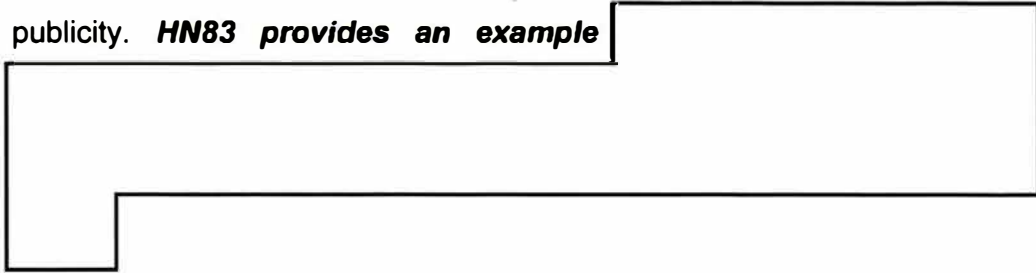
## Confidentiality

19. I knew the risks when I did this line of work but I never anticipated that my details could be released by way of a public Inquiry like this. I believed our identities would be protected otherwise I and others would have never have undertaken the work. I feel the Metropolitan Police have betrayed us and are not taking this matter seriously. My **spouse** feels the same and is particularly bitter about the Inquiry.

20. Secrecy was emphasised at all times in the SDS/SOS and it was common parlance that we would always be protected. I never doubted that total anonymity would be granted for us and I recall being told this by a senior officer, a Chief Superintendent, whilst I was preparing for my deployment. That officer also emphasised that confidentiality was a two-way street and I was expected to act accordingly. Whilst I understood that if we had been involved in a major prosecution we may have been exposed (we couldn't forget after all that we were police officers), such a major prosecution was the only exception and was unlikely given we were told not to become directly involved in the group's actions and only capture intelligence.

21. I kept my part of the bargain and never told anyone about my work and I feel now releasing this information treats me like I'm guilty of something. I feel helpless in the face of this Inquiry.

22. I avoided anything in my real life being made too public and did not court publicity. **HN83 provides an example**



23. I feel let down and betrayed by some of the undercover officers, particularly Bob Lambert. I don't understand why he courted publicity after his deployment. I feel some sympathy for some of the more fragile officers and I think the actions of Bob Lambert and others in their self-inflicted exposure has caused this wider exposure on all of us.

24. I feel that at the time we were deployed we as undercover officers were doing the job professionally. Having now read some of the revelations in the media, I feel the whole SDS/SOS is being disavowed by the Metropolitan Police. I feel sad that membership of a squad which had been something to be proud about isn't anymore.

I believe the content of this statement to be true.

Approved verbally by HN83 on 15 January 2018