

For: Undercover Police Inquiry
By: MPS Designated Lawyer
First Statement of witness
Dated: 25th April 2018

IN THE MATTER OF: PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING

Witness: N91
Address: c/o Designated Lawyer, PO Box 73779, London, WC1A 9NL

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Orally approved by N91 on 27th April 2018

1. I have been asked to provide an impact statement in support of my application for a restriction order in respect of my real name [REDACTED] and cover name [REDACTED]. I have not been shown any documents to refresh my memory in making this impact statement.
2. I joined the police in **the early 1990s** [REDACTED]. I went into Special Branch in **the late 1990s** [REDACTED] and moved to the SDS in **late 1990s/early 2000s** [REDACTED]. I took several months to build my legend before I was deployed as an undercover officer (UCO). My cover name was **sets out cover name and method of creating** [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
3. I was tasked with **sets out detail of tasking and group(s) targeted**
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

4. **Sets out details of end of deployment** [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Link between cover and real name

5. I have no doubt that my former fellow **group(s)** [Redacted] activists would be highly motivated to discover my real identity if my cover name is published by the Inquiry. **Characteristics of group(s) infiltrated** [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] No doubt there will also be efforts to uncover my real name by the likes of the Undercover Research Group.

6. I feel incredibly strongly that my real and cover name should not be released. **Paragraphs 6 to 9 set out concerns regarding the sterile corridor and a number of N91's concerns that publication of cover name would lead to real name becoming known** [Redacted]

[Redacted]

7. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

8. [Redacted]

9. [Redacted]

10. Even if it is not possible to find out my real name from my cover name, I would still be worried for my and my family's safety. ***Sets out reason for concern including risk of physical harm*** [Redacted]

[REDACTED]

11. I do not think that paragraphs 19.6 and 19.7 of the risk assessment conducted by Duncan Hodge properly take into account the vulnerabilities to the sterile corridor that I discuss above and that are briefly considered at paragraph 19.3 of the risk assessment **sets out N91's concern** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I consider that the assessment of risk at paragraphs 19.6 and 19.7 is therefore a significant underestimate. I met with the risk assessor again *in* [REDACTED] April 2018 to discuss my concerns about the inadequacy of the assessment and to provide some further information. I understand that my assessment is due to be updated but I have not had sight of a revised version. I ask the Inquiry to take into account any amendments that may be made.

Consequences of discovery of my real identity

12. If my real name is either published by the Inquiry or discovered following the publication of my cover name, there will be serious consequences for my and my family's safety and wellbeing. **Information available in respect of N91** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I worry for the safety of my **family** [REDACTED]. A number of people associated with **group** [REDACTED] were violent and I doubt they have changed much in the **length of time** [REDACTED] that have passed.

13. ***Sets out employment of partner and impact on him/her if officer's real identity is revealed.*** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

14. If either my real or cover name is published by the Inquiry, ***sets out steps officer will take including considering moving abroad*** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This would be massively disruptive for my family [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] but I feel it would be the only way to guarantee our safety. ***Sets out security protections currently in place*** [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

15. I am hugely anxious and stressed about the prospect of my real or cover names being published. Every time I have to think about the Inquiry it has a deeply unsettling impact on me and I find that I cannot sleep properly for days. I am not currently suffering from a mental illness but I worry that the stress that would result from the publication of my real or cover names could tip me over the edge and I feel that I would need professional support to cope with this.

16. I would never have become a UCO if I had been told that my anonymity would not be protected for life. I have always been discrete about my work and expected that this would operate both ways. I never engaged in any criminal acts while deployed and I did not have a relationship with any activists. After my relationship with my first partner ended, I started a new relationship towards the end of my deployment with my current partner, who was not involved in any activism or campaigning. For the first few months of this relationship, my current partner knew me by my cover name but I then

told him/her that I was in fact a UCO and we have remained together since then. I did not have any other relationships while deployed.

Post-SDS career

17. After I finished in the SDS, **paragraphs 17 to 21 set out subsequent police career and associated risks, including serious physical harm, and the impact of revelation of real identity on N91's career and third parties**

[Redacted]

18. [Redacted]

19. [Redacted]

20. [Redacted]

[REDACTED]

21. [REDACTED]

22. I attach a letter from **my current boss** [REDACTED] to provide further information about my current role. If the Inquiry requires more specific detail, this can be provided upon request.