

For: Undercover Police Inquiry
By: MPS Designated Lawyer
Statement of witness: N87
Dated: 27.04.2018

**RE: PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING
IMPACT STATEMENT OF HN87**

1. I understand that the MPS will make an application for a restriction order in respect of my real name. I support that application. For the reasons set out in this statement, I also apply for a restriction order in respect of my cover name.
2. The MPS have conducted a risk assessment ("RA"), a copy of which I have seen. I have raised a number of points regarding the final RA through the DL team in respect of additional matters and clarification. I consider that the risk assessors have not sufficiently assessed the risk to me if my real and / or cover name is revealed.
3. I am very concerned about the impact on me and my family both in terms of physical safety but also the risk to my private and family life should either my real or cover name be revealed. For the reasons set out in the RA, I am very worried that there is a real risk of my real identity being identified if my cover name was published. I retired from the Police some time ago but I am still working, and intend to do so for some time. I consider that the publication of my real and / or cover name would significantly affect my ability to continue working.

SDS Deployment

4. I joined the Police and subsequently Special Branch in the 1970s. I signed the Official Secrets Act which I have respected and I expected my employer to do the same. It was made clear on joining Special Branch that the whole branch was very confidential.
5. I was with the SDS *in the 1980s/1990s* [REDACTED] and infiltrated *group(s)* [REDACTED] as set out in the risk assessment.
6. I was not given an express promise of confidentiality but the whole set up of Special Branch, the fact that the SDS was a secret group operating from covert premises, and the process to obtain a covert identity made it clear that both my real and cover identity would be protected. I would not have agreed to do the role if I thought that my identity would be revealed.
7. My cover name was as set out in the RA. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] *Sets out further details of cover identity* [REDACTED]

[Redacted]

8. *Sets out concerns officer has regarding sterile corridor* [Redacted]

[Redacted]

9. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

10. The risk assessment (particularly paragraph 19.3) sets out a number of additional ways in which the sterile corridor between my undercover name and my real name can be identified.

11. I am concerned that if my cover name is revealed, [Redacted] there is a significant risk to me *sets out specific concern held by officer* [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Post SDS Career

12. I retired from the Police in *the 2000s* [Redacted] *Sets out details of subsequent role(s) and HN87 concerns of impact on future employment* [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

13. I intend to continue working for a number of years and consider that the revelation of any information will substantially affect my ability to work. ***Sets out impact on private life of N87 and family including risk of harm*** [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Family

14. [Redacted]

Sets out particular concern arising from family member

15. ***Sets out particularly significant impact on a family members including a child*** [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Online Presence

16. [Redacted]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] *Sets out*
extent of officer's online presence

Sexual Relationships

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

Health

18. I have no physical health conditions but I am finding the Inquiry process very stressful and suffering extreme levels of anxiety. This is significantly heightened by the entirely inappropriate approach of Operation Herne, who were supposed to be my employers and have a duty of care to me, but seemed intent on trying to dig up something bad about me and colleagues even where it did not exist.

Conclusion

19. I carried out my work professionally and with integrity. I understood that my identity and the work I was doing would be kept secret. I believe that there is a significant risk to myself and my family if my cover name or real name is revealed. *Summarises concerns.* [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] For those reasons I would urge the Inquiry to protect my real and cover name. I am also very concerned about the impact on our private and family life.

20. I would therefore ask that the Inquiry agree to restrict my real name and my cover name 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 above factors, I believe that I and others could come to significant harm if either my real or cover identities are revealed.

Approved by phone on 27 April 2018