
RE: PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING
IMPACT STATEMENT OF HN72

1. I would like a restriction order over my real and cover name.

SDS

2. I joined the SDS in 1985. I had two sponsors in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I was in back office for a whole year. ***Sets out method of creating cover name***

[REDACTED]

3. ***Sets out consideration of looking at different groups during back office time and route into group into which N72 was ultimately deployed***
- [REDACTED]

[Redacted]

Legend

4. *Sets out cover employment, and other details around cover identity including appearance*

[Redacted]

- 5.

[Redacted]

- 6.

[Redacted]

7. There was an implicit understanding that every aspect of my deployment would remain secret. I cannot see how it could work in any other way. I have kept my side of the bargain to not disclose my SDS deployment.

Deployment

8. I was only deployed for one year. We would gather on Mondays and Thursdays for the SDS meeting. *Sets out meetings attended with group infiltrated*

[REDACTED]

Sexual Relationships

9. I never had any sexual relationships with any person whilst deployed undercover. I deliberately used unsavoury habits to deter any interest.

Criminality

10. ***Sets out potential criminality by activist that N72 prevented*** [REDACTED]

11. One [REDACTED] night I was at the [REDACTED] and my car was parked [REDACTED] *in* a place where you could not park during the day but you could at night. It tended to fill up with lorries overnight. I was not intending to drink that night but in fact did. I therefore tried to move my car to a place where I would not be hemmed in at 11pm. When I attempted to reposition my vehicle I ended up hitting another car. It was the slightest of scrapes. The owner demanded my credit card and when I did not give it to them they called the police. I was taken to [REDACTED] police station and was

charged for drinking with excess alcohol in my undercover name. I did not know that the car park was a public place. I self-disclosed my real name to the Inspector there. I was bailed to appear in Court in my cover name. I remember the Court being empty aside from **2 managers** [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I was banned for one year in my cover name I was also fined £250 which I had to personally pay. I had no other Court appearances or arrests.

Restriction of Cover Name

12. The reason why I want my cover name restricted is that ***sets out concerns of link between real and cover identity and examples*** [REDACTED]

13. [REDACTED]

14. [REDACTED]

[Redacted]

15. [Redacted]

16. [Redacted]

17. [Redacted]

Later SDS career

18. [Redacted] *N72 became a manager*

in approximately 2005/2006

19. As a manager, I took welfare support very seriously. Having **sets out particular issue as UCO** [Redacted] I was always very worried for my

officers. I felt the same way to career progression. This view was not shared by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] for example never came into the office every day. He only came in once a week for one of the two meetings. He would never travel on expenses but using his warrant card which would compromise security in my view.

20. I ended up approaching [REDACTED] and asking to come off the unit. I felt like I was not in a position to deliver effective welfare and support for the field officers. I ended up withdrawing this request because I was worried about the officers having no one there.

Health

21. I had a heart attack on 10 September 2009. It was deemed to be stress related. I had to have a bare metal stent inserted into my heart. I retired from the Metropolitan Police [REDACTED] in 2010 after my 30 years' service.

22. After I retired my health dramatically improved. I began to mountain walk and discovered a new lease for life. I would **regularly go mountain walking** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I enjoyed the solitude. I last went in 2016 – I did not get the same satisfaction as before.

23. The Inquiry has returned me to how I was before I retired. I am extremely concerned about how my health might be affected if my real or cover identity is released. I have lost eight kilogrammes over the last three months, I have severe headaches. I am apprehensive about the whole process. I would like to give evidence to the Inquiry – especially about the end of the SDS. I retain

feelings of guilt over not protecting the officers from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] especially in regards to welfare and career development.

Family and Private Life

24. Even my kids do not know that I was ever deployed undercover. ***Sets out ongoing protective measures taken with partner to avoid compromise***

[REDACTED]

I have a high fear of

retributions from former activists. [REDACTED]

25

[REDACTED]

Sets out individual who is a concern to identification of N72

26. To conclude: even saying that my real and cover name might be released makes my blood run cold. When I was deployed my close friends did not know. I have close friends now that do not know about my past. Although I have done nothing wrong I am in a position where I am having to deceive people about my past. Anything that reveals me as a deceiver leaves me despairing.

27. I therefore respectfully request that a restriction order is granted over my real and cover name.