

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2: Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Statement of: **HN27**

This statement (consisting of 5 pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it which I know to be false. or do not believe to be true.

Signed

[Redacted Signature]

Dated

14/3/19

IMPACT STATEMENT

I have been asked to make this statement, termed an 'Impact Statement', which sets out the background to my deployment as an SDS officer and the inquiry into the publication of 'cover names' and false names. The purpose is for me to set out the impact that the posting has had on myself and my family, both during and subsequent to my deployment, and my fears for myself and my family should the decision be made to publish details which might lead to my identification and location.

I have had a meeting with a 'Risk Assessor' and have no objection to reference being made to the notes of that meeting.

For all the reasons set out below, *I request that I am granted anonymity re: my cover name and my real name.*

1. Brief background

I joined the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) in [Redacted] and was posted to [Redacted]. I applied for, and secured, a posting to Special Branch in [Redacted].

2. I was recruited to the Special Demonstration Squad (SDS) in [Redacted], beginning my posting in [Redacted].

3. I was assured that my details would not be disclosed either during or after my deployment. This was a comfort not only to myself but also my family.

4. Had this situation not pertained I would not have undertaken the work.

5. Deployment in the SDS

I was deployed from [REDACTED] until my careful and protracted withdrawal in [REDACTED].

6. I was deployed initially within [REDACTED], and recruited into the [REDACTED]. Through this group I joined the newly-reformed [REDACTED] movement. [REDACTED]. I became a delegate [REDACTED]. It was in this role that I became acquainted with:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. Exfiltration

This was a long, drawn-out process. I went to great lengths over a long period to create a credible, unsuspecting withdrawal.

12. My cover employment was as [REDACTED]. The story - which was checked by members of the group and held up to scrutiny - was that I worked [REDACTED]

13. In order to secure a credible exit strategy, I began to sow the seeds with low-level contacts. [REDACTED]

14. [REDACTED]

15. The incident in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

16. Current situation

My main employment now is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I stay out of public view as I am aware that the threat against me and my family is very real and still exists.

17. Impact on myself and my family

- a) The stress and concern at the time cannot be exaggerated.
- b) For years after my withdrawal I experienced nightmares.

- [REDACTED] . [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- I was given undertaking by my senior officers that I would never be identified.
- I am concerned at even attending the enquiry. The risk of recognition in the area by people who may be interested is too great.
- I still practice tradecraft and still [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] .
- The risk will, I anticipate, continue forever.

20. Miscellaneous matters

- a) I was never arrested, nor did I commit any crime.
- b) I never formed any relationship with any member of any group. I am aware that some of the officers formed sexual relationships, some of which resulted in children. I was never involved in anything of this nature.
- c) I had no connection or involvement whatsoever in any groups outside the compass of this statement.

21. Conclusion

I served voluntarily at great risk to myself and my family. We still suffer as a result. I undertook my deployment to the best of my ability [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] .

Publication of my cover name, and indeed my real name, will result in extreme and unacceptable danger to myself and my family. They do not deserve this, and neither do I. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] .



(Signed)