

GISTED WITNESS STATEMENT OF EN1001

EN1001 has provided the Inquiry with a witness statement comprising 56 paragraphs.

Italicised text below represents where the contents of the witness statement have been gisted.

1. I am EN1001 and I make this statement in connection with my application for a Restriction Order under section 19 of the Inquiries Act 2005. I understand that the Inquiry has been provided with my real name and I am therefore utilising the cipher that the Inquiry provided to me in order to protect my anonymity.
2. I have prepared this statement without access to any documentation relating to my evidence which is held by the Inquiry or Operation Elter. I am relying on my recollection of events and I reserve the right to provide a supplementary statement once I have been provided with relevant documentation and a risk assessment. This statement is true to the best of my recollection and belief.

National Public Order Intelligence Unit

3. **Gist:** *The witness statement describes EN1001's involvement with the National Public Order Intelligence Unit and sets out the details of the operation in which EN1001 performed a peripheral supporting role in the late 2000s.*
4. I have had no other involvement with the National Public Order Intelligence Unit.

Non- National Public Order Intelligence Unit work

5. **Gist:** *The witness statement sets out in detail EN1001's non-National Public Order Intelligence Unit work, including as an undercover officer. EN1001's work as an undercover officer primarily involved working as a test purchase officer, purchasing drugs in various towns and cities. In that role, EN1001 was required to give evidence at court on many occasions. When doing so, EN1001 was always shielded from the public and may or may not have been shielded from the defendant(s). Due to the passage of time, EN1001 cannot now remember those cases where the defendants could see EN1001 and those where they could not. EN1001 always gave evidence using the pseudonym which EN1001 had adopted for that particular operation. EN1001 was never photographed and restrictions were placed on the press, preventing EN1001's pseudonym from being published.*
6. **Gist:** *The witness statement sets out in detail EN1001's current role in connection with undercover policing. EN1001 emphasises that the whole of the current unit in which EN1001 operates depends on his/her covert identity and real identity remaining confidential. EN1001 states that if his/her identity were to be compromised, the entire unit would be placed at risk. Not only would this be at a very significant cost to the taxpayer, more importantly it would place all the undercover officers currently working in the unit at a significant risk of harm and jeopardise their future careers as undercover officers.*

Article 2

7. **Gist:** EN1001 believes that there must be a significant risk that if his/her pseudonym were to be published, he/she would be identified as a current, serving officer and in doing so jeopardise his/her career, unit, its officers and current live operations. Given the nature of the operations EN1001 has been involved in as an undercover officer and otherwise, EN1001 believes there is a risk of retribution if his/her real name were to be disclosed or if it was possible to link his/her cover name to his/her real identity. However EN1001 is unable to state whether any of the suspects he/she has interacted with whilst working as an undercover officer could pose a risk to him/her. EN1001 has a partner and a child and is immensely concerned that there would be a risk to EN1001, EN1001's family and other undercover officers if EN1001's identity is disclosed.

Article 3 and Article 8

8. As well as the potential risk of retribution against me and my family, I am deeply concerned about the potential for damage to my family life and my reputation.
9. **Gist:** EN1001 explains why he/she has significant grounds for concern about the impact on his/her partner's welfare if there is disclosure of EN1001's undercover policing activities. EN1001 has never spoken to his/her partner about the work EN1001 undertakes for this reason. Nor has EN1001 ever spoken to his/her family about the work EN1001 undertakes. EN1001 intends to work as a police officer until he/she retires and to continue in his/her current role which he/she thoroughly enjoys.
10. **Gist:** EN1001 has only ever worked as a police officer. EN1001 enjoys his/her current role immensely and has every intention of remaining a police officer until he/she retires and, given his/her experience, would wish to remain in undercover work. EN1001 is the main breadwinner in the family. Being unable to continue in his/her current role would have a massive impact on his/her personal wellbeing and job satisfaction.

Assurances

11. I cannot recall being given any specific written or oral assurance that my identity would be protected. I would not, however, have undertaken this work if I considered that there was any prospect of my identity being revealed. Given the protection of undercover officers and cover officers I have never considered that disclosure was a possibility.
12. **Gist:** EN1001 explains why he/she believes it to be highly unlikely that he/she would be able to continue in his/her current role if his/her cover and/or real identity is disclosed.

Conclusion

13. **Gist:** EN1001 explains why he/she believes the disclosure of his/her real and/or cover identity would have a detrimental impact on EN1001 and his/her family.
14. I believe that there will be a substantial and unjustified interference with my article 2, 3 and 8 rights if my identities are disclosed.

15. As I have indicated, I have prepared this statement without access to any documents or to a risk assessor report. I respectfully request that my application for a restriction order to protect my cover and real identity is granted. I reserve the right to provide a supplemental statement once I have access to the relevant documentation and the risk assessor's report following consideration of all relevant material.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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

SIGNED: EN1001

DATED: 15 August 2017