
**PERSONAL STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE RESTRICTION ORDER APPLICATION
(ANONYMITY APPLICATION) MADE BY EN74 PURSUANT TO SECTION 19(2) OF THE
INQUIRIES ACT 2005**

1. I make this statement in support of an application for a restriction order pursuant to section 19(2) of the Inquiries Rules in respect of my true and cover identities.
2. I wish to stress that I am supportive of the aims of the Undercover Policing Inquiry and willing to provide evidence to assist the Inquiry in fulfilling its Terms of Reference.
3. However, I believe that if my true identity and/or cover identities were disclosed during the course of the Inquiry, I, and by extension my family, would be at significant risk of physical harm, including from those against whom I have deployed as an undercover officer in the past. I also believe that myself and my family would also suffer psychological harm arising from a fear of such reprisals and from such reprisals, were they to occur. Article 8 of the ECHR provides that everyone has a right to respect for their private and family life, their home and correspondence. I believe that the disclosure of my name and personal circumstances would expose me to significant harm in the enjoyment of my private and family life.
4. I also believe that, by exposing my details and my involvement in undercover policing, tactics would also be revealed that were and are still used during the course of undercover operations. Revealing these tactics would reduce their effectiveness, would prejudice ongoing and future operations and would expose assets, the risk of compromise to which would prejudice operational effectiveness.

Law enforcement career

5. I am aware that a risk assessor is in the process of completing a detailed risk assessment in support of this restriction order application. Accordingly, I do not propose to rehearse the details of my career and many undercover deployments unnecessarily during the course of this statement.
6. I have had a career in law enforcement spanning several years which has involved deployments into both activist and serious organised crime groups. The closed version of the statement sets out details of these operations and the reasons why EN74 considers that they give rise to risk.
7. There are examples of groups that I have infiltrated where the individuals targeted have demonstrated that they have a propensity to violence. I have received at least one documented indirect threat.
8. In light of the activities that the activist groups engaged in, I believe that, were my details to be released, there is a risk that I could be targeted as a result.

Expectation of privacy and confidentiality

9. When I volunteered and applied to become an undercover officer, it was on the understanding that my true identity would always be protected. I was assured, when I started the role, that there were policies in place to ensure the protection of my identity and, by extension, my safety. I understood that, in all deployments that I undertook, I would be acting pursuant to a lawful authority to gain intelligence and evidence of criminality. It was made clear to me that, at all times during undercover deployments, I would be using a cover identity. I was also assured that, in any court proceedings that flowed from the deployments I had been involved in, I would be afforded anonymity. These promises were reiterated to me throughout my career.
10. It was because there were policies and assurances in place to guarantee the protection of my true identity that I decided to apply for, accept and continue in an undercover role. Had I not received or been confident of these assurances regarding my safety, I would never have agreed to take on an undercover role.

Risk of physical and psychological harm to myself, my family and friends

11. My role as an undercover officer, involved very dangerous roles. I regularly deployed against and infiltrated those involved in serious criminality.
12. I believe that the groups that I infiltrated, particularly those that are serious organised criminals would, if furnished with my details, be able to locate me and there is a real risk that they would target me. The groups that I have infiltrated are not averse to using violence and will do so in respect of those that have betrayed them. I believe that, were I to be exposed as having infiltrated the groups as an undercover officer, they would feel very betrayed. By virtue of taking on the role of an undercover officer, I had to, as part of the creation of and maintenance of my legend, associate with those that I infiltrated. Members of criminal groups will have trusted me, revealed secrets to me and opened their homes to me. They will not, I know, take kindly to finding out that I was an undercover officer and that the trust they placed in me was misplaced and may have led to criminal justice proceedings and significant custodial sentences being passed on members of their families or associates. These groups are not afraid of using violence to target those who have displeased them. They also would be keen to target me as an undercover officer, as they resent law enforcement and the way law enforcement officers have and will continue to impede their criminal activity.
13. I do not believe that the risks associated with the exposure of my cover or true identity would just extend to me, but would also extend to my family and close friends.
14. From the outset, my chosen career and the dangers associated with it, have had a very significant impact on my family. There is no doubt that my role as an undercover officer was undertaken to the detriment of my family life.
15. I am now extremely worried that my family and home life is at risk, by virtue of the risks associated with my name being revealed during the Inquiry. If my cover or true identity were now to be revealed, the significant steps that I have taken and sacrifices that I have made during the course of my professional career would have been in vain and would, I fear, be

irreparably damaged. My limited engagement with the Inquiry to date, has already caused me stress and anxiety. Every time I have to speak with NCA colleagues regarding matters to do with the Inquiry, I become nervous and feel sick for periods after I have spoken to them. I know that this level of anxiety would increase significantly were my true or cover identity to be exposed.

Signed: [Redacted]

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