

GISTED WITNESS STATEMENT OF EN288

EN288 has provided the Inquiry with a witness statement comprising 60 paragraphs.

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

1. I am EN288 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 will provide as much detail as possible but I am relying on my recollection of events from many years ago. A supplementary statement may be required once I have been provided with relevant documentation and a risk assessment. This statement is true to the best of my recollection and belief.
3. **Gist:** *EN288 worked in an undercover role for a number of years, during which EN288 infiltrated serious and organised crime groups. EN288 provides a detailed account of those deployments and the risks that EN288 believes that members of these groups pose to EN288's life and the lives of EN288's family.*

Article 2

4. It is self-evident that the targets of many of the operations in which I was deployed are a substantial and immediate risk to my life and to the life of my [family]. **Gist:** *EN288 explains why he/she believes this to be the case. EN288 states that they would not hesitate to track down EN288 and kill EN288 if there was any chance that they could do so. EN288 explains the steps that have been taken to protect EN288 from any ability to recognise or target him/her during the course of given evidence. EN288 is concerned that photographs of EN288 whilst undercover might exist and explains the risks this could give rise to. EN288 also notes the risks to other officers.*

Article 3

5. In addition to the risk to my life and my family's lives, there are clear risks that we could be subjected to inhuman and degrading treatment ranging from vandalism of our property and vehicles through to cyber-attacks, reputational damage within my community and physical attacks on me and my family. I am in no doubt that if individuals like [redacted] referred to in this statement could find us then they would torture us before they killed us.
6. **Gist:** *EN288 explains his/her anxiety about being subject to physical attack and direct action, similar to that referenced above, as a result of EN288's involvement in domestic extremism deployments.*

Article 8

7. There are obvious and numerous risks of interference with my and my family's right to a private family life. If my identity is disclosed then I would have to relocate immediately. **Gist:** *EN288 explains what EN288 believes the Impact on EN288's family would be; they are not aware of the details of EN288's undercover work.* I do not believe that a witness protection programme would protect us in any event.
8. **Gist:** *EN288 explains those places where he/she would not feel safe and would be concerned about travelling to or living in.* My life has already been seriously impacted by the work that I undertook during the course of my undercover career and I am deeply concerned about the fact that this Inquiry now could increase those risks still further.
9. In addition to my own right to have a private life following my career in which I did an enormous amount of good for the public, [**gist:** *my family's lives must be taken into account*].

Conclusion

10. I respectfully request that my application for a Restriction Order covering my real and cover identities is granted. I am convinced that my life and my family's lives are at risk if the Inquiry does not protect my identity. Our article 2, 3 and 8 rights are all at risk. I reserve the right to produce a supplemental statement once I have been provided with the risk assessor's report and relevant documentation. I urge the Inquiry to make an early determination on my application given the risks to my life highlighted above.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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

SIGNED: EN288

DATED: 20 July 2017