

For: Undercover Police Inquiry
By: MPS Designated Lawyer
Statement of witness: N30
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**RE: PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING
IMPACT STATEMENT OF HN30**

1. I am in my 60s and am retired. My role within the SDS was a back office role, predominantly as a cover officer, in the last years of the SDS. I was never deployed as an undercover officer.
2. I understand that the Chairman's usual practice is to not grant a restriction order over the real names of individuals performing back office roles and that the names will be released on documents in due course. For the reasons set out in this statement, I ask the Chairman to restrict my identity. In particular, I rely upon the impact on my private and family life and that of my family, and the risk of physical harm arising in respect of a matter unconnected to the SDS. I appreciate that the Chairman will wish to receive a witness statement from me in due course and may require me to give evidence, and will cooperate in doing so. I simply ask that my identity be protected.
3. There is a risk assessment about me which I ask the Chairman to have regard to.
4. I have not seen any documents prior to preparing this statement.

Police Career

5. I joined the Police in the early 1980s and joined Special Branch a few years later. I held a variety of roles within Special Branch *sets out roles including details of an operation (not during her SDS time) that the officer believes gives rise to a risk of significant harm*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
8. The risk assessor has assessed the risk to me as medium risk (3) with a serious impact (4) giving rise to an overall score of 12 and I rely upon their objective assessment of the risk. However, no matter how small the risk is, it is a risk to my physical safety. I will have to take steps to increase my security awareness at a time when I am now retired and having thought I had moved on from that. ***Sets out particular concern***

[REDACTED] I thought I had moved on from this aggravation.

9. It is also therefore the impact on our day-to-day lives that concerns me. The non-restriction of my name and its association with SDS shines a light onto it and gives it a much greater prominence than it has had ***since the operation***

SDS

10. My involvement is summarised above and in the risk assessment. In particular, the fact that I was mainly a cover officer rather than a manager. I was not deployed as an undercover officer.

11. I understood that all of my service in Special Branch was confidential and that the work I did would be kept confidential. I have always maintained confidentiality after my career and have told nobody (other than my husband) any of the details of my time in Special Branch or the detail of the work that I did. ***Sets out that child/children did not and do not know of SDS career***

12. I have kept this confidentiality all these years and now find myself in a position where my real name may be published because of accusations against the SDS.

13. Since leaving the police I have continued to maintain that confidentiality. I am not on social media.

Family / Interests

14. I am concerned about the impact on my partner and children if my identity is revealed and connected to the SDS given the negative press about it and the

accusations against undercover officers. Given *sets out particular concern* the impact on my life is likely to be significant.

15. *Sets out detail of voluntary role(s) undertaken and concern re impact on that and ability to assist others*

[REDACTED]

I am worried about the unjustified impact on my reputation.

I am therefore concerned about the impact upon my family and private life if my real name was to be published. This will also have a wider impact on my *family – sets out article 8 impact*

[REDACTED]

17. *Sets out potential impact on child/children*

[REDACTED]

18. Whilst I am in good physical health, I find myself getting stressed and annoyed about the Inquiry process and am concerned how this will continue to impact on me in due course.

Conclusion

19. I carried out my career with integrity and professionally. I would ask that my identity is protected. I am anxious about the risk to me and my family if my name is released into the public domain. I do not see how the release of my real name assists the Inquiry with its terms of reference but the consequences to me of doing so could be quite significant.

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