

UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

In the matter of section 19 (3) of the Inquiries Act 2005

Applications for restriction orders in respect of the real and cover names of officers of the Special Operations Squad and the Special Demonstration Squad

'Ruling 16'

1. I make, or refuse to make, the following restriction orders under section 19(3) of the Inquiries Act 2005 in the cases specified in the table below.

Nominal	Status	Position
HN18	Ruling	I refuse to make a restriction order in respect of the real name.
HN126	Ruling	The real name cannot be published.
HN135	Ruling	The cover name cannot be published.
HN296	Ruling	The real name cannot be published.

Reasons

HN18

Application for restriction over real name. The real name will not be restricted. Cover name "Rob Harrison" has been published.

2. Since "Minded to" note 11 was issued on 21 June 2018, "Maya" has been designated as a core participant on the basis that she claimed to have had an intimate sexual relationship with HN18 during his deployment. HN18 has been provided with a copy of her statement and does not dispute its contents. She knew him in his cover name. She is entitled to know his real name. He does not dispute her entitlement, but, by his solicitors, submits that she should be told it, but only on the footing that she and her lawyers should be required to give an undertaking not to release the name publicly.
3. I am not prepared to require that such an undertaking be given. "Maya" is entitled to make such use as she thinks right of personal information which she is entitled to know.

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HN126

Application for restriction over real name. The real name cannot be published. Cover name "Paul Gray" has been published.

4. The reasons are those set out in "Minded to" note 11 and in the closed note which accompanied it.

HN135

Application for restriction over cover name. The cover name cannot be published.

5. There is no application to restrict the real name, Mike Ferguson, which is already in the public domain.
6. For reasons which are set out in the closed note which accompanies this ruling, there will be a restriction order in respect of the cover name.

HN296

Application for restriction over real name. The real name cannot be published. Cover name "Geoff Wallace" has been published.

7. The reasons are those set out in "Minded to" note 3. The specific reasons advanced in paragraph 11 of the written note submitted on behalf of the NPNSCP's dated 14 September 2019 are speculative. I have no reason to believe that there were any "potentially important links between his covert work and his subsequent role" or that there is any evidence of significance which can be given about the latter by him or by others.

29 October 2019

Sir John Mitting
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry