

## IN THE MATTER OF THE UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

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### GISTED WITNESS STATEMENT OF EN30

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1. I am EN30 and 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 and covert names 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 held by the Inquiry or Operation Elter and, consequently, I am relying on my recollection of events from many years ago. 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.
3. **Gist:** EN30 summarises his/her pre-NPOIU career during which s/he was also involved in some minor, ad hoc deployments for the NPOIU involving attending demonstrations and marches.
4. **Gist:** EN30 describes his/her secondment to the NPOIU for a seven year period.

#### Pre-NPOIU Deployment

5. **Gist:** EN30 describes his/her pre-National Public Order Intelligence Unit ('NPOIU') role which included sensitive policing work.
6. **Gist:** EN30 attended the National Undercover Course on Public Order Policing in Bramhill and assisted the NPOIU at that stage in a part-time capacity as s/he was still in force.
7. **Gist:** EN30 returned to uniformed duties and, consequently, was not available to be deployed for two years. Following a request by the NPOIU, s/he commenced working as a cover officer for the Unit on a full-time basis.

## **NPOIU Deployments**

8. **Gist:** EN30 refers to his/her first role as cover officer. EN30 details the documentation with which s/he was provided. Senior officers within the NPOIU insisted that cover officers needed to be covert for the protection of the undercover officer and the operation as a whole. EN30 gives an example of the use to which cover names were put. EN30 does not know whether the disclosure of his/her cover name places the undercover officer at any risk. This will need to be considered by the appointed risk assessor.
9. **Gist:** EN30 describes his/her next deployment as cover officer for an undercover officer and describes assistance provided with legend-building and how s/he was tasked with setting up the operation.
10. **Gist:** EN30 describes the extraction of the undercover officer from the deployment. EN30 explains his/her concerns at the risks to him/her and the undercover officer concerned if EN30's real identity is disclosed.
11. **Gist:** EN30 describes involvement with another covert operation which involved legend-building only. The undercover officer was not operational.
12. **Gist:** EN30 was then tasked to start up another operation and his/her role was to assist with legend-building and provide welfare support. EN30 retired during this deployment which involved the infiltration of animal rights activists.
13. **Gist:** EN30 described having the same pseudonym throughout his/her career with the NPOIU.

## **Articles 2 and 3**

14. **Gist:** EN30 describes pre-NPOIU work which did not involve any pseudonym and his/her concerns that there are risks to him/her and others if his/her identity is disclosed. EN30 explains that s/he does not have access to the documents that were prepared at the time that provides information about these operations.
15. **Gist:** A comprehensive and overarching risk assessment is required from an expert who has access to all relevant material in order to consider and assess the risk to EN30 and to others associated with the publication of EN30's real name or a photograph.

16. **Gist:** EN30 requires the risk assessor to consider the article 2 and article 3 risks arising from the fact that s/he was a cover officer for officers deployed against animal rights activists. EN30 explains an additional concern relating to the risks to a specific undercover officer.
17. In relation to Article 3, I am deeply concerned about the treatment that I and my family could receive. In particular, I am worried about direct action. I am conscious that some activists were prepared to send letter bombs and even dug up the deceased mother of the owner of the guinea pig farm in Staffordshire. I am worried about the possibility of cyber-attacks including my banking details being accessed and a social media attack against me and my family in an attempt to damage my reputation. My anxiety is justified as can be seen by examples such as "The Times" article on 29 April 2017 which reported an attack on the car outside the home of an activist, Juley Howard, by anarchists who believed that she had betrayed them. Related to this, I also invite the Inquiry and the risk assessor to review the posting on "325.nostate.net/tag/Bristol" which shows the degree of hatred and the extremes that certain individuals will go to to attack people who they consider to have been traitors. The risks posed to me and my family need to be carefully assessed by the appointed risk assessor.

## **Article 8**

18. **Gist:** EN30 describes the impact on his/her article 8 rights and those of his/her family if his/her real identity is disclosed.
19. **Gist:** EN30 explains that his/her family knew of his/her occupation but one member of his/her family did not know that EN30 was a cover officer and EN30 has not told that person about his/her involvement in the Inquiry as s/he does not wish to worry that person.
20. **Gist:** EN30's spouse has family who are unaware that EN30 was a covert officer.
21. I believe that my [gender redacted] spouse would be devastated if my identity was revealed as being involved in the Inquiry. We are very private people. When we go on holiday we do not tell anyone that I am a police officer. S/he would be concerned about what people would think about me being involved in this Inquiry and the fact that I had been a covert officer. Neither of us would believe that the public would make a distinction between cover and undercover officers and there is a heavy stigma that now attaches to this because of the revelations made by a small number of individuals that do not reflect the professionalism of the vast majority of officers.

22. I am certain that I was assured that my identity as a cover officer would never be revealed. My role was never evidential and so there was no prospect of me having to give evidence. We were told that a prosecution would be withdrawn rather than disclose the identities of the cover or undercover officers. These were long term infiltrations and the danger to the operations and to the officers was significant if an identity was revealed. It was for that reason that I was provided with covert documents even though I was a cover officer. I know that this guarantee was provided by senior officers in charge of the NPOIU at the time. **Gist:** EN30 lists those officers.

### **Conclusion**

23. I have provided this statement without access to documentation or a risk assessor's report and I am unable therefore to provide the level of detail that I would wish in support of my application for a Restriction Order. Due to the passage of time I do not have a vivid recollection of the day to day work and intelligence that was provided and I am unable to comment properly on the risks that flow from the revelation of my real or cover names or the possibility of a photograph linking me to either name being released. **Gist:** EN30 explains that s/he cannot comment properly on the risks to sources that provided intelligence in his/her pre-NPOIU role or risk to undercover officers for whom EN30 was cover officer whilst with the NPOIU.
24. I have real concerns about the risks that arise for me and my family as a consequence of the revelation of my involvement in undercover policing; including risks to life and the possibility of assault or attacks on our home. I am also anxious about the impact that such a revelation will have on our private and family life including the possibility of being tracked to our home and subjected to personal reputational attacks and cyber-attacks. The prospect of having to move away from our home is deeply distressing and it will have a hugely adverse impact on our family. Taking into account my concerns and the effect that disclosure will have on me and my family I respectfully request that my application for a Restriction Order is granted.
25. I reserve the right to provide a supplementary statement in support of my application once I am provided with relevant documentation and the risk assessor's report.

### **STATEMENT OF TRUTH**

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

SIGNED .....

**EN30**

DATED 16/5/17