

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

GISTED WITNESS STATEMENT OF EN506

1. I am EN506 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:** EN506 summarises his/her career. EN506 continues to perform police duties and outlines his/her role.
4. **Gist:** EN506 describes his/her past and current sensitive roles as a police officer.

My Legend

5. **Gist:** EN506 describes his/her current sensitive role and the day to day tasks he/she carries out.
6. **Gist:** EN506 explains how his/her legend, was created and what it is used for. EN506 explains how, disclosure of his/her cover or real name would lead to serious risk.

Serious and Organised Crime Operations

7. **GIST:** EN506 describes his/her involvement in a considerable number of operations over the years, many involving dangerous criminals. EN506 describes how, if his/her cover name were revealed, this could lead to his/her real identity being established. This will need to be considered by the appointed risk assessor.
8. **GIST:** EN506 refers to his/her role in these operations; including providing information to the undercover officers to assist them with their role. EN506 supported undercover officers in their legend and deployments.

9. **GIST:** EN506 describes how s/he attended the SO10 Undercover Advanced Training Course to qualify as a cover officer.
10. **GIST:** EN506 refers to a number of operations which targeted serious criminals; some resulted in convictions and others did not. EN506 identifies a number of serious criminals who would target him/her if his/her real or covert identity are disclosed. The suspect in one operation is believed to have murdered the victim and so EN506 fears that s/he would be willing to kill or seriously harm again.
11. **GIST:** EN506 explains how s/he joined a special unit with the aim to tackle serious and organised crime. S/he worked as a cover officer for a number of undercover officers on various operations. Again, these operations targeted serious criminals who would pose a risk to EN506 if his/her identity were disclosed. EN506 describes how s/he would be extremely fearful for his/her life due to the subjects of some of the operations and confirms that they would not be able to carry on their current role.
12. **GIST:** EN506 describes a specific threat to him/her in relation to an operation carried out by one undercover officer for whom s/he was the cover officer. EN506 states that there is a danger to the life of this officer and his/her concerns if they are linked to the undercover officer. This operation and the undercover officer's identity is not in the public domain.

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13. **GIST:** EN506 explains s/he was not seconded to the National Public Order Intelligence Unit. EN506 came into contact with this department as s/he was asked to carry out an administrative role in respect on an undercover operation.

Articles 2 and 3

14. **GIST:** EN506 describes the risks to him/her and his/her family if his/her identity is disclosed. EN506 explains his/her concerns in relation to his/her role as cover officer for one particular undercover officer.
15. **GIST:** EN506 refers to the unknown risk from the various operations that s/he has been involved in throughout his/her career involving serious and organised crime which has resulted in many people receiving lengthy prison sentences. EN506 explains that if s/he is linked to the undercover officers in any way, they will want to cause harm to him/her and his/her family. EN506 lists those who s/he considers from

whom s/he would be at risk but asserts this is not exhaustive and requires a risk assessment to be undertaken to identify and assess the risks.

16. If my covert name was used then this would have a serious impact. **GIST:** EN506 goes on to explain the reasons.
17. **GIST:** EN506 describes his/her specific concerns in relation to his/her family. EN506 would not be able to continue in his/her employment and would certainly have to relocate.

Article 8

18. **GIST:** EN506 describes the impact on his/her Article 8 rights and those of his/her family who reside with them if his/her real or covert identity are disclosed. EN506 explains that his/her spouse knows of his/her role but that his/her immediate friends and family only know EN506 is a police officer. They believe EN506 works in an office-based role. They certainly do not know EN506 is engaged in covert work.
19. **GIST:** EN506 describes how s/he would need to leave his/her job and relocate if his/her identity were disclosed which would have a devastating impact on his/her family.
20. **GIST:** EN506 describes how s/he avoids photographs of him/her being in the public domain.
21. **GIST:** EN506 describes his/her fears that the press will hound him/her. EN506 fears that they will turn up at his/her house and attempt to get to him/her through his/her family. EN506 has heard of this happening on other occasions where undercover officers' identities have been revealed.

Conclusion

22. I have provided this statement without access to documentation or a risk assessor's report. I have tried to identify the Operations I have been involved in to assist the risk assessor. I cannot recall what all these Operations involved due to the passage of time. I am therefore unable to identify all specific risks to me and my family from the disclosure of my real or covert names or my image being released. **GIST:** I am also unable to identify the risks to others I have worked with. I therefore require a risk assessment to be undertaken to identify and assess the risks.

- 23. I always believed that my covert and real names would never be revealed and that my anonymity would be protected. Whilst dealing with the National Public Order Intelligence Unit I was still acting in my roles as a cover officer for [Police Force] and, therefore, I again presumed this when I assisted the National Public Order Intelligence Unit.
- 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 a physical and psychological attack on my family and I. I am also conscious of the impact it will have on our private and family life. This would cause considerable distress to all my family. **GIST:** EN506 requests his/her real and covert identity are not disclosed.
- 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

EN506

DATED 8/8/17