

# COVER SHEET



Statement made on behalf of: The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis

Witness: Detective Constable Katie McAleer

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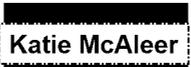
**IN THE MATTER OF: PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING**

**Witness:** Detective Constable Katie McAleer

**Occupation:** Police Officer

**Address:** C/O Directorate of Legal Services, Holborn Police Station, Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1N 3NR.

**I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true**

Signed  Katie McAleer

Dated 12/04/2021

**1. Introduction**

1.1 I joined the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) on 16/11/2009 and I have been attached to the IRSC (Inquiry Review and Support Command) since April 2020. I have been directed on behalf of the IRSC to make this statement in response to a letter of request dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 from the Undercover Policing Inquiry (UCPI).

[REDACTED]

1.2 Rule 9–119A is detailed in a letter from the Undercover Policing Inquiry, and raises queries relating to Michael Peter SCOTT.

*These queries are:*

- a. *Are there any records on the Police National Computer for Michael Peter SCOTT dob [REDACTED] Privacy ?*
- b. *In answering question , please describe :*
  - i) *The circumstances of the search – i.e. - who conducted it and when?*
  - ii) *The search terms used.*
- c. *If the answer to question is “no”, please explain whether it is possible to determine whether such a record ever existed?*
- d. *If not, why not?*
- e. *If applicable, why might any such records have been destroyed?*

## **2. Research Methodology**

- 2.1 I am an authorised PNC (Police National Computer) user and conducted enquiries on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 as part of Rule 9-119 using the details provided by the Inquiry on the Police National Computer. There were no records matching for Michael Peter SCOTT.
- 2.2 The following search terms were used: Michael SCOTT, Michael Peter SCOTT with date of birth: [REDACTED] Privacy
- 2.3 The Microfiche Archive was contacted on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to search for Michael Peter SCOTT's microfiche file. A reply was received on the same day from a Microfiche Archive Officer, which said the microfiche record would have been removed and destroyed when the PNC record was “weeded”.
- 2.4 The Microfiche Archive Officer also clarified that all microfiche records are stored under either a CRO (Criminal Records Office) or SF (Search Folio) number that corresponds to a PNC entry. We will, therefore, have to presume that if the record did ever exist it was also removed from the microfiche library during the PNC weeding process.



**3. Conclusions**

3.1 Having researched all available and relevant systems, no information was found in relation to Michael Peter SCOTT's PNC file. It is not possible to say whether a record for him ever existed, as there is no trace on PNC.

3.2 I understand that Karen Progl, Senior Manager at the ACRO Criminal Records Office, will shortly be providing a witness statement in response to the request for details of the Police National Computer, the microfiche library and the weeding process.

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**I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true**

*Signed* .....

**Katie McAleer**

**Dated** 12/04/2021 .....

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