

UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

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

**Applications for restriction orders in respect of the real names of the Inquiry
Friends of Special Demonstration Squad officers HN67 and HN303**

Ruling

HN67's Inquiry Friend

Ruling

1. The identity of HN67's Inquiry Friend shall not be published.

Reasons

2. HN67 has a [restriction order](#) in place dated 9 October 2018 which restricts the publication or disclosure of his real identity, save as set out in that order, for the reasons given in ['Minded to' Note](#) dated 22 March 2018 and Ruling 11 dated [30 July 2018](#).
3. HN67's Inquiry Friend is a relative and the disclosure of their name would likely undermine that restriction order.
4. The identity of HN67's Inquiry Friend, whose role is solely to give instructions to the Designated Lawyer on HN67's behalf if required to do so, is not relevant to the Inquiry's terms of reference and publication of it would serve no purpose.
5. For these reasons, I rule that the identity of HN67's Inquiry Friend shall not be published.

HN303's Inquiry Friend

Ruling

6. The identity of HN303's Inquiry Friend shall be restricted.

Reasons

7. HN303 has a [restriction order](#) in place dated 9 October 2018 which restricts the publication or disclosure of his real identity, save as set out in that order, for the reasons given in ['Minded to' 8 Note](#) dated 26 April 2018 and [Ruling 11](#) dated 30 July 2018.
8. HN303's Inquiry Friend is a relative and the disclosure of their name would likely undermine that restriction order.

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9. The identity of HN303's Inquiry Friend, whose role is solely to give instructions to the Designated Lawyer on HN303's behalf if required to do so, is not relevant to the Inquiry's terms of reference and publication of it would serve no purpose.
10. For these reasons, I rule that the identity of HN303's Inquiry Friend shall not be published.

3 February 2022

Sir John Mitting
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry