

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 Demonstrations Squad, and those connected with these squads

Ruling 22

1. The restriction order made on 15 May 2018 in respect of the real name of HN332 is revoked.

Reasons

2. The restriction order was made for the reasons explained in ['Minded to' note 2](#) dated 14 November 2017 - in summary, to protect the health and wellbeing of an elderly man in poor health during his lifetime.
3. He has since died.
4. His surviving family have asked that the order should remain in place indefinitely. In summary their reasons are that they would like his wishes to be respected posthumously and do not want anything to be done which might cast a retrospective shadow over his name. They do not state that any living person would or might be harmed by publication of his name.
5. In those circumstances there is no good reason to shield the acts of a former operational manager of the Special Demonstration Squad from full public scrutiny.

26 October 2022

Sir John Mitting
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry