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## PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF JERMAINE BAKER

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### Witness Statement of FE19

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1. I, FE19, will say as follows:-
2. I make this further statement regarding the covert monitoring post (CMP) which was in operation on 11 December 2015.
3. I do not believe a CMP manager was officially designated. It was myself who liaised with the officers initially. I selected the officers and ensured that they were suitably for and comfortable taking on the role.
4. On the day they were briefed by the TFC along with everyone else and I made sure that they were able to use the kit available. This was done I believe by members of the Technical Support Unit (TSU) being in attendance who instructed the officers in the use of the monitoring and recording equipment.
5. My involvement with the CMP on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 was to be a point of contact for the officers in the CMP. This role involved making sure they were all in attendance and suitably equipped. They were updated as to who the staff from the Technical Support Unit were in attendance and I initially told them that I would get updates from them and deal with any queries that they had.
6. I cannot say if I was the most experienced I had only been on the unit for less than a year at this time. The unit at the time consisted of three teams, and from memory all of the available staff were used in one role or another. I did canvass the unit to establish which officers were the most experienced in staffing a CMP, and it was because of this the three officers from the unit, all be it not my team were selected.
7. As the person overseeing the operation directly under the SIO, and with the best overall knowledge of the operation. I believe I was the most appropriate person to oversee the CMP. The SIO was in attendance, as were staff from the TSU to deal with any technical matters of provide any advice.
8. CMP managers do exist, and are put in place for managing such operations. This will be to cover a number of roles, such as the staffing of the post, the briefing of the officers, overseeing the running of the post. Updating the SIO with what has been obtained and if any operational aims have been achieved or significant updates

captured in relation to the investigation, and managing any confidential material that may be obtained whilst the post is running.

9. I do not believe the role was allocated as this was a very short term deployment, covering only a few hours and so impact such as lengthy deployments, welfare of the long hours, were not going to be an issue. Also as the deployment was not to be a long running deployment that would require in depth oversight, and regular updates about operational aims and objectives, or with a risk of confidential material being obtained. I would have overseen any prosecutions that followed and so would have been aware of any material captured and in a position to deal with any confidential material post arrest.
10. At the time, I had no training as a CMP manager, but I had previously staffed a CMP as an officer on two different operations. I believe one of those occasions was there a designated CMP manager installed, but as it was almost 20 years ago I cannot be certain. The last time I was involved with a CMP monitoring prior to this was about five years earlier.
11. I am now trained as a CMP manager but have not been deployed in such a role since, the training which was over a year ago. To my knowledge at the time of this deployment in 2015 there were not very many trained CMP managers within the MPS, and I do not believe there were any on the SCO7(7) Central Task Force that I was attached to.
12. I initially was the officer obtaining updates from the people within the CMP and passing them to the SIO / TFC who were together I believe. However I quickly removed myself from that role as I was also obtaining information from elsewhere and wanted the TFC to know from which source these updates were coming from. The officers then directed updates to the SIO / TFC directly themselves.
13. One of my responsibilities was to select staff to serve in the CMP for the course of the operation. I chose officers based on their skills and experience in previously being deployed in such a role. I also chose two officers based on their ability to speak Turkish.
14. The number of officers deployed (five) was designed to ensure that there were enough officers present to that the feed could be monitored, it could be reviewed if necessary and still live monitored and also enable updates to be passed to the SIO / TFC.
15. The staffing numbers enabled two officers to listen, with one able to review, one to pass updates and still keep two officers listening. One of the officers had previous experience of also working the local area that the deployment was in and that individuals involved were from.
16. The Turkish officers were deployed as the investigation was against Turkish gangs and so this could assist with any language issues if any communications were in Turkish. I believe it is a role at least one of them has previously performed before also, but I am not certain.
17. In terms of how many officers should staff a CMP this will depend upon the type of deployment being conducted and the demands of the CMP such as what is being monitored and how much material the officers would have to deal with. In terms of