

PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF JERMAINE BAKER

Witness Statement of Michael Reay

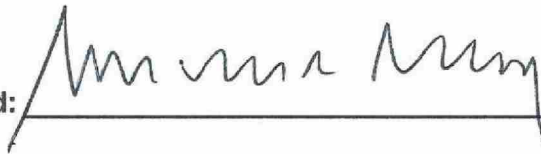
I, Michael Reay, will say as follows:-

1. I retired from the Metropolitan Police Service as a Detective Inspector in October 2017. Until June 2016 I was a Detective Inspector on what was formally called SCO35 Human Surveillance.
2. On the 11th December 2015 I was engaged in Operation Ankaa. My primary role was as support to the Surveillance Coordinator DI (now DCI) Chris Davies.
3. On the 10th December 2015 I attended a full briefing for Op Ankaa which took place in the 4th Floor Briefing Room at the former New Scotland Yard.
4. On the 11th December 2015 I was assigned to monitor the surveillance activity in respect of the movement of a prison van travelling from HMP Wormwood Scrubs to Wood Green Crown Court.
5. I monitored the radio traffic from the assigned surveillance team and made a record of this surveillance activity onto the CLIO system. I verbally kept DI Chris Davies apprised of the progress of this aspect of the operation.
6. I did update the surveillance team leader assigned to the prison van in respect of any intelligence that was received whilst the operation was ongoing. This would have been done either via the radio or mobile phone.
7. I continued this role until the arrest phase had concluded and the surveillance team was stood down.
8. At that time I was trained in the use of the CLIO system. At some point in my career with the Metropolitan Police Service I received training in the use of the CLIO system. However, I cannot recall when I received this training or what the training entailed. I was experienced in coordinating live surveillance operations having undertaken the role on a number of occasions.
9. Since the 11th December 2015 I have never been required to make a statement about my role or been interviewed about my role that day.

10. I have been asked if I have retained any original notes in respect of Op Ankaa. I can confirm I have no hand written original notes and my original notes would be my CLIO log. I have not had sight over my CLIO log or any other notes before writing this statement. However, I have been informed by PS Alex Barry that the reference number for the CLIO Log dated the 11/12/2015 is IPC0000251.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief of its truth.

Signed:  _____

Dated: 26-4-2021