

PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF JERMAINE BAKER

Witness Statement of Andrew Sparks

I, Andrew Sparks will say as follows:-

1. Over the course of late October to December 2015, whilst a serving officer within the MPS Specialist Crime Command, my duties included working to assist the MPS on Operation Ankaa, which was established to deal with intelligence received that Izzet Eren was planning to escape from lawful custody. In this statement I provide further information about my work on Operation Ankaa and the circumstances in which this intelligence was received.
2. Izzet Eren was known to me as a high-ranking member of an organised criminal network known as the Tottenham Turks. I was supervised in these duties by FE19 and DI Murray, who maintained day to day control of the operation. We were the investigative team, and DCI Neil Williams was in overall command of the firearms operation, once this was established, as the overarching TFC.
3. My statement dated 25.04.2016 outlines how on 30.10.2015, I received intelligence that Izzet Eren intended to escape from lawful custody with the assistance of Ozcan Eren, and how I communicated that information in the first instance to DI Murray, and subsequently by telephone to DI Steve Mayes of the Prison Intelligence Unit. I received an email confirmation that DI Mayes had conveyed that information to Pete Nichols, a prison governor at HMP Wormwood Scrubs. I do not recall speaking to anyone else in HMPPS about this (MPS0000922).