

inspector FE16, who was the overall TFC for the operation, and an officer whose pseudonym I could not recall when I made my statement, who was a detective from SCO7 who was the main intelligence officer. Having now read the transcript I am aware that DC Gary KINCH delivered part of this briefing. This was to inform the surveillance teams of the operation and the intelligence available as to what the OCN intended to do. When I wrote my statement dated 22 December 2015 – **IPC0000016_001 to 009** I said that, whilst I could not be certain, I thought it was at this briefing that information was given that the same individual who had supplied the machine pistol to the prisoner who was to appear at Wood Green Crown Court for the offence of possession of a firearm and who was to be broken out of the prison van was believed to have supplied firearms to the OCN intending to attack the prison van and effect the break out. Having now been shown the transcript of this briefing I see that this information is not in the transcript. I am not able now to remember who provided this information or at what stage. I am aware that at page 7 of 11 of **IPC0000298** [duplicated at **IPC0000238**] the operational firearms commanders S105 conducting the 0510hrs briefing on the 11 December said: "*you've heard about the weapons these guys have had access to in the past and what they can.....please treat these people as armed until we know otherwise*". This information is very similar to what I have put in my statement as having been given on the 10 December. On reflection, and having thought carefully about this, it is difficult for me to distinguish what I can actually remember now from reconstruction. All I can say is that by the time I deployed out of my vehicle on the 11 December I am sure I had been given this information.

14. Included in this transcript is reference to the *intel cell* **IPC0000257_0005** 10 lines from the foot of the page – I understood this would have been officers in the SCO7 operation that had access to the sensitive information. This would have been more for the Team Leaders because I would not expect all officers being deployed to be contacting the intel cell direct. There is reference to the *mission Audi* and that is the Audi we were to deal with.
15. At this briefing officers were told *we have to be on our A game tomorrow...that that man subject of the breakout attempt ...is a dangerous individual...his associates are dangerous individuals*. All of this would have impacted on my personal risk assessment.
16. On Thursday evening most of the firearms team stayed in a hotel close to Leman Street. This was because we were required to attend a very early briefing on the Friday morning and to ensure the team was fresh.
17. On **Friday 11 December 2015** I attended Leman Street at about 0200 hours. I put up on the wall ready for the briefing the maps I had prepared earlier. I attended the briefing that started at approx. 0300 hours. This was a tactical briefing given by V64 who was the Operational Firearms Commander (OFC) for the security of the prison vehicle, and W97 and I who had been involved in the recce of the area and the stolen Audi. This briefing was not recorded. I was asked in interview why some briefings were not recorded. My understanding is that there is a requirement to record a formal briefing and that there are other types of briefings that do not require to be and are not recorded. V64 gave the team the intelligence (I have used the word *intelligence* in my statement, but I really mean an overview) briefing which included information regarding the operation,