

## WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of **Ross McKibbin**

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Age if under

**Over 18**.....

Occupation

**Police Superintendent**

This statement (consisting of: 9 pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:



23/04/2021

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded

(supply witness details on rear)

**1. Request from the Jermaine Baker Public Inquiry**

1.1 This statement is in response to a request for a witness statement “*setting out MPS policies (both on 11.12.2015 and presently) on the following:*

- *use of up to date intelligence;*
- *the transmission of information in a firearms operation;*
- *the briefing of officers and the recording of briefings;*
- *the term “firearms enabled” and other relevant terminology”*

**2. Use of up to date intelligence**

2.1 The importance of the use of up to date intelligence is covered in Sec 7.9 of the MPS Police use of Firearms SOP 2014. It is the same content as that contained in Sec 7.9 of the current MPS Police use of Firearms SOP dated 2019 and states that:

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Continuation of Statement of Ross McKibbin .....

*'In firearms related situations, information and intelligence, combined with the experience of those responsible for directing the police response, will assist in determining the most appropriate response to a given situation. The assessment of information is a dynamic and continuing process throughout the life of an incident or operation. All involved have a responsibility for updating information and ensuring that, as far as possible, a full intelligence picture is maintained and that this is conveyed as appropriate to those involved.*

*When gathering information, the tactical firearms commander must ensure that, as far as time permits, information and intelligence is appropriately assessed, graded and where possible verified.*

*Information and intelligence should be passed to officers as necessary for the roles that they are performing, see APP on dissemination of intelligence. It is important that commanders are regularly updated on changes to information and intelligence in a timely and appropriate manner. These updates will enable the review of strategic objectives, tactical objectives and any tactical parameters set to take place.*

2.2 Commanders should seek verification of intelligence and information, be aware of the potential for reported information to be wrong and be aware that there may be intelligence gaps or failure - see Sec 7.9 MPS Police use of Firearms dated 2019.

2.3 Due to the nature of firearms operations it will often be necessary to deliver spontaneous 'over the bonnet' briefings. This can include intelligence updates and revised tactical plans. There is no requirement for these briefings to be audio/video recorded and frequently they are not recorded.

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Signature witnessed by: .....