

PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF JERMAINE BAKER

Witness Statement of DC Gary Smith

1. I, DC Gary Smith, currently employed within the Inquiry and Review Support Command (IRSC), make this statement in response to a Rule 9 request by the ILT relating to what the MPS were aware of in 2015 in relation to intelligence and investigations into corruption within SERCO.
2. In response to this request, I have conducted research into the issue, together with my colleague DC Katie McAleer. Searches were made against both the MPS Crimint/Crimintplus intelligence database and CRIS – Crime recording database/system. The time period applied to the search parameters was 2006 - 2021
3. Additionally, enquiries were made with City of London Police regarding the Inquiry's request.
4. The results of this are summarised in the below table.

			CONTAINS SENSITIVE MATERIAL – REQUIRES REDACTION:
Crimint/CRIS	Date	Intel Grading	Summary
Crimint CPRT00032016	5/2006	B21	Intelligence about a mobile number belonging to a SERCO staff who supplies drugs and phones from CCC.
Crimint CPRT00032900	6/2006	E51	Gaoler suspected of bringing drugs to prisoner at HMP Brixton.
Crimint CPRT00033184	6/2006	A25	Intelligence about a SERCO officer spending too much time talking to prisoners at their cell in court.

Crimint CPRT00033417	6/2006	A11	PCO suspected of supplying drugs to prisoners.
Crimint CPRT00035627	8/2006	E41	Anon info that a SERCO staff has a drugs habit.
Crimint CPRT000035712	8/2006	E31	Intelligence about a court staff member is assisting in supplying prisoners with drugs.
Crimint CPRT00035984	9/2006	A11	Information - Allegation of corruption - SERCO - STAFF - Snaresbrook CC.
Crimint CPRT00036088	9/2006	E41	A SERCO PCO can get phones to prisoners at HMP Brixton.
Crimint CPRT00037453	10/2006	E41	Staff are suspected to be taking phones and mobiles into HMP Wandsworth.
Crimint CPRT00037911	11/2006	E41	Allegation that a Staff member at Isleworth CC supplied a prisoner with drugs/phone.
Crimint CPRT00038461	11/2006	B21	Allegation that a SERCO staff member at was someone who could get "stuff" for certain prisoners at Snaresbrook CC.
Crimint CPRT00041896	4/2007	E41	It is alleged that members of the SERCO staff at the OLD BAILEY is supplying drugs and mobile phones and inmates could get what they wanted. It is also alleged that the same things goes on at SNARESBOOK CROWN COURT
Crimint CPRT00045013	7/2007	B21	Prison officer booked in to visit someone at a different prison for no valid reason.
Crimint SIRT00211518	7/2007	A11	SERCO escort officer offered prisoner a cigarette and allowed them to make a phone call. SERCO also offered to release the prisoner for a certain amount of money.
Crimint CPRT00046947	9/2007	E31	2 officers in CROYDON MC were over heard talking about dealing in drugs.

Crimint QART00192062	6/2008	B15	Intel suggests some staff working for SERCO at Harrow Crown Court are supplying Cannabis / class A drugs and mobile phones to prisoners who are being produced from prison.
Crimint CPRT00053603	7/2008	E21	<p>Intelligence suggests that for a long time there has been a corrupt SERCO member of staff working at SBCC both in the annex and in the main building C21</p> <p>Intelligence suggests that back in December 2007 an inmate is seen receiving heroin, cannabis and a mobile phone from the SERCO officer. E21</p> <p>The main contact in the annex at SBCC is a blond female who is in her 20's and the contact in the main building is a black male member of staff. C21</p> <p>A number of prisoners have the telephone numbers for these staff. E21</p> <p>Intelligence suggests that they are that confident that prisoner's names are provided to the staff at SBCC sometimes without them knowing contact is then made at court. E21</p>
Crimint FHRT00313251	8/2008	E25	A SERCO Custody officer based at WEST LONDON MAGISTRATES COURT is supplying remand prisoners with mobile phones, drugs and cling film.
Crimint SORT00248574	6/2009	B25	A SERCO officer working at AR court will be supplying an inmate from HMP WANDSWORTH with three to four ounces of heroin.
Crimint ESRT00102295	10/2009	B25	Intelligence suggests that SERCO officer is concerned in the supply of Prohibited Articles into Brixton HMP. It's believed

ESRT00102212 ESRT00102211			he is utilising the assistance of a Brixton prisoner operates a sophisticated supply network involving prisoners collecting parcels containing illicit articles from Inner London Crown Court (ILCC). Further intelligence suggests that two further people are also concerned in the distribution of the prohibited articles. The Serco officer is also linked to several other SERCO workers involved in drug supply to Inner London Crown court.
Crimint VKRT00189734	11/2009	B25	Intelligence says there is a SERCO gaoler at KINGSTON CROWN COURT who supplies drugs and phones to prisoners in the court cells.
Crimint RGRT00392437	1/2010	C21	Intelligence about a SERCO staff offering the use of mobile phones to prisoners at court in the cells.
Crimint CPRT00054404	1/2010	E41	Intelligence suggests that there is a corrupt member of SERCO staff working at Woolwich Crown Court who is going to supply drugs to a prisoner at HMP Belmarsh.
CRIS 4428724/10	1/2010	N/A	Serco worker at Snaresbrook Crown Court was supplying prisoners appearing at the court with drugs and mobile phones to be conveyed back into HMP ESTABLISHMENTS. Person was arrested and charged.
CRIS 6004246/10	2/2010	N/A	
Crimint ESRT00105597	6/2010	E25	A Serco Gaoler supplies prisoners in custody with drugs and mobile phones. Prisoners often request hearings at the court just so they can take delivery of parcels from this person.
Crimint CPRT00054661	7/2010	E45	Inner London custody officer is passing phones and drugs to prisoners. The officer is paid by the prisoner's family.

CRIS 6570322/10	12/2010	N/A	SERCO staff arrested for conspiracy to supply drugs in to the prison estate. Charged with possession.
Crimint CPRT00055515 CPRT00055514 CPRT00055102	3/2012 5/2011	E41	Intelligence suggests that a SERCO officer who works on at COLNBROOK IRC may be corrupt.
Crimint ESRT00126150	2/2014	B25	Intelligence suggest that Prison Officer at HMP PENTONVILLE smuggles drugs and mobile phones into the prison.
CRIS 3613104/15 CRIS 3611731/15 CRIS 3611742/15	May- June 2015	N/A	Investigation relating to two SERCO employees from Inner London Crown Court arrested for conveying prohibited articles – namely mobile phones, alcohol and drugs into HMP Thameside.
Crimint CPRT00060209 CPRT00060167 CPRT00060325	4/2015 4/2015 4/2015	E25 B25 E21	Intelligence relating to a serving prisoner at HMP Pentonville using a corrupt officer at the Prison to illicit drugs, cameras and mobile phones into the prison. Intelligence is also that the inmate and this officer were seeking to arrange for the escape of the inmate - whilst in transit to court or a medical appt via corrupt SERCO transport officer/s.
Crimint CPRT00060995 CPRT00062296	06/2015 11/2015	B25 E21	Intelligence relating to 2 female SERCO employees working together at HMP Thameside supplying mobile phones and drugs to prisoners.
CRIS RG/3601812/16	01/2016		Investigation, SERCO employee at HMP Thameside arrested and charged with supplying drugs and phones to an inmate. The employee admitted the offence and to doing this several times since December 2015.
Crimint CPRT00062856	02/2016	B21	Intelligence relating to a prison officer at HMP Pentonville supplying mobile

			phones and drugs to inmates. The officer was previously employed by SERCO as a custodial transport officer and also employed by SERCO at HMP Thameside until moving to HMP Pentonville in April 2015.
3605853/18	10/2017	N/A	Investigation into a SERCO employee at HMP Thameside suspected of committing theft of postal orders from within the prison.
CPRT00067485	11/2017	E45	Intelligence that a SERCO employee at HMP Thameside had taken the job at the prison to convey illicit items into the prison.
Crimint SBRT00141930 SBRT00141402	03/2020 02/2020	B21 B21	Intelligence that an inmate at HMP Thameside (SERCO run) – is planning to use corrupt staff to bring drugs into the prison.
City Of London Police reference: IN18000065585	11/05/18	N/A	member of SERCO staff at HMP Thameside giving ‘Spice’ to inmate.
City Of London Police reference: IN19000093739	21/06/19	N/A	Member of SERCO staff providing mobile phones and drugs to prisoners on a weekly basis.

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 : _____ 30/06/2021 _____