

**PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF JERMAINE BAKER**

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**Witness Statement of DC Maria COSHAM**

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I, DC Maria COSHAM, will say as follows:-

I have drafted this statement in response to the Inquiry's Rule 9 request that the MPS: *"Provide a statement confirming what the MPS knew about how the imitation firearm was sourced by the OCR prior to, on and after 11 December 2015"*.

Clarity was sought from the Inquiry as to what information was requested and the following reply was provided: *"This request relates solely to any information which was received/known by the MPS relating to the imitation firearm that was found in the Audi. This includes information received/known about the imitation firearm before 11 December, on 11 December and after 11 December"*.

Before 11 December 2015, the MPS was not in possession of any intelligence relating to the imitation firearm, other than the information outlined in the relevant closed statement.

The MPS has already disclosed to the Inquiry all material in its possession relating to intelligence on the imitation firearm received on and after 11 December 2015.

The below is a chronology of *"any information which was received/known by the MPS relating to the imitation firearm that was found in the Audi"*.

**Intelligence about the imitation firearm received on and after 11 December 2015**

1. At 6:58am on 11 December 2015, FE16 recorded receiving intelligence that indicated the subjects in the mission vehicle may have access to an imitation firearm: “*Intelligence suggests they will have at least an imitation firearm at the time of the offence, no Intel they have it now.*” [IPC0000258], Page 2 of handwritten log of events on 11 December 2015, between 6:55 and 7:10.
  
2. At 7:06am, FE16 noted fragments of the covertly recorded conversation between the subjects in the mission vehicle apparently discussing firearms and imitation firearms, Page 2 of handwritten log of events on 11 December 2015, between 6:55 and 7:10 [IPC0000258]. The relevant section of the audio transcript is at pp.5-6/21 [IPC0000281]:

07:06:19	[Believed to be NM]	So where’s the shottey?
07:06:23	[Believed to be GS]	The shottey, we’re not getting it
07:06:25	Believed to be NM]	But where’s it?
07:06:29	[Believed to be GS]	<i>Inaudible</i>
07:06:29	?	Yea
07:06:32	[Believed to be NM]	It’s best to have two tings you know
07:06:34	[Believed to be GS]	I told him bruv, he said don’t bring the real ting. I asked the same, I told him bruv we need the real ting through bruv. He said bruv what’s the point? Even if you had the real ting nobody – <i>inaudible</i> – let you bust it. You lost bust it if you get – <i>inaudible</i> – the real ting. You get caught you lot are fucked, he said.
07:06:54	[Believed to be JB]	We’re not gonna get caught bruv, we’re gonna drive away
07:06:59	[Believed to be NM]	This isn’t...ain’t even a joke ting yea, we’re actually trying to get someone out. <i>Inaudible</i> ...

07:07:00	[Believed to be JB]	<i>Inaudible – overtalking</i>
07:07:02	[Believed to be JB]	You know what that big ting’s for, you see that door, if it don’t open, that fucking side door just shoot the lock three times fam and open it, do you understand?
07:07:09	[Believed to be NM]	Or even just to bark it off...
07:07:12	[Believed to be JB]	At the door
07:07:12	[Believed to be NM]	You know, them ones. Just to bark it off. What’s this ting gonna do? Nothing bruv, nothing, it’s just gonna look like...
07:07:18	?	Two minutes

3. During the arrest phase of the operation on 11 December 2015, officers discovered an item with the appearance of an Uzi sub machine gun [MPS0002589] in the rear offside footwell of the mission vehicle, see the statements of e.g. S105 [MPS0000048] p10/11, and W108 [MPS0000109] p2/2. P2 describes the item being on top of a dark coloured holdall with brown leather detailing [MPS0000091] p5/7.
4. Senior Firearms Reporting manager Khaldoun Kabbani attended Bracknell Close on 11 December 2015, following the shooting, and declared the imitation weapon (KK/1) and accompanying magazine (KK/2) safe at the scene, p2/2 [MPS0000809].
5. At approximately 2:20pm on 11 December 2015, Gokay Sogucackli made an unsolicited comment to officers in his cell at the police station: “*why haven’t you tested the gun, you can see it’s only a pellet gun, that’s what they told me when I got in the car, you can buy it for £200 in a shop, it’s a toy...*”, see witness statement of Paul Stickland (police officer) dated 11 December 2015, concerning comments made by Gokay Sogucakli in custody, recorded as exhibit MPS/F/111215, [MPS0001042].

6. On 12 December 2015, MPS forensic scientist Derek Kin-Leung Poon examined the imitation firearm. His conclusions are set out in his statement completed the same day [MPS0000031]. He described the item [KK/1] in this way at p2/5:

*“This item was a sub-machine gun style .177-inch (4.5 millimetre) calibre carbon dioxide (CO2) powered airgun. The gun bore the serial number 41112526 and markings indicating it was manufactured in Taiwan.*

*The gun was designed to resemble a conventional Israeli manufactured model ‘Mini Uzi’ sub-machine gun and to discharge spherical metal pellets commonly known as BBs. A magazine that holds the BBs and a disposable carbon dioxide bulb is inserted into the grip of the gun, and pellets are discharged with each pull of the trigger.*

*The gun was not of a design that used self-contained gas cartridges. These types of cartridges, also known as tandem air cartridges, are commonly associated with airguns that were distributed in the United Kingdom by the company Brocock Remand report from Derek POON to DC Gavin WILSON. Relativity Reference MPS-0000478\_00001. States that gun is a carbon dioxide powered air gun.*

*Using steel BBs and carbon dioxide bulbs from the laboratory's stock, I test fired KK/1 and found that it was in working order. The velocity of each projectile that was fired from the gun was measured and its kinetic energy was calculated.*

*In my opinion, the projectiles discharged from the gun during my tests could be capable of penetrating the eye, causing serious eye damage. I am unaware of a fatality caused by a gun of similar performance to KK/1.”*

7. Online research was conducted and enquiries with relevant shops were made by DC O’Toole. Using the model and serial number of KK/1 DC O’Toole identified that ‘Woody’s of Wembley’ was the location where KK/1 was purchased. [DC O’Toole statement dated 11 February 2021, p1/1].
8. On 17 December 2015, the MPS took a statement from Ben Lee, a sales assistant at the fishing and airgun supplies shop “Woody’s of Wembley”, from which KK/1 had been

purchased. Ben Lee sold KK/1 on 28 October 2015 to a buyer who signed the receipt in the name of "M. ALI", see p1/3 [MPS0000991] and exhibit BL/1, receipt of weapon certificate details from Woody's of Wembley p2/2 [MPS0000699], and [MPS0002452] p54/78

9. A summary of telephone cell site on Ozcan Eren's phone shows the phone to be in the vicinity of Woody's, Wembley on the day of purchase p2,7-8/19 [MPS0001065]
10. Photographs were taken of the imitation firearm on 5 February 2016, MPS Photographic Album, containing images of exhibits KK/1 and KK/2, p3-8/8 [MPS0000693].

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ 15/06/2021 \_\_\_\_\_