

**Southworth Kevin M - SOHQ**

*Public Statement*

**From:** Cheesley Sara  
**Sent:** 24 January 2011 10:40  
**To:** Shankster Nigel J - DoI2  
**Cc:** Southworth Kevin M - SOHQ  
**Subject:** RE: Phone Tapping

**Importance:** High

Nigel

We made ACSO's letter to the DPP public. This is copied below.

The statement copied below in red is the DPP statement. This is fyi.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks.

Sara

Letter from Acting Deputy Commissioner John Yates sent to the Director of Public Prosecution Keir Starmer on Friday 14 January 2011.

RE: ALLEGATIONS OF PHONE HACKING

I am grateful for the opportunity we had today to discuss the above matter.

We are both aware that there remain outstanding public, legal and political concerns. This is particularly so in relation to the various and recently reported high profile civil cases, as well as the inquiry to be undertaken by the Parliamentary Standards & Privileges Committee.

As a result, I consider it would be wise to invite you to further re-examine all the material collected in this matter. This would also enable you to advise me and assure yourself as to whether there is any existing material which could now form evidence in any future criminal prosecution relating to phone hacking.

The conclusions should be provided to you in the first instance for you to then advise me as to what, if any, other action may be required. We both understand that any future action will always be for the police to consider independently.

John Yates  
Acting Deputy Commissioner

14 January 2011

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DPP ANNOUNCEMENT ON PHONE HACKING

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Keir Starmer QC, has today agreed that the Crown Prosecution Service will conduct a comprehensive assessment of all material in the possession of the Metropolitan Police Service relating to phone hacking, following developments in the civil courts.

The exercise will involve an examination of all material considered as part of the original investigation into Clive Goodman and Glenn Mulcaire and any material that has subsequently come to light. The assessment will be carried out by the Principal Legal Advisor, Alison Levitt QC.

The purpose of this assessment is to ascertain whether there is any material which could now form evidence in any future criminal prosecution relating to phone hacking.

Sophie Hoskins I Chief Press Officer

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**From:** Cheesley Sara  
**Sent:** 26 January 2011 15:19  
**To:** Southworth Kevin M - SOHQ  
**Subject:** Kev - final version with new DPP line. For ACSO clearance - Sara  
**Importance:** High

The MPS has today received significant new information relating to allegations of phone hacking at the News of the World in 2005/06.

As a result, the MPS is launching a new investigation to consider this material. This work will be carried out by the Specialist Crime Directorate which has been investigating a related phone hacking allegation since September 2010.

Discussions have taken place with the Director of Public Prosecutions in relation to the recently announced role of Alison Levitt QC. It has been agreed that her task will continue and she will evaluate any new evidence and advise as to the progress of the investigation.

The original phone hacking investigation was undertaken by the Counter Terrorism Command in Specialist Operations. However, in view of their current workload and the continuing 'Severe' threat level, it has been agreed that it is no longer appropriate to divert them or Acting Deputy Commissioner John Yates from their main duties and responsibilities. Accordingly, this new investigation will be led by Deputy Assistant Commissioner Sue Akers from the Specialist Crime Directorate.

We will not be making any further comments at this stage.

Sara Cheesley  
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MPS

