

Supplementary Statement of Alexander John Owens.

In light of certain recent events I feel it is now necessary for me to expand on my original statement I have submitted to the Lord Leveson Inquiry in particular the evidence contained in paragraph 5.5

I have already stated I was incensed after hearing what David Smith, Deputy Information Commissioner had to say on the Panorama programme. Such were my feelings that I now the felt the time had come for the public and Parliament to know the truth and the full facts about 'Operation Motorman'.

The problem that faced me was that I was well aware by disclosing the information I had I would be in breach of Section 59 Data Protection Act 1998 which is a criminal offence specifically aimed at current and former employees of the Information Commissioner's Office who disclose information so I was reluctant to go public with what I knew.

In the first instance I tried to make contact again with Nick Davies, to discuss my position with him but was unable to do so. Being unable to do so I then tried to make contact with a further four people who I felt were in a position to assist me, two of whom were Members of Parliament, one a solicitor and one a victim himself but knew the press well.

Whilst I did manage to make telephone contact with one nothing further followed after this call and I received no response from the remaining three.

By mid August / September I was so frustrated that I basically said to myself to hell with it if I have to go public to get the full truth out in the public domain then I will do so and face whatever consequences that may follow. It was then that I Contacted The Independent Newspaper, in the knowledge that they had had no involvement in Operation Motorman. I also made personal contact with Operation Weeting and through a friend who was himself a retired Strathclyde Police Officer made contact with Strathclyde Police. Obviously I also made contact with the Lord Leveson Inquiry offering to give evidence if they felt I could assist.

Statement of truth

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true

Signed

Dated..... 22/11/11 **.....**