

Witness Name: STEPHEN KIRBY
Statement No.:1
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Dated:

THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Witness Statement of STEPHEN KIRBY

I, Stephen Kirby, will say as follows:-

1. I am a Detective Superintendent in Wiltshire Police and Senior Investigating Officer for Operation Conifer. Operation Conifer is the name given to the investigation into allegations of non-recent child sexual abuse by the former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath. The investigation by Wiltshire was focussed on allegations made against Sir Edward Heath and any live perpetrators identified. If during the course of the investigation allegations were made against other persons of public prominence they were forwarded to Operation Hydrant. Operation Hydrant is the national team established by the National Police Chief's Council to coordinate and oversee non recent child sexual abuse investigations.
2. In October 2017 we published a Summary Closure Report in accordance with national advice to the police service setting out the outcome of the investigation. This is a public document.
3. Following national publication we were contacted by a journalist who requested that we speak to two retired officers from the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) who may have information relevant to the investigation
4. The first of these was Malcolm Sinclair. Mr Sinclair described being involved in an investigation between 1977 and 1979 when he was attached to the 'Clubs Office'/Vice Squad into activities between Soho and Cricklewood. It was believed that young boys were trafficked from an area known as the 'Meat Rack' in Piccadilly to a flat in Cricklewood. He said that he and his team became aware of a number of MPs including Sir Edward Heath using the flat in Cricklewood apparently to entertain young boys. He told us that this investigation was curtailed when he submitted a report to a senior officer of the MPS, Chief Superintendent Diver. This officer then unexpectedly diverted him and the other officers working on the investigation to other unrelated cases instructing them that it was 'not in the public interest to chase after high-ranking MPs'. His information and that of the other retired officer is contained in my

Supplementary Report dated 8 January 2018 ('the Supplementary Report' URN WTP000005).

5. Inquiries with MPS suggested that Mr Diver is deceased but that he was a person of interest in the ongoing inquiries by the Professional Standards branch team within Operation Winterkey. Accordingly we provided full details to MPS in a report dated 6 February 2018 (URN). Had Mr Sinclair's report been found we would have expected it to be forwarded to us as would any other information mentioning Sir Edward Heath as a result of our referral. We have received no further information from MPS.
6. Mr Sinclair also told us about a young boy who he believed was being trafficked between Amsterdam and the 'Meat Rack' in Piccadilly. He recalled attending Bow Street Magistrates Court to represent his welfare but could not remember the boy's name or any other details. Officers from the Operation Conifer investigation team attended the London Metropolitan Archives to inspect the records of Bow Street Magistrates Court from 1977-1979. There are a vast number of unindexed records for that period and a selection were assessed but within the very limited parameters from the information provide by Mr Sinclair, a review of all records and research into every juvenile named would have been time consuming and costly. Further inquiries were therefore considered a disproportionate use of resources.
7. The second retired officer was Paul Holmes. He confirmed the account provided by Malcolm Sinclair regarding the investigation surrounding the 'Meat Rack' and Cricklewood. Mr Holmes told the investigation team that during the late 1970s he received information from a registered source that a male known as Roddam Quinton Twiss was involved arranging the provision of boys for men from the 'Meat Rack' to his flat in Cricklewood. Mr Twiss has been confirmed as the son of Admiral Frank Twiss who was Black Rod at Westminster between 1970-78.
8. Mr Twiss has subsequently changed his name by deed poll to Raymond Roddam Gibson. He was visited by officers from Operation Conifer. He confirmed he had lived in Cricklewood He said he had met Sir Edward Heath in the 1960s and he had visited his flat for parties but this was prior to his living in Cricklewood. Mr Gibson claimed to be well connected to known personalities and senior officers in MPS. This information was also passed to MPS.
9. Mr Holmes confirms Mr Sinclair's account that they were called off their investigation by a senior officer. He was unable to recall the identity of that officer. He cites the reason as 'reallocation of resources'. This information was all included in the report provided to MPS for their further inquiries.
10. The information provided by Mr Sinclair, Mr Holmes and Mr Gibson (formerly Twiss) formed the content of the Supplementary Report and was shared with the MPS PSD in February 2018.
11. We have not had any further contact with the MPS about these matters since the submission of the report. .Operation Conifer did not progress any further enquiries.

Statement of truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed: _____ **DPA** *o/supt 2298* _____

Dated: _____ *29 January 2019.* _____

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BRIEFING PAPER TO METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE
