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Det Sgt

My name is Detective Sergeant Douglas CLARKE. The other person present is.

Det Cons

Detective Constable Ben HALL.

Det Sgt

We're interviewing, can I have your full name please?

POULTON

Derek Gordon POULTON.

Det Sgt

We're at a convert location and what we're attempting to do is to take a significant statement from Derek. During this time I'll remind Derek that if any time he wants to stop the interview if you can just just let me know. If you want to seek legal advice also let me know. The date is the 22^{nd} of January. The time is now midday by my, my watch. To start off with Derek what I'd like to do is, you don't mind me calling you Derek?

POULTON

No.

Det Sgt

I should get that out the way to start with. If you can just tell me a little bit about yourself, when you joined the police force and that sort of stuff and a bit of background information and then we'll work on from there.

POULTON

I joined the Met Police in, on August 6th 1973 and after my initial training at Hendon I was posted to Croydon where I served for approximately two years, until my probationary period was finished and then I went straight on as, through a board to TDC.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And worked on a Crime Squad at Wallington and then from Wallington I was then posted to (INAUDIBLE). I then did, well I did my initial CID course in 1976 I believe.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

At Hendon and then I was posted to Tooting where I remained for till 1978 and then I was, went back to uniform and was posted to Addington Police Station was their division and then I stayed there, I worked on the Crime Squad and Beat Crimes until 1985, 86.

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

When I was then transferred onto the Divisional Drugs Squad and then as a result of a job I was working on I was then seconded to the Serious Crime Squad at Tottenham Court Road.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

That was in relation to drugs and manufacture. Anything else.

Det Sgt

What happened after...

POULTON

Ah after that, during the course of that job it...

Det Sgt

How long were you on that for?

POLITON

About a, I should, that around for about six months, but the object was I was working with a DS then I'd known before, Bill BURNET.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And another PC Gerry LUNIS and what the object of the job was that the, I had one drugs informant who was very reliable and he let it in passing that a person was being sought for a drugs related murder on Catford's ground, whereby a drugs guy had come to do a meet, a handover and he had been ripped off of the drugs and the money and kicked out a mini and caught his foot in a seat belt and the car then continued up the road.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

POULTON

And he was decapitated on a bollard about 150 yards up the road and that murder had been outstanding for about 18 months and the suspect for that murder was a guy by the name of HUMPHREYS who was also a known drugs...

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

POULTON

Guy. So part of the job really was to secure the arrest of him. Then the other parts...

Do you remember what that operation was called?

POULTON

Don't know if it had an operational name.

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

Basically what it was, what it's also surrounding was a manufacture of amphetamine. There was a firm we thought was East End based, was setting up two or three amphetamine factories to manufacture amphetamine and then to get the other, to get the inroad into that company or that firm, needed to arrest this other person by the name of GRAY, Raymond GRAY who was also actively engaged in drugs lower down the food chain and he was an associate of a guy by the name of John CRITTENDEN.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And John CRITTENDEN was a sort of millionaire pikey that then had a caravan sales showroom in West Wycombe. He also had numerous business interests, he owned a dog track and a large house at Farnborough in Kent. So we knew Raymond GRAY was involved in it so it was done very low budget because I was working with the Divisional Drugs Squad at Croydon who didn't really...

Det Sgt

Yeah, okay.

POULTON

I wasn't, I wasn't, they're having to put up with me but that weren't really part and parcel to it.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And that resulted in the arrest of Raymond GRAY and another guy and three and a half kilos of uncut amphetamine.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

Well that amphetamine because it came up so pure it had to be close to source of manufacture.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

So managed to turn GRAY round as an informant and he didn't know the other informant. So I then had a position where I had two people in the same organisation that were act as informants, so you're getting a bigger picture. He then as a test to show that he was genuine he actually helped orchestrate and let us know when we could arrest HUMPHREYS. So Bill BURNET and myself we got the information but we didn't wanna be upfront with that

because of the other part of the job that was going on. So we got the Catford, Lewisham Crime Squad which I think included Sid FILLARY, to make the arrest of HUMPHREYS.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

HUMPHREYS eventual got tried and then I think he got off on appeal and I think it got reduced to manslaughter and I think he wriggled from that one as well. Then the job went on, we were, I was then in debriefing GRAY, we did it on tape. There was five tapes in all 'cause he was so connected. He had good quantity of information on the RICHARDSON's. There was an operation at that time going called the Collection Plan and the thrust and basis of that was, was to identify organised crime in London especially in relation to drugs.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Bleed them dry financially by intercepting their drugs shipments and then effectively make them bankrupt and then arrest them I believe for conspiracy. So he was able to give a lot of information on the RICHARDSON's and the RICHARDSON's weren't significant at that time in as much that they were heavily involved in organised crime, but they were a magnet for up and coming and other criminals who saw them as sort of like mini sort of godfathers 'cause of their reputation, Frankie FRASER and people like that. So in the course of debriefing GRAY he said, I forget which tape it was...

Det Sgt

Yeah tomorrow we'll give you your statements...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

And we'll be able to go through them all.

POULTON

But he actually said, well one he identify, he didn't identify but he made us aware of an officer he thought was a Detective Chief Inspector who mixed with CRITTENDEN and was corrupt and he had actually been at a dog track when this guy was present and he was like all this, he said he was high up, he thought he was a DCI. He said 'cause he had his millions with him and all sort of jumping around and putting bets. CRITTENDEN was giving him the betting money. He was then giving it to his DC's, DS's and they were running off and putting these bets on allegedly and then he went on and he also named Ray ADAMS, Commander Ray ADAMS who then was head of, what was then C11 and he said that he was corrupt and then when he had been on the Regional Crime Squad they'd had a plan to do a bank robbery in the Purley, Coulsdon area and it was all mapped up, there was obviously an informant in on it and they'd been disrupted before the robbery took place and it was then dealt with a conspiracy to steal scrap metal, but in actually fact it was a robbery that had been planned and he then went onto say that ADAMS was corrupt and he knew he was corrupt and things like that. So I was left with these tapes and I was (INAUDIBLE) between because I had, although I was seconded to Tottenham Court Road I was also, Bernie DAVIES I think was the Detective Chief Superintendent and I had to go and see him and I had to say in the course of debriefing this informant he's named two senior police officers. One I know the name of and I know of and one I can't identify and what's he saying, what's he saying.

Yeah.

POULTON

And I said we were just sort of talking about police corruption so he said and this was, this was most unusual but he was a type of old Detective Chief Superintendent who never left his office without his jacket and his tie done up and he actually flew out of that desk, down to the holding cell where this guy was and sort of really uncomfortable looking, tell me, tell me, 'cause he listened to part of the tape and he interrupted me. He was getting rather uncomfortable with this tape, what this guy was saying.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And he interrupted and before he had heard the end of it he then shot downstairs. I went with him and I think Gerry (INAUDIBLE) went and he's sort of breaking out in a sweat and he's sort of shouting at the informant, prisoner through the wicket you know, what are you saying, you can't say, what have you got to back all this up and all things like that. Well I knew in my own mind that Bernie DAVIES had been linked in the past with another South London criminal Gerry PILE.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And that I can't say he did but I was on good information that he'd actually attended his 40th or 50th birthday party.

Det Sgt

How do you know that?

POULTON

Sort of common chat amongst other officers.

Det Sgt

Rumour was it?

POULTON

Rumour, yeah and then, but then if you have different parts of a rumour come in. Like another one was that he'd actually leant his car once to PILE for some reason 'cause he was DI at, I think he was DI at Wimbledon then Bernie DAVIES and then this car had subsequently been used in a GBH on a hairdresser I believe or that was the vehicle that was clocked going away from it, but anyway so, so he was uncomfortable so he said I'm gonna have to ring Tottenham Court Road about this.

Det Sgt

Right, yeah.

POULTON

So at the time of, Tottenham Court Road (INAUDIBLE), Tottenham Court Road the Serious Crime Squad was split into two groups.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

Two halves. The Ray ADAMS fan club and those that saw Ray ADAMS as disrupted...

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

He had a hint of C11.

Det Sgt

What's that just for junior officers as my colleague here?

POULTON

What C11?

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Well it's a Serious Crime Squad, not a Serious Crime the Criminal Intelligence Squad and some of the C11 officers blamed ADAMS. Some of them at Tottenham Court Road blamed ADAMS 'cause ADAMS' had actually turned up at the RICHARDSON's OP in a job staff car in a commanders uniform which wasn't exactly, sort of didn't go down well with half, but it was split dead down the middle, the Serious Crime Squad and because they'd been taking and they were dealing with the brinks mat still.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

Robbery, the Heathrow Airport. So I was then, Bernie DAVIES rang up Serious Crime Squad and told them whereupon two people are despatched down to see me and they listen to the tapes and they said right this has got to go up the top. So he goes up the top and then someone says oh I've got to ring A10 which was CIB and so that phone call gets made. So I'm then left with the informant and then A10 are wanting me to bring him up. So one part of my case surmises and one, the part from the straight part of Serious Crime Squad saw this as a golden opportunity to get Ray ADAMS because he's coming had all been rather strange. They said...

Det Sgt

What...

POULTON

His arrival as in that position because Thelma WAGSTAFF had been given the Commanders job and she was tipped to be the next female Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. Very thorough police officer. She was the one that had sort of done all the work on rapes suites and things like that, very forward thinking and she arrived at C11 and (INAUDIBLE), 'cause she couldn't be a freemason. That was part of the yard thing that we don't want a freemason in C11, so it was Thelma WAGSTAFF 'cause you can't be a freemason and she lasted there for one day only for Ray ADAMS to be inserted the end of that day and she didn't, I don't know what she went off to, but she didn't, she was disappointed and would of probably been very good at it, but then I've known that Ray ADAMS and I knew this from Taffy HOLMES, that Ray ADAMS had set his sights on C11 because probably before your time, but if you go back to the days of Robert MARK, the first crusader in (INAUDIBLE) used to stamp out corruption.

Uh hum.

POULTON

When corruption was perhaps more in your face and you had DI's with chunky gold bracelets and Mercedes in the yard and things like that and because it was very much a law onto themselves the CID in those days, they didn't see that they had to sort of cover their tracks. They could be quite blatant about it you know...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Nobody used to say well we're earning thirty thousand pound a year how came you've got a eighty thousand pound life style. So all that lot, those that didn't get nicked and most of them didn't, but they saw the light and disappeared over night and those that they didn't have evidence or didn't think they'd ever get evidence again, they started bringing mini's into work, the gold bracelet disappeared and they started wearing sort of more run of the mill sorts. So what he did Robert MARK he got rid of a layer, he got rid of a layer of grazers and but what he contributed to he created a much more astute and cleaver up and coming CID office.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

At the time of this I think Ray ADAMS would have been a DS and these ones like him they realised that if you're gonna have an income, one thing you don't do you never pick the money up yourself, you always do it through a third party. If you're gonna have a higher income than your salary allows, you create something.

Det Sgt

Yeah, but how do you know, is this just rumour or do you know this as...

POULTON

Well it was just commonly known and then part, part of that, perhaps it's my own spin on it but I know, I saw it how it happened, so like Ray ADAMS created a wife, the history of his wife was wealthy. He then set up a couple of boutiques for her.

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

And things like that. Anyway....

Det Sgt

Well if we come to Ray ADAMS...

POULTON

Yeah, yeah.

Det Sgt

Right I can ask you about that. You were telling us that you had this informant and you were going back to A10 with them...

Yeah, so I was instructed and I cut the story short. I was instructed to take the informant GRAY up to A10. He said to me, he said what happens, what should I do. I said it's entirely up to you. I said if you, you know that's what they've picked on what you've said in that debrief. I said which I can't keep (INAUDIBLE)...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And it has to be passed on. Then he said well what will they do. I said well probably what they will do I said they'll offer you out as a mind job as an inducement. I said you know to close these amphetamine factories. So he said well what do you think. I said well personally I said I've got no real take on or off ADAMS and I know it's gonna sound odd this to your generation of policing but I could never see any mileage in arresting corrupt policeman, you know.

Det Sgt

Why not?

POULTON

Well it would be far better if you could get your dossier and your evidence and invite them into a room somewhere quietly and throw in front of them and say read that, listen to this what's that and sign this piece of paper with your resignation on, because when you get policeman at the Old Bailey they stand more chance of getting off. If they don't get off and they go down Joe public says they're all like that. If they get off it's 'cause he was a policeman. So it's, I know it sounds cynical but it is a, it is a bit of a no win situation really and I had this and I tell you what gave me. If you look for something in your life that stops you going bandy. It was earlier in my CID career was interviewing a bloke over a tuppeny happeny job and I had to spend three hours on him because The Sun had or The Sun or The Mirror that day they had a headline about a load of Traffic Police on the North of Northampton that had gone to a lorry turned over and nicked big lumps of stuff and all I could get out of this guy was oh you're all like that, you're all bent and things like that. Anyway he stuck in my (INAUDIBLE), I didn't like it, I didn't and then I was with another guy once arresting somebody and this other fella stood up (INAUDIBLE) yeah he's all right (INAUDIBLE) he'll take a drink, you're be all right, like that and that (INAUDIBLE) you 'cause you're with that person doesn't it.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

Anyway so that was that, so I said to him I said well I said if you do, whatever you say to them it's entirely up to you. I said you know you've got to be led by your own conscience I said, I said I'll be honest with you though it isn't gonna do the job I'm trying to do any good, I said 'cause it's gonna disrupt that. I said (INAUDIBLE) and I was. I was being a bit (INAUDIBLE) and a bit (INAUDIBLE) and a bit, you know I just wanted a, to finish this nice job off.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And it would have been a really good job. So I said I'll leave it up to you. I went and had a cup of coffee, booked him in and he said, turned to me and said I'm gonna say fuck all. He said I'm gonna say fuck all like that. So four and a half hours later he came out of there, so I

said that must have been the longest fuck all in history. So he said no, so I said what did they offer you then, so I said did they offer you a result on my job you know what you're nicked for the three and a half kilos of amphet, oh we didn't talk about that and then it just went on and then I had to go and see them and then the strange thing about GRAY was, GRAY had been on the scene and was known to ADAMS for a long time and ADAMS' bagman and then they've ended, I can't think of the name off the top of my head...

Det Sgt

That's all right.

POULTON

But he ended up as uniform Inspector at Chiswick.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Anyway where is this leading me...

Det Sgt

So did you continue to use ADAMS as an informant after all this incident, after this...

POULTON

GRAY, yeah. Right well 'cause they gave, Serious Crimes wanted GRAY 'cause he was visiting the RICHARDSON's you see. They, so they needed him as well. So from that point...

Det Sgt

So after the Ray ADAMS affair did you continue, did you continue to handle...

POULTON

Oh yeah, yeah 'cause...

Det Sgt

That, that...

POULTON

He was instrumental in this job, but the point I was gonna make ADAMS knew of GRAY.

Det Sgt

How did he know of GRAY?

POULTON

Well one he was part and parcel on the Regional Crime Squad on a conspiracy to rob that turned into a conspiracy to handle scrap metal.

Det Sgt

Right, okay.

POULTON

That went back a long time then and the other thing was that ADAMS when he lived in Millionaires Row at Shirley.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

Bishops Wharf.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

He decided and there again I can't prove this, but he decided to have a rather heavy burglary. I think he'd been influenced by someone else who used to be the head of the Regional Crime Squad (INAUDIBLE) Joe BOLTON and the bottom line on this burglary was I think he'd have needed Pickfords...

Det Sgt

To have taken all the stuff.

POULTON

To take all the stuff away but where he'd got cleaver than Joe BOLTON he as a new kid on the block, the new way of doing things. He realised it's far better to have someone arrested, fitted up and charged even if you don't get the stuff back 'cause it strengthens his insurance claim.

Det Sgt

So was someone arrested?

POULTON

Well he, the crime was reported at Addington Police Station, the main crime book. The two, the person he approached to deal with it was Taffy HOLMES.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

Alan HOLMES. Alan HOLMES' DS at the time was Peter FLUKE, ex Special Branch and ADAMS 'cause he had his freemasonry connections with HOLMES, so ADAMS leaned upon HOLMES that they should arrest Ray ADAMS for his burglary, not Ray ADAMS, Ray GRAY for his burglary and do what had to be done. Well Peter FLUKE couldn't of verballed anybody up if he tried, it just wasn't you know in his sort of makeup and Taffy HOLMES was probably the most incompetent police officer anyway, he wouldn't of done it himself because he would have lacked the expertise to do it. So basically I think it was written up in his crime sheet that GRAY had been interviewed and then that crime sheet was subsequently destroyed on orders of the DCI at Norbury, Les BELL who also knew Ray ADAMS and the person who removed that sheet from that crime book...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

When the inquiry into ADAMS was going on, well several years later, around about six years later, told me he had done it you know.

Det Sgt

Right, so let's...

POULTON

So where are we, so...

Det Sgt

So let's go back, GRAY's given information about Ray ADAMS. You're still at, on secondment...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Let's skip ahead a bit because we can come back to that. What did you do after, we'll forget the Ray ADAMS. Where did your police career go after Ray ADAMS...

POULTON

After what, well...

Det Sgt

After Ray ADAMS, let's say, how long were you seconded to...

POULTON

Er...

Det Sgt

The Serious Crime Squad or C11.

POULTON

Till I should think about seven months on the book there, eight months and then...

Det Sgt

And were you a DC or PC at that time?

POULTON

I was a PC then.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

So what happened then was the job started, the drugs team they took over and as much as I had an informant as well...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

GRAY and there was like undercurrent and it seemed like I was part and parcel to some of the stuff with C11 and Serious Crime Squad 'cause what basically we were doing, my other informant was acting as a middleman for the base chemical.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

We were meeting with him, the stuff would be decanted into other canisters with trackers on.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And then when it was handed over we'd, it'll be tracked to try and find where this factory was. So this happened about two or three times. I was a bit perturbed because the containers, they weren't even making any real attempt to match the containers.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

With what was, was being decanted from and then we kept losing the track and I was getting a bit, I don't know I was getting a bit suspicious that...

Det Sgt

Something was (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Something was perhaps being interfered with there.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

But nothing, I couldn't honestly prove that and then we went for a meeting up at C11 after that last lot had been lost again.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And I raised the point I said I'm getting rather worried, I said 'cause I've got an informant here who's putting his life on the line.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

I said and somewhere I said the more these that go through with trackers in that get lost, I said some (INAUDIBLE) employer at an amphet factory, he's gonna be stood outside a backdoor one day with a Stanley knife cutting a plastic drum up and he's gonna say oh what's this, oh don't worry about all that and about two weeks later I get a phone call from the informant's wife to say he's just been taken off in a Mercedes by men she thought might have guns.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

So he eventually managed to talk his way out of that. Then a covering operation was done to...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Show the sort of off of him, that the information or it might of come from the other source i.e. the person who was supplying the base chemical. (INAUDIBLE) but I was getting more and

more kept away from all this. Like Bill BURNET and me would be sat in an office and then earlier when we were working out of Farnborough 'cause we said, they said you've got to have a secure place to work from. Farnborough was then ceasing to be a police station as such so we had rooms there.

Det Sgt

Is that still in the Met then?

POULTON

It was Farnborough, it was then and then we had, I think we had about a hundred and thirty odd surveillance photographs.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And well full time surveillance but it was an old trick that you know if you took another photographs of someone picking their nose or coming out of a pub, when you interviewed in those days you could (INAUDIBLE) and start throwing them at them and then you know and they always wait to see if you've been watching them round the clock twenty four seven. The actual informant came back to me and said you've got a hundred and thirty seven photos of me haven't you, he hadn't seen him.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Where did you get that from, oh through someone, you know and Bill BURNET he said there's something wrong here you know...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Something's getting fed out. Eventually I never did hit, I did hit, I think eventually the, one of the factories was traced and closed down. It might have been two of them I think, one even might have been up in Cambridge I don't know. I was kept out of the back of it 'cause all the time this was going on I'm getting the other side of it...

Det Sgt

What's that...

POULTON

'Cause I'm then getting Taffy HOLMES saying to me Ray ADAMS he wants to hear the tapes...

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

He wants to have a meeting with him.

Det Sgt

Let's skip ahead...

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Let's leave the Ray ADAMS and Taffy HOLMES bit. We're gonna come back to that when you've had a chance to go through you're statements. What happened, there was an inquiry into Ray ADAMS. Where were you, what was...

POULTON

Oh the inquiry, there was one going already. There was I think already going and then what Ray said I think sort of tipped them off, but and I don't know...

Det Sgt

So where were you working then?

POULTON

I think I'd then gone back, I'm trying to think what station, no I hadn't I was still with them.

Det Sgt

You were still a PC?

POULTON

Yeah, still with them.

Det Sgt

Right, okay.

POULTON

And what happened then, oh yeah 'cause the A10 thing was taking over and they. It is, this, you know, I know you're probably sitting there you don't, you might not think it's relevant but it's all part...

Det Sgt

Go on.

POULTON

Of where it ended, so HOLMES is saying to me ADAMS is desperate to know what's on these tapes and all I said to HOLMES was I said listen I said as far as I'm concerned just keep out of it, keep away. I said at the end of the day I said it's a convicted person who's acted as informant, I said you know I can't see that he's ever gonna go down for it. He wants the tapes, he wants the tapes and oh no, no, no just keep out of it, all right and he went but he's a Commander you know and he's a mason too and all this crap and I said keep out of it. I kept telling him to keep out of it. Now then it started going, it started going a bit better 'cause Taffy HOLMES' girlfriend, not his wife his girlfriend she was the ex wife of Chick BURGESS who was a, used to run a robbery team, who was also known to ADAMS. So I started getting (INAUDIBLE) A10 are saying who, 'cause (INAUDIBLE) this inquiry is gonna be a hundred percent watertight. It was in the days when A10 was staffed by, well I wouldn't say jobs-worth's. It was deliberately filled with incompetence you know, someone would be made a Detective Chief Superintendent because it was a way of rushing up the ranks, but if you've made a Detective Chief Superintendent and all you've ever been was uniform and might have investigated a couple of fatal hit and runs...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

And suddenly you know, see at that stage you had a two team Detective Chief Superintendents who would be called out for different things, but that's what it was staffed with uniform, I'm not saying derogatory against uniform in those days, but (INAUDIBLE) oh this is watertight, yeah (INAUDIBLE). Anyway so I said is that right, I said last Wednesday you know they flew Ray ADAMS' house in Bishops Wharf in the Met Police helicopter, took photographs. How do you know that, how do you know that (INAUDIBLE) I said I found out after he did, I said he managed to know about it two hours after it was done and then they and 'cause I could keep saying, telling them things what Taffy was telling me, but I wasn't telling them Taffy's name. It was making me more and more wary because this was leaking like a sieve this so called inquiry and...

Det Sgt

Okay. Can we skip ahead to...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

After the inquiry what did you do after your police service after, 'cause apparently there was an inquiry done by Commander WAGSTAFF.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

And then...

POULTON

When I saw Thelma WAGSTAFF, 'cause after all this when, now you can't jump ahead of it really 'cause...

Det Sgt

Well I'll come back to all that...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

'Cause I'm...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

'Cause if we, if I gave you your...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Give you your statements then...

POULTON

Yeah.

It'll be fresh in your mind.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

As opposed to you trying to remember something that's happened...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Twenty years ago.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

I know it's probably, you know it's left an imprint on you but this way...

POULTON

Uh hum.

Det Sgt

We can go back over it. How did you feel after the inquiry with Ray ADAMS 'cause I've read through it and...

POULTON

Well...

Det Sgt

I have my opinions but how do you feel...

POULTON

Well I just felt badly let down quite honestly. I felt and I think Thelma WAGSTAFF said that in her report that I'd been badly used and badly treated and she, I think she sort of exonerated me because when I first saw her...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

She said I can't believe and lovely woman she said I can't believe that an officer could be instrumental in perhaps leading to the death of another officer, to that she was alluding to John FORDHAM bit.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

I'm not saying that he told...

Det Sgt

No, no.

'Cause he was connected to Kenny NOY, ADAMS. He's had him as a registered informant. He had been introduced as a part to try and get the gold back and there was a double pocket book thing, but he was, he was, what he was doing, it was the old days and I've got to, I don't know. I've got to jump, see you might think I'm jumping ahead, it was in the days of LUNDY, Tony LUNDY and these people and what you did then in those days if you wanted a, if you wanted a, you had an informant but the informant basically sometimes has give you information, a lot of the times it was to sign a bit of paper saying he'd given you the information.

Det Sgt

Right, yeah, yeah.

POULTON

If he wanted to mix with a criminal you registered him as an informant and then you had a legitimate excuse for...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) or anything like that and she said, she said if I believed for one minute she said that any police officer could stoop so slow as to sort of take money or be corrupt for you know this officer's lies for the sake of money, she said I think I'd resign from this job today. I said well with the best will in the world I said things perhaps have moved and you perhaps aren't aware of it and at the end I think she agreed. I think she, I think she commented on how useless the A10 report had been.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

TURRELL, 'cause I never named HOLMES.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Yet they allowed me to, it was fed to The Sun newspaper that I'd taken HOLMES for a game of golf and secretly tape-recorded him into given the things. So it was on page three of The Sun that I was a sneaky thing and 'cause like all policeman they're gonna believe everything they read in The Sun until it's about someone they know, so...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

I'm getting all this flack from, I'm not, you know...

Det Sgt

Roughly what year was that then?

POULTON

That would have been '87, yeah '87, '88.

Right, okay.

POULTON

And 'cause I said to Thelma WAGSTAFF, I said will I need to be legally represented at the inquest.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And she said I'll get back to you on that and she put, oh she said to me I'm gonna put my report in at the end of this she said, but I can't guarantee you that it won't have pressure brought on me to do things with it and I said well fair enough I can see where you're coming from. Then I got a phone call saying that I didn't have to go to the inquest.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

That they decided that HOLMES, HOLMES had committed suicide shot himself in the chest with a shotgun in his back garden, an alcoholic.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

When he's got less than half a pint of beer in him and the shotgun dropped under his arm and (INAUDIBLE) defy the laws of kinetic energy and oh you won't be needed, required at the inquest because it's all gonna be run on the lines that his wife had realised he was still having an affair with this woman and all this and that and he could have been. It was just a total load of bollocks (INAUDIBLE) really because his wife was well aware he was (INAUDIBLE), he didn't even sleep in the room downstairs and then I was told that they'd even had a run through, a practice inquest at the yard, but the thing was to keep me out and all I said, well I said all I, I don't mind going to the inquest. I said if I got to the inquest I said I might upset the job but there's gonna things will have to be, I will have to say that will contradict things that are gonna be said at the inquest and eventually, evidentially they didn't want me at the inquest, so that was all skirted round.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

So then The Sun had this thing and then there was all these bits in the paper about...

Det Sgt

So...

POULTON

ADAMS being still investigated. Then I, then they said, that's right they said TURRELL had to, I think it proved that TURRELL had told me to ring up HOLMES because there (INAUDIBLE) 'cause I got called, it's obviously in C11, get a phone call oh Derek, yeah, DS TURRELL here of A10, yeah, think we've got a mutual friend, like have both joined the job after 1960 so he's got to do thirty years, got a couple of children, adopted children, do you know who I'm talking about, no I said I've been up all night crawling round a farmyard reading car numbers by Braille still on this tracking thing and he said would you, do you

know what I'm talking about. I said listen I said I've been up all night. I said it's now like 2 o'clock I said I haven't got time for games. I said what are you trying to tell me. He said the person that's been passing the information to you is Alan HOLMES isn't it. He said and I want you to contact him, get hold of him and tell him that if he doesn't make contact with the Commander A10.

Det Sgt

Who's that?

POULTON

Whatever his name was, by Sunday at the latest he'd be arrested on his doorstep in front of his children. So I said well surely it's up to you to tell his senior officer this not me and he said no I'm telling you he said and after you've told him you must meet this, the Commander and A10's getting very upset with, about you and I haven't done anything bloody wrong you know. So he said, so I got hold of HOLMES, he was on the piss as usual. He picked me up at the yard 'cause my car had been left at Farnborough where we started off the operation and on the way to Farn, he's going what, he's got a right panic, what do I, what do I do. I said well I'm just passing the message on and I turned to this other guy on the desk next to me at (INAUDIBLE) I said, I said I've just been asked to pass a black spot you know.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

He said what do you mean, so he said well that's not right. Anyway so we ended up at a pub in, we ended up in a pub in Crystal Palace on way 'cause he needed a drink and he was (INAUDIBLE) he asked, he knew the guy. The pub was run by a ex DS PEACOCK, Lionel PEACOCK. He said Lionel can you go and get Jean. He goes off to get Jean. He's talking, Jean arrives and said what is it, well look I said this is what's happening Jean, 'cause I'd by then, before then I'd had my life threatened by ADAMS through HOLMES. ADAMS had told HOLMES (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

But right, so I then.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

She said what, what do we then. Well I said well look I said where he's, Taffy passed on the threats about my, something nasty would happen to me or one of my family if I didn't cooperate and not to take the pleasure in the fact that Ray ADAMS might be arrested for it because he'd be a million miles away when it happens, he's got enough contacts and people to see, get it done. I said you said if, if anything ever happened to you Derek or your family I'll personally go to the yard and tell them how I paid Ray ADAMS out of his own doorstep on behalf of Chick in cash.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

So I said well it's up to you Jean, I said he's in the hole now. I said you said you'd do that for me, I said well why can't you know you help him out. See then we have to drive them both or we got driven in his car to The Warren Police Club, we had to go and have a drink with them and then had to go off and meet A10 lot at another, at Warlingham where I had to leave my car and then where's the nearest outside the Met from there, have you given him the message, yeah, yeah the message, what did he say. I got taken to Caterham I had to make a statement of what, I'd passed the message on that I was given and what he had said.

Det Sgt

You've put all this stuff in your statement haven't you?

POULTON

Yeah, yeah.

Det Sgt

Okay. When did you actually leave the police force, police service?

POULTON

Well I finished on 19th of October 1989 was my...

Det Sgt

'89.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Okay. What did you do if all these sort of things were happening in '87, what did you do between '87 and '89?

POULTON

Well I had a death threat as well. I was put back can you do the Crown Prosecutions...

Det Sgt

You were put back where?

POULTON

Well I went to Norbury to the CPS office.

Det Sgt

So what's that for?

POULTON

Crown Prosecution, it was to liase, well basically...

Det Sgt

Case papers did you deal with?

POULTON

Yeah, just going through checking case papers, what needed to be done, what, what was missing and things like that.

Det Sgt

Where were you living at the time?

When I was at, still at (INAUDIBLE) Hill, no, no hold on, no 'cause HOLMES had then committed suicide. So by that time I was living, I moved, 'cause we sold our house and I'd bought a maisonette in Croydon and house to house up in Norfolk, so in between those going through I was with my, living at my mother-in-laws.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

So where is this...

Det Sgt

So you've gone back...

POULTON

Yeah so I'm doing CPS liaison.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And the reason for that 'cause I'm at Norbury and I got, Les BELL was the DCI who was meant to be watching my back.

Det Sgt

Oh right, okay.

POULTON

Because there was still and I then seen the federation thing and they were busy attempting to sue The Sun.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Or they got a retraction because if I hadn't of been a policeman they could of sued them, because I was a policeman what I was accused of doing that I didn't do...

Det Sgt

Right, okay.

POULTON

It would have been my duty to do anyway 'cause of the legal technicalities, they got retracted in the, in The Sun.

Det Sgt

How much service had you had at that time?

POULTON

Seventeen years I suppose when I left.

Det Sgt

Seventeen years and why did you go?

What?

Det Sgt

Why did you go?

POULTON

Well just, everything in the end it just come, I got, walked into work one day...

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

And there's a death threat in me bloody desk.

Det Sgt

Tell me about the death threat.

POULTON

Well just saying that if, you know I can't even remember the words of it now because the...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Bloody thing, along the lines of I'm a...

Det Sgt

Was it typed or was it just a...

POULTON

Handwritten I think, I'm a dirty grassing murdering bastard and you're gonna die, words to that, I don't know I can't even remember 'cause I just sort of read it, but it had come on top of everything else because this is what you've got to explain, it might mean I'm sort of jumping ahead but Ray ADAMS is sitting back laughing about all this. A10 don't really wanna get a result. The yard don't wanna get a result and they just want the whole thing squashed and swept under the carpet. I'm gonna (INAUDIBLE). Les BELL's meant to be watching my back. He doesn't know, I know of Ray ADAMS Derek but I don't know...

(BUZZER SOUNDS).

POULTON

Tape end. He doesn't know, you know don't know him that well. Then one day I'm having a drink with Les BELL and he just turned round and said oh you'll never guess who I bumped into over the weekend. I said who was that then, so he said you're old man. I said who's that, he said Ray ADAMS. I said Ray ADAMS. I said where was that, he said yeah I was at a boxing do.

Det Cons

Derek we've just got to (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

All right.

Det Cons

The tape. It's quarter to 1 and I'm changing the tapes.

TAPE TURNED OFF.

Det Sgt

This is a continuation of the interview with, can you just say who you are please?

POULTON

Derek POULTON.

Det Sgt

And I am DS Doug CLARKE and the other person present is.

Det Cons

Det Cons.

Det Sgt

I must remind you of your rights. One you're not under arrest and two if you want to stop the interview you can, you're free to go and that you can seek legal advice at any time throughout this significant statement that we're taking. On the last interview, last tape you were just telling us how you received a death threat and you were just explaining about you leaving after seventeen years service.

POULTON

Yeah, so this note and that was, you know it just, I (INAUDIBLE) Les BELL said I saw an old friend of yours at the weekend Ray ADAMS, how was that then, I was at a boxing do at the weekend and I was in the toilet and Ray walked in and said how, how you going Dinger and I said how's things you Dinger and I said how's things with you then Ray and I just stopped him in his tracks. I said Les I said I didn't think you knew him that well to be on that sort of, you know...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Yeah, so straightaway, so and then I think it was about a week after that I got his thing in me tray.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

And I'd just had enough and I thought you know and I don't know.

Det Sgt

How did you feel?

POULTON

Well let's put it this way before you join the police you think cor that's a fine body of men. If anything happens the long arm of Scotland Yard reaches out without fear or favour.

Um.

POULTON

Takes that person that's done that and deals with them. Then you realise, a bit like being a doctor you ain't gonna save everybody's life, you're not gonna change the world and telling someone you can't save (INAUDIBLE). So take that at on a stage as a police officer, but the thing you still retain and it might be, sound naïve this but the thing even aware and exposed to corruption things like that, the thing you still retain is that if something really serious happens there is a police force, there is, they're on your side.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Suddenly I was realising there wasn't. I didn't know who I could trust, was there people being fed into me to try and steal the information for ADAMS. I didn't know who I could trust, who I could turn to. I couldn't even go up to, I couldn't go to the yard and go, ask the staff officer of the Commissioner to say can I have an interview. So I was just pissed off. So I saw my doctor, he knew what had been going on.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And all the strain I'd been under, so he put me, he put me off sick with stress.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And then the yard decided that I should go and see the force psychiatrist...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Doctor FAREWELL, FAREWELL. So I had to go to Hendon clinic to see him.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And I must admit I sort of said to him look I said I'm not mad, I'm not going bonkers. I said but I just need, I need to be out of this job you know, I need to be away from it. I said I don't see how I can function anymore in it and he sort of sorted things out. By the time of about the third meeting unbeknown to me he was also counselling certain other people. One I believe was the guy that was with John FORDHAM.

Det Sgt

Right, yeah.

POULTON

And some other people and 'cause they (INAUDIBLE) he just talked about things, it's all confidential, but what he'd had was like a funnel with about five jigsaw pieces dropping into

it, all unrelated people, weren't known to each other and then he, I don't know almost like I started having to counsel him because he was, he couldn't believe...

Det Sgt

What was going on.

POULTON

What was going on 'cause he had a wider picture, he had a wider vision of the thing and he wrote that to the Commissioner asking what the hell was going on with his force and you know I think he objected to sort of being used as a sort of, 'cause it suits them, it's anything like that and you know, I don't know how long you've been in the job.

Det Sgt

Who me?

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Seventeen.

POULTON

Seventeen, so you've seen...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Seen some changes but in those days, if you could, if you could get some doctor to say this person's stressed or suffering with stress something like that, straightaway you're halfway there for a cleanup.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Because...

Det Sgt

Cleanup meaning that you're on your way to getting pensioned.

POULTON

Yeah, well not to cleanup from their point of you if a witness is something is discredited because he's suffer, 'cause all stress and that is still classed as a mental illness. That's why A10 went to GRAY's doctor, descended on GRAY's doctor before the end of the inquiry in force and I tell (INAUDIBLE) more like a (INAUDIBLE) than anything else. Senior officers there and almost pushed through everybody else and told his doctor that he was gonna say that, that Ray GRAY was a, a habitual user of drugs, he was mentally ill, mentally unstable, nothing he said could be relied upon. That, so, so that was it so I got my ticket. I then got, I did get invited, oh before this I did get invited, I got invited to the yard to see someone in high up and I said I've got to let you know Derek that nothing, well nothing's gonna happen to Ray ADAMS.

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) he's not gonna, he's never gonna stand in the dock at the Old Bailey because it's been viewed that it's not, it's not either politically...

Det Sgt

Correct.

POULTON

Not politically correct, it's not oh that's you know, was gonna upset...

Det Sgt

Too many people.

POULTON

Too many people, when I say politically, I do actually mean like the conservative party and that it's not in the best interest for morale or what not of the force and he said but Derek he said tell me, well I'll arrange it, where do you wanna get transferred in the Met, where do you wanna work, you can, anywhere else this force, any force outside, Scotland, where do you wanna and I said I don't know (INAUDIBLE) so I got me warrant card and said so what you're saying then is I can use this anywhere else but it don't apply in here and he just shrugged his shoulders and that was it.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

So that's when I, then I had to go and do my final trip down at pensions. Saw the CMO he was, he (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Can we, can we go back to you said you were a DC originally, then you went back to uniform.

POULTON

Uh hum.

Det Sgt

Can you tell me what happened then?

POULTON

I was, I got breathalysed in a, it related to an accident.

Det Sgt

Can you tell a bit about that?

POULTON

Well basically I'd, was taking a car to get it filled up, we'd been to a drink in the office and I'd been for a meal that evening. Then I got, I got back to the office and there was a phone call from a guy we later arrested and I think he's a pub, I'm not sure if he's a publican, said that...

Det Sgt

Had you been to an office lunch, were you on...

POULTON

No...

Det Sgt

Technically on duty.

POULTON

It had been Carol (INAUDIBLE) drink in the evening, so I took the car out and the only car was available, 'cause night duty CID had that was the Detective Chief Superintendent's car, so I booked that out and...

Det Sgt

Were you technically on duty at the time?

POULTON

Yeah, well yeah because I (INAUDIBLE) off and I went to Balham, there wasn't any sign of it and then when I looked there was hardly any petrol left in it.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

POULTON

So you know I've just been brought up you never take a car back you know...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Even if you've done two miles in it and the previous person had two hundred, you know if it's the last person (INAUDIBLE) it was for the petrol. I was just driving over to Lambeth, but unfortunately on my way to Lambeth there was a bloke who just sort of, well he's drunk really and you know, lucky it was somebody (INAUDIBLE) saw what happened, 'cause he said if I hadn't of hit him he would of done so, but I had to call traffic to call my own execution 'cause they'd suss I'd be over the limit.

Det Sgt

So was this other person in a vehicle or was he just on the road and he stepped out in front of you?

POULTON

No he just stepped out in front, so that was (INAUDIBLE) just short of the garage where we used to, we used to use to fill the cars up.

Det Sgt

Were you on your own?

POULTON

I was on my own yeah.

Det Sgt

And the result of which, what happened to this person?

POULTON

He died.

Det Sgt

All right. Were you suspended at all?

POULTON

I was suspended that weekend.

Det Sgt

How long for?

POULTON

Just two days.

Det Sgt

Then you're back at work and then you were change of duties 'cause you're not reduced in rank or anything were you so, so it was a change of duties.

POULTON

Well they, they used to say it was a standard thing then, but they...

Det Sgt

Where were you, where were you actually working at the time that happened?

POULTON

That's Tooting.

Det Sgt

You were at Tooting.

POULTON

Yeah

Det Sgt

What CID office?

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

And then from that, that incident happened, that got investigated.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

And then you returned to...

POULTON

I end up at Horseferry Road Magistrates Court 'cause they were, they were 'cause on the drink thing because they were trying to push it that it was death by dangerous driving, but the witness he, he said exactly the same that if I hadn't of hit him he would of hit the bloke, didn't give me any chance and he also said that the vehicle I was driving was being driven perfectly normal, not at high speed and wasn't, my driving didn't seem, appeared to be impaired in any way. So I think they had to put that one on so it wasn't them saying they'd squashed that and then some rumour started flying around that this bloke was meant to have been an informant for Operation Countryman you know, but I, I never, wouldn't, I dismiss that 'cause I think he was basically he was just an alcoholic 'cause his blood alcohol was...

Uh hum.

POULTON

Really high as well.

Det Sgt

And so what year was that roughly?

POULTON

Oh '78 I think, I got sixty pound and a years ban.

Det Sgt

Of '78.

POULTON

Yeah, then I had a discipline board, because I hadn't, I'd done the right thing and called...

Det Sgt

Yeah, yeah.

POULTON

Traffic and I hadn't tried to cover it up or run away from the car or do anything stupid and then they said you know go back to uniform, go back to uniform.

Det Sgt

Where did you go?

POULTON

To, well Z division and then I was posted to Addington.

Det Sgt

Right, okay. Can we, can we stop there 'cause we're about to have lunch. The time is now 12.57 and we'll stop the tapes.

TAPE TURNED OFF.

Det Sgt

This is the continuing interview with Derek POULTON. I'm DS Doug CLARKE. The other person present is.

Det Cons

DC Ben HALL.

Det Sgt

The date is the 22nd of Jan. The time by my watch is now 14.04. During this time I have to remind Mr POULTON that he's not under arrest, he's free to go. He can have legal representation if he wants and if at any time he wants to stop this interview he can. We are trying to take a significant statement from him. At the conclusion of the last interview...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

You were just telling about how you returned to uniform in 1978...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

If I'm right.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Why didn't you back, to try and get back into CID?

POULTON

Pardon.

Det Sgt

Why didn't you try and become, go back into CID again?

POULTON

Well I was really, I was sort of trying to but I suppose I got, but the thing really was amphetamine thing, if I could have brought that off.

Det Sgt

Yeah, that would have...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Catapulted you back into CID do you think?

POULTON

No, I think it would have helped if I'd applied then, you know they say that forgiveness is divine, but it's not force policy though.

Det Sgt

Things have changed since...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Since. Right if I just go over what you've said. So far you were saying that you were in the service for about seventeen years.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

You left due to stress and pressure from the Ray ADAMS incident.

Um.

Det Sgt

Or lack of comeback or discipline to him.

POULTON

Well not so much that as in as much that I could have stayed and I could have moved and I could have, but I'd have always been, I'd have always felt I was on offer so to speak you know. (INAUDIBLE) some people to fit me up or stick something in me drawer or something in me locker or.

Det Sgt

And also you were saying that you had a threat...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Handwritten threat on your desk.

POULTON

Um, in my tray.

Det Sgt

In your tray. You were just saying just a minute ago about being fitted up. What makes you think that someone would have done that. Is this something personal to you or?

POULTON

I think well it was just the attitude in those days that however bad something was you shouldn't be seen to be...

Det Sgt

A whistle blower.

POULTON

A whistle blower and there was no facilities in those days for people, there was no one you could turn to officially or it might have been they will guard you, yes there was but in reality there was no effective safe way of making your sort of fears or worries known to anybody.

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

And that's really why I couldn't of continued because I would have been on offer and I know I would have been on offer.

Det Sgt

Right. Can you move onto after you left the force/service.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

What did you do for employment?

Didn't do anything really for, I just sort of swapped roles. My wife returned to banking and I sort of, I hadn't seen much of the children when I'd been a policeman so I did the housefather bit.

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

And she returned to work.

Det Sgt

How long did that go on for?

POULTON

I think till about 1996, '97 I think.

Det Sgt

So.

POULTON

About ten years.

Det Sgt

So there's a bit of a gap from '89 to 1996. So were you both at home during that period of time?

POULTON

1996, no 'cause I think she had gone back to work.

Det Sgt

She went back to work.

POULTON

Before in about 1990 I think.

Det Søt

Oh right, so you sort of stopped, she went back to work...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

And then you continued as...

POULTON

Yeah, (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

In the role as sort of househusband.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Was this (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) parent I think.

Det Sgt

Was it purely your choice just...

POULTON

Well I was still, I was still upset, I was still, well it was just I'd moved away.

Det Sgt

Do you think this incident that had happened shortened your career in the police service?

POULTON

Oh without a dealt, you know it wasn't, it wasn't something I would have chosen. I would have, you know that was all I wanted to do and I wanted to see my career out really.

Det Sgt

Do you hold any resentment to Ray ADAMS in relation to...

POULTON

I did at the time I suppose but not, not resentment to, resentment I suppose in a way that what (INAUDIBLE) if it was right he got away with it and he walked. Well that's been confirmed to me on the day his, the investigation result, the investigation into him, the first one was announced I had David LEOPARD from The Sunday Times ring me up.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

He had been on his mailing, ADAMS' mailing list. I don't know how he got hold of my ex directory number, I don't know 'cause the only people who had it was pensions I think and someone else who was trusted.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And he got hold of my home number and said oh how do I feel about Ray ADAMS being exonerated and did I feel this and did I feel that and I said well I've got nothing to say to you full stop and I asked him how he got hold of my number and he wouldn't say and that was it and I suppose you go through different stages I suppose, 'cause he had, that there was something Taffy wasn't make that up, if you, you've got to look at it against the background of who ADAMS was connected to. That he'd been associated with the actual ADAMS family. I'm not saying he's a relative.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

But there are incidents of where the ADAMS has been present and he'd, his place had been turned over and he was there playing cards and on another occasion he was down in Spain linked in an address that was connected with drugs and the Spanish and the Americans jointly through Spanish police raided that and he was sat there with all those people and apparently he was given words of advice about his, where he went you know, where he went on his

holidays but yeah I think he always managed to pass it off that he was seeking information and that he was...

Det Sgt

Were there any more, any other threats or physical harm caused to you before you left?

POULTON

I had the petrol line cut on my car. It had been done with a Stanley knife right by the manifold. I took the children to the police club at the Warren and...

Det Sgt

When was this?

POULTON

Oh that's before I left, when all this was going on.

Det Sgt

What this was at the time, this was before you went back to...

POULTON

This is when I...

Det Sgt

Your CPS role or was it...

POULTON

That's when I was, yeah when I was off the first time and that had been cut right by the manifold.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

With a Stanley knife.

Det Sgt

What sort of car was it?

POULTON

That was an Austin Allegro.

Det Sgt

How long had you had the car. Was it a new car?

POULTON

No it was a sort of mileage mobile really but.

Det Sgt

So could it have been an accident?

POULTON

No 'cause it had been...

Det Sgt

It definitely...

POULTON

Wasn't a split, it wasn't a soft rubber.

Det Sgt

How did you, how did you find out?

POULTON

'Cause I smelt the petrol when I started it up.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

When I'd driven nine miles there I suppose...

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

Or seven miles there, there would have been no petrol and since I started it up I smelt the petrol...

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Lifted the bonnet and there it was pissing onto the manifold.

Det Sgt

Right, did you have the children in the car at the time?

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

What did you do about, did you report the incident?

POULTON

I told, no did I tell Thelma WAG, I think I might of told Thelma WAGSTAFF, I might of told the A10 lot then. I can't remember (INAUDIBLE) I think it was prior to, I think it's when the A10's thing was still going on.

Det Sgt

Was anything done, was it reported?

POULTON

I don't know, I don't, well...

Det Sgt

I mean...

POULTON

I think they...

POULTON
Yeah.

Det Sgt
We do risk assessments.

POULTON
I know, well I think it was noted.

Det Sgt
That was it.

POULTON

Det Sgt

Um.

Okay. So someone cut your brake, who do you believe did that then?

POULTON

Don't know.

Det Sgt

'Cause that seems...

We've moved on now...

POULTON

It wasn't a friend that's for sure.

Det Sgt

It's a fairly serious sort of thing to do especially if you had the children in...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

I mean I think I'd be quite aggrieved, I'd want to find out you know who did this.

POULTON

Well you were but then I know as strange as it may seem it's, you know it's (INAUDIBLE) who do you trust, who don't you trust. Well the guy that worked with me Gerry LUNIS...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

He actually left, he was the one that gave A10 HOLMES' name because I had to confided in LUNIS 'cause he was fairly reliable and what have you, 'cause it was much to his interest as well 'cause he was working on a job with me...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And if there's threats flying around and things were gonna happen it was only fair that he should know and they had LUNIS up and asked him who it was that had been telling me

about ADAMS' intentions and he told them, but then the job was quite happy for it really to be passed off that it was me that had blown the whistle and HOLMES, I never, I never verified that fact with them until such times as they knew him anyway. Not because, not because I was protecting, in a way I was protecting myself because he was my only conduit I had to give me early warning of what was going through certain peoples minds about what was affecting them.

Det Sgt

Did you ever receive any counselling after Taffy HOLMES incident, you being in the job...

POULTON

No.

Det Sgt

Threats.

POULTON

Well I had...

Det Sgt

Physical harming...

POULTON

FAREWELL, but they didn't they just, as I say FAREWELL he...

Det Sgt

Sorry who's FAREWELL?

POULTON

Doctor FAREWELL he was a force psychiatrist.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) couch and he said that, once he found out he started getting these different bits of the jigsaw falling into his hopper, he wrote and he told me that he had written a letter to the Commissioner asking what the hell was going on with his force because it wasn't me and I wasn't an isolated sort of nutter. There was, there were other people telling him similar things about similar people.

Det Sgt

All right, so if we move on. So you say up until or go back to 1996, what did you start doing then?

POULTON

Was it 1997 I went and got a job with Cambridge City on the CCTV.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

And did that, they were just starting that off. I did that for oh 19, till 2000, 2001 I think.

Det Sgt

So only what about four or five years.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

And then what did you do?

POULTON

From there I went to (INAUDIBLE) in Cambridge.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And then I stayed there till 2004 and then I got, that was, no I've got to be careful. Can we turn that off a minute?

Det Sgt

Do you want to stop the interview?

POULTON

But can I just stop the interview a moment?

Det Sgt

It will, we'll come back to that and I'll...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

And I'll be guided by...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

I think by my next question is when did you start help, start assisting police?

POULTON

That was I think 1999.

Det Sgt

And...

POULTON

I'm sure if it was 1999 or 19, I think it's been ten years over all.

Det Sgt

Ten years, so that would be what...

POULTON

'97 perhaps.

Det Sgt

'97, is that when you returned, basically after you returned back to work.

Um.

Det Sgt

And how did that come about?

POULTON

Well there was some publicity about the MORGAN murder and I think the guy that was there, I used to know as a DS. I rang him up and said that was you aware of some of the background things that might be pertinent to it and he then...

Det Sgt

Do you remember who the DS was?

POULTON

No, I spoke, no I spoke to someone, Tom SMITH I think he was a DCI by then.

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

And Tom SMITH I think there was a cold case they were reviewing I think.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

And I spoke to someone and then Tom rang me up.

Det Sgt

He rang you up...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

As opposed to the other way round.

POULTON

And he said could we, I've been trying to see you to meet you and I was a bit (INAUDIBLE) like that and I thought you know there's still unfinished business, there's still unanswered things there, so I said okay and so I said somewhere neutral and I think he said there was a hotel in Downham Market and I got my son to drive me there and then obviously Tom SMITH was there who I knew and that's how I was introduced to Dave WOODS, who then said to me in conversation when he was talking about the background and things like that and he said were you aware about Duncan HANAHAN, so I said I was.

Det Sgt

What was that about...

POULTON

That Duncan HANAHAN had been a bagman for Ray ADAMS.

Det Sgt

Right, how were you aware of that fact?

Well I, just subsequently really that he was coming and tapping me about what was going on and things like that, trying to...

Det Sgt

Duncan was.

POULTON

Duncan was yeah.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

'Cause he was at Norbury then.

Det Sgt

Right, okay.

POULTON

And then after I'd left the job I did apply for a security manager's job with BT and I went and went up to the West End and did all the tests and the interview and everything else and I knew I done well but I was surprised then that I didn't get the job.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And WOODSY said to me, he said have you ever wondered why you didn't get that security managers job at British Telecom. So I said well I did wonder I said 'cause I thought I did reasonably well in the interview and all the phases of it. He said well he said that was down Ray ADAMS. So I said well how was it down to Ray ADAMS, he said 'cause he still had his connections from C11 days with British Telecom people.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And he said he got your application blocked, he found out that that's what you were gonna do from Duncan HANAHAN.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

He said and on the day they both heard that it had been blocked, he said he took Duncan HANAHAN to the Ritz for dinner to celebrate.

Det Sgt

Right.

Det Cons

So you told Duncan and Duncan had told Ray ADAMS.

Well I told, well I told Duncan directly (INAUDIBLE) said to, it might have been to LEIGHTON or someone like that or some, someone else you know what I was thinking of doing and so then WOODSY he had, excuse himself to go to the toilet and I turned to Tom SMITH and I said I (INAUDIBLE) that's right and then Ray WOODS said he said technically he said you could sue the Metropolitan Police for that, he said because he was still employed as a Commander in the Metropolitan Police and he was misusing his powers and connections with the Metropolitan Police to illegally stop you gaining employment, he said and you could sue he said but I've got to tell you he said now I've told you that he said I could never, I wouldn't be allowed to stand up in court and verify it. So then excuse himself to go to the toilet, which I replied to Tom SMITH, so what is he actually after I said 'cause that's obviously, he's told me that, the only reason he'd got for telling that is to make me annoyed and perhaps (INAUDIBLE) to...

Det Sgt

Can I just go back to the Tom SMITH bit. You said that Tom SMITH called you. Is that...

POULTON

Yeah, I don't think it was Tom SMITH I spoke to first of all when I rung up and said about the other factors that I was aware of that I thought might be connected.

Det Sgt

All right, so there was a cold case review and then you called up...

POULTON

Yeah

Det Sgt

Had you realised that there was a cold case review?

POULTON

Yeah if it was in the newspaper or on the news or something like that.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

But Tom SMITH as it transpired I think was reviewing the murder.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And 'cause he I suppose he recognised my name, knew me and I think that's why he then came along so there would be someone, meeting was who I didn't know from Adam...

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

POULTON

There would be someone there that I knew I suppose.

Det Sgt

And then you said the background to it, what background is that?

What the background, well like I explained that as far as I was aware that HOLMES.

Det Sgt

Taffy HOLMES.

POULTON

HOLMES and MORGAN.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Had allegedly been trying to sell a story about police corruption, serious police corruption.

Det Sgt

And where did you get that from or how do you know that?

POULTON

I think part of, I think HOLMES had said something along the lines, where else...

Det Sgt

He said it what to you?

POULTON

Yeah, but not in so many words. I think someone else then said and then ultimately even REECE said.

Det Sgt

Okay. Let's split that up...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Because this is not...

POULTON

I know it's important, yeah.

Det Sgt

You say that Taffy HOLMES said it to you.

POULTON

Yeah, well...

Det Sgt

Not in so many words.

POULTON

Not in so many words.

Det Sgt

Can you remember what he said to you?

Hold on a minute because I think there was also another person who is quite, who was sort of acting as a bit of a go between that his wife knew my wife.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

CLARKE, Barry CLARKE, Brian CLARKE, he would have been on SO19. I'm not sure if even mentioned as well.

Det Sgt

And how do you know Brian CLARKE?

POULTON

SO, what now is the Serious Crime Squad.

Det Sgt

And so he was on the Serious Crime Squad.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

He was a colleague of yours.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

And he mentioned to you that he believed that...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

That Taffy HOLMES...

POULTON

'Cause once Taffy stopped speaking to me, once, once he had been interviewed at Tintagel.

Det Sgt

Okay. Can you, just, just for the benefit of myself and my colleague, what was your relationship with Taffy like?

POULTON

Well I'd always known Alan since (INAUDIBLE) days and he was a, he was just, just (INAUDIBLE), a bit of a drunk and what have you and...

Det Sgt

But he still worked on the squad and...

POULTON

Well he sort of, he was a...

Det Sgt

'Cause if he's a bit of a drunk and a bit of, how have the two of you sort of come together?

Because we were (INAUDIBLE), the common denominate was that when I went on as a TDC he was like one of the old (INAUDIBLE) at Croydon.

Det Sgt

Oh right, yeah.

POULTON

So we'd always sort of known each other, we'd go to piss ups together and then also C11 eventually said oh, invited me to join his lodge you see, so he was the master of the lodge at that time.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

A freemason so.

Det Sgt

So how would you describe your relationship, would you say that you were just colleagues at work, did you socialise after work?

POULTON

It was a sort of relationship really where, oh it's hard to, you can spend the next two hours talking about him, (INAUDIBLE) person. He wasn't a policeman, he was like an requirement for every office in those days that someone knew how to get a barrel of beer cheap or...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) for a barbeque.

Det Sgt

A mumper.

POULTON

Yeah, a mumper for want of (INAUDIBLE). He wasn't a policeman's policeman, he'd sort of ride off the coattails of things.

Det Sgt

Right, okay.

POULTON

And the reason he got up there was basically because of the hold he has over another senior officer.

Det Sgt

What hold did Taffy hold then?

POULTON

Well it went back to a DI who then got promoted or transferred to Barnes who'd been with him on the...

Det Sgt

Are you talking about the Flying Squad here?

POULTON

Well he was ex Flying Squad but he'd been, that's Barnes where they both went. The other one had been in the Flying Squad before, but there was a prison breakout, violent prison breakout from a prison van at Norbury on it's way to Lewis Prison.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And they took over the investigation and then...

Det Sgt

Who's this Taffy HOLMES and this DI.

POULTON

DI, well not Taffy HOLMES had taken over it, he was part, so of worked his way onto it...

Det Sgt

Part of the team.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE) DI (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

And then he, while they were sort of lodging in Brighton.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Doing this investigation, I think he fitted him up with some crumpet and so the DI was sort of, in his sort of pocket so, well...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Sort of obliged to him, when he found out he that he was going to Barnes, HOLMES' inflated idea of what his own policing skills were sort of (INAUDIBLE) his way...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

To get transferred to Barnes and then when Barnes, when the Brinks-mat came off and then they sort of made it a bigger squad and then they were starting to cut numbers when it moved in with the Serious Crime Squad. Lots of good officers got put back to normal duties, CID duties on division and HOLMES still managed to carry on, 'cause partly sort of freemason influence, also that he was friends with Ray ADAMS and he was sort of connected and

(INAUDIBLE), but they didn't like him, they didn't. They actually had a, there'd been a job down in it was Winchester Crown Court.

Det Sgt

So, so as I said again, how would you describe your relationship?

POULTON

Well no I just knew, he took, he probably thought of me more of a closer friend than I thought of him as a friend really.

Det Sgt

So would you socialise outside work?

POULTON

Not as a family group no, but I'd been with, yeah I'd been for a curry with him and things like that in a group.

Det Sgt

Okay. So you were going back to helping police in 1996, '97. Tom SMITH rung you up.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

And then you were gonna give the background information on this.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Which was.

POULTON

Well they wanted to know all about, well Dave was wanting to know all about what's it called then, Southern Investigations.

Det Sgt

Right, they started to ask you about Southern Investigations.

POULTON

Um, what I knew about it and REECE and then I explained that...

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

It had, it was a hub, it was a corrupting influence.

Det Sgt

What made you say that?

POULTON

Well because I knew it was because his association with police officers and...

Det Sgt

Right.

And mean to say at one time at Norbury if you'd have said let me check their sort of personal diaries, like pocket diaries, I should think that every diary that would have been pulled out would have been a Southern Investigations diary and John REECE is a, would have loved to have been a policeman and he likes the company of policemen and.

Det Cons

So you had this meeting and you said would you like to know the background to the MORGAN murder.

POULTON

No they asked me...

Det Cons

They asked you.

POULTON

What I could do, yeah.

Det Cons

And then you said about the relationship between HOLMES and MORGAN.

POULTON

Um

Det Cons

And that they together were gonna sell a story.

POULTON

That's what I, that's what I took it to be that there was something big that was gonna earn them a lot of money. It was gonna earn Taffy a lot of money in Fleet Street but whether that's, whether it's true or not I don't know, you know.

Det Cons

But they didn't say anything directly it was more of an insinuation.

POULTON

What, yeah plus the fact and hold on, plus the fact at that time the thing that makes it, what would you think was major police corruption 'cause they, some of the different figures quoted by different people what the money they were gonna ask the papers for and in those days the papers didn't pay mega sums for things. This was major police corruption and there was a rumour circulating around then, it came via the Serious Crime Squad that 'cause the and then by then the Serious Crime Squad, the brinks-mat squad had spent some time in Miami on things out there to do with the brinks-mat money and there was this story that there was gonna be a hundred million pounds worth of cocaine pumped into this country via Miami and it's progress would be monitored all the way and there's five senior police officers at the yard were named and a customs, a senior customs official and they were gonna watch the backs of this job and...

Det Cons

Sorry can you just explain what you mean by watch the back...

POULTON

Well, so...

Det Cons

Well I know but...

POULTON

So, yeah so if anybody, if any policing outside police interests were shown into the people, if it's true conducting a smuggling operation, that they'd be tipped off and warned at an early stage allowing them to avoid arrest.

Det Cons

And who told you about this?

POULTON

This was, I think there again Brian and someone else had said this to us that the two teams at, on the Serious Crime Squad and....

Det Sgt

This is Brian CLARKE you're talking about.

POULTON

I'm sure it was Brian CLARKE, it was one of them. Then there was a, I think there was a DI and all that. That's right 'cause when we were in the bar up at Tottenham Court Road Gerry LUNIS, myself and I think HOLMES was there, there was this DI and he said well why are you doing this job with us and before I could say anything LUNIS said he said 'cause it's, it's alleged that there's a senior police officer who might be bent who would be (INAUDIBLE) a job and he turned round and said not fucking ADAMS again. This was this DI who later retracted it, he'd actually said that to me and to LUNIS but when he was asked about it I think by Thelma WAGSTAFF he denied he'd said that and that's where it...

Det Cons

So do you remember which pub this was?

POULTON

Well it's one of the usual drinking holes round the back of Tottenham Court Road not far from the police station.

Det Sgt

Where was Taffy HOLMES stationed at that time then?

POULTON

Tottenham Court Road.

Det Sgt

And you was at that time you were stationed back on...

POULTON

No I was still at Tottenham Court Road.

Det Sgt

You were at Tottenham Court Road together.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

With Gerry LUNIS.

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Were you on the same unit?

POULTON

Um, well, no 'cause basically we were doing our bit.

Det Sgt

Yeah, which was looking for this...

POULTON

Amphet factory.

Det Sgt

Factory, yeah.

POULTON

And the RICHARDSON's 'cause the informant had insight into the RICHARDSON's as well (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Right, okay. And what was Taffy doing?

POULTON

I think he was just getting pissed most days and...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

I don't know what part of the investigation he was on.

Det Sgt

But he, all right Taffy happened to be at Tottenham Court Road...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

At the same time as you.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Let's go back to this bit about background information. Southern Investigation...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

How do you know about Southern Investigation?

Well everybody sort of knew about it because the...

Det Sgt

How does everyone know?

POULTON

Because well in as much that it was, a lot of the work they used to do was for Michael GOODRIDGE firm of solicitors and not so much Daniel but REECE would come out to sit in on interviews and things like that. He was always in, face was always in police stations and I think Croydon, Norbury, South Norwood, Addington. More I think Norbury and Croydon.

Det Sgt

So what was Southern Investigations then?

POULTON

Well basically it was a bailiffing firm I think really.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Did private investigations and also supplied sort of non-solicitors at green form prices you know so.

Det Sgt

Green form prices, does that mean...

POULTON

Legal aid.

Det Sgt

Legal aid, right. So you say that everyone knew about Southern Investigations. They did a, they did a lot of work...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Around police stations.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Did they offer work to police officers?

POULTON

Well obviously they did because the British Car Auctions thing.

Det Sgt

How do you know about that?

POULTON

Well I think I've heard about British Car Auctions after the, after the robbery or the alleged robbery.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Which surprisingly enough was dealt with by Duncan HANAHAN.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

What was he the investigating officer?

POULTON

Uh hum, I think he's the, he's the one that went to visit REECE in hospital and that the, I think the safe, the safe that you know, the safe, the night safe that wouldn't open and then it happened that, well I think that REECE lived on the South Norwood's or Norbury's ground.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

At the time.

Det Sgt

So did you ever work for Southern Investigations?

POULTON

Did I ever work for them?

Det Sgt

Yeah, yeah.

POULTON

I did do some work after I'd left.

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

Only in as much that I was asked, he asked me to...

Det Sgt

Who, who's...

POULTON

Serve some, John REECE asked me if, 'cause where I live could I serve some papers on an address in Suffolk, Fissons.

Det Sgt

Okay. We'll come back to that, how do you know Jonathan REECE?

How?

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Just through he was always there at parties he would be there and often you'd go in a pub after work and he would be there or you know he's the sort of...

Det Sgt

So he was...

POULTON

He was part of the, he was part of the social CID side of all that area, you know if you go to someone's leaving do.

Det Sgt

And he'd turn up.

POULTON

And he'd be there, yeah.

Det Sgt

Who would invite him or was he just...

POULTON

I just think he was, I knew he just generally, because he, he was, he was the ideal police CID officers dream wasn't he. He was a bit of...

Det Sgt

Why is that?

POULTON

He was a bit of a tame solicitor really, you know that...

Det Sgt

What he was good for getting the drinks in?

POULTON

Well not for getting the drinks in. It was how can you put, in those days that I suppose that if you got someone and you got them bang to rights but they're still be reluctant to admit their guilt.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And you knew he was the sort of person that would sort of tell them sensibly and you know make your job a bit easier while still remaining the criminals friend, you (INAUDIBLE) he would be assisting police. That's what he saw himself, he didn't see himself as a aid to the defence team, it was more as a aid of assistance to the investigating team I think.

Det Sgt

So were you saying that Jonathan REECE normally participated as a legal rep.

Um, generally that's how you saw him most times, he'd be like if you go in a charge room or he'd be somewhere else or you'd be in the charge room and he'd be in an interview room and if you went to a Christmas do...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Or a leaving do or an insignificant piss up he'd usually be there. More so than Daniel, I think I only ever, I only ever had one drink with Daniel when REECE was there and that was a pub in Shirley and I think that was the first time I sort of met REECE outside a police station.

Det Sgt

Right, so you said that he asked you to do a bit of work for him.

POULTON

Um, well he, that would have been about '80, '90, '91 or something so and what was that, how did that came around...

Det Sgt

Yeah 'cause by then you were no longer a police officer.

POULTON

Yeah, yeah, no I'm not meaning that, I mean how he got my number. Anyway...

Det Sgt

So he's managed to get your number...

POULTON

Or did someone, did he say that someone else had asked me to ring, I can't remember to be totally honest with you.

Det Sgt

No, no that's fine if you can't remember.

POULTON

But, so rather than mislead you, but what it was he sent me some papers. I was a bit reluctant shall I give him my address or not, but then I had no reason to think, 'cause he was...

Det Sgt

Not a police officer.

POULTON

No he was always anti ADAMS, he was anti ADAMS in a way, he didn't trust ADAMS allegedly and...

Det Sgt

Where did you get that phrase from?

POULTON

Well I don't know if, well I don't know if I knew it then or subsequent 'cause he's always banged on about ADAMS because this is an interesting point, 'cause he sent me these papers to serve and it was a computer company from Regent Street and Fissons, it was during the recession and Fissons were sort of delaying payments as they were a big company. They were delaying payments of smaller...

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

Invoices and all it was for me to go and see the company secretary and serve the papers and it was basically freezing their accounts if they, if they didn't sort of settle this thing and then make a statement that I'd served it on the company secretary. So I did that, I gave him a statement, sent it down and then I think he phoned me and this was about four or five weeks afterwards and said could I 'cause I'd be coming down, could I pop and see him because he needs to do that statement again and I'd given him a handwritten statement.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Initially and then he said, we went for a drink, what was it now, oh yeah and he said oh he said the other day, that's right he said the other day he said Duncan HANAHAN was in the office here and he saw your statement and your name on that statement and he said can I borrow this.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And I said what did he want to borrow it for and he said Ray ADAMS wanted a sample of my handwriting. So the whole thing could have been engineered why he insisted on me giving a handwritten statement.

Det Sgt

Right, yeah.

POULTON

Because Ray ADAMS that was a way of getting a handwriting sample off me and if that seems strange it was told to me on good authority that when it started, the Thelma WAGS, I don't know if it was the A10 investigation or Thelma, I think it was the A10 one, he actually got someone to draw me personnel file from personnel and HOLMES actually confirmed this to me and said that he's, what his intention was, was to put something retrospective on there that would if need be he would be able to use to say that I had a reason for disliking him.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And apparently the file was found in the outside office that is office but I didn't ever find anything more about that.

Det Sgt

So just sort of, was this the first bit of work that you did for...

POULTON

Yeah, it was a sort of one off thing, you know it's just that I think I suppose I wasn't really bothered at the time, but if it had been sort of, sort of more regular work I suppose I might have been interested, but I think it was more of the case that he thought like everybody, he thinks if you live in Norfolk you live near the Norfolk Broads and I think he was thinking, well it could have been that best he could be thinking of it from a geographical convenience.

At worst he could have been thinking all the concocted load of shit that he could of got anybody to deal with but he insisted that I wrote the statement in longhand as opposed to type it out.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

So it might have been that his intention was to play along and get a sample of my handwriting for god knows what reason and then retrospectively he felt bad about it 'cause he'd fallen out with, didn't like ADAMS and he decided to tell me which was rather strange 'cause I wouldn't have told someone.

Det Cons

Can I just ask you, when you worked for the police where did you live in London?

POULTON

In (INAUDIBLE).

Det Cons

And then when and why did you move up to Norfolk?

POULTON

Well 'cause basically 'cause the threats were being made, you know so you've got to, you know you've got HOLMES sitting opposite me in an Indian restaurant saying that he's getting very fed up with you know and I've got to warn you seriously, he said that in front of Jean BURGESS.

Det Sgt

Who was this Ray ADAMS?

POULTON

No Taffy HOLMES in front of Jean BURGESS. There was Jean BURGESS, Taffy HOLMES and me in this Indian restaurant in Thornton Heath and he said unless you start cooperating with Ray ADAMS he's, something (INAUDIBLE) nasty could happen to you or a member of your family and then he followed that up with and it's obviously verbatim because it wasn't his sort of vernacular he said and if you do, if you think you derive any pleasure from the thought that he would be caught, he said I can assure you he'd be a million miles away when anything happens and that's when Jean BURGESS piped up and said you know if anything happens to Derek or his family, she said I'll personally go to Scotland Yard and tell them how them how I paid him out cash on his own doorstep on behalf of Chick.

Det Cons

So you moved up to Norfolk.

POULTON

Well I knew it was getting horrible and luckily, well I didn't move to Norfolk. My house was put on the market. I took a place and lived down here and also my mother and I bought the place and so in between I moved to, once we sold that but I moved to, in the Carshalton to my mother-in-laws with the wife until the other, the sale had gone through and but the day before, day after we moved out it was reported, which was meant to have been Alan HOLMES, he had meant to have turned up on the doorstep with a shotgun.

Det Sgt

What sorry I missed that.

Alan HOLMES on the day after we'd moved out.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Had turned up on my doorstep where I used to live with a shotgun pretending to kill me.

Det Sgt

How do you know that?

POULTON

Well 'cause the next-door neighbours reported it to the police.

Det Sgt

So Taffy HOLMES appeared at your home address with a shotgun.

POULTON

Yeah and the guy, the guy who knew he was gonna do it he's a DS, what's his name, the one that, the one that's out in Spain that's been in the news recently, got a bar out there.

Det Sgt

There's one or two.

POULTON

Oh...

Det Sgt

So this is...

POULTON

Well he's got a nickname.

Det Sgt

So what did you do about this, I mean...

POULTON

Well...

Det Sgt

You've said that people have cut your brake tyres. That Taffy HOLMES, one of your mates turned up with a shotgun to...

POULTON

I wasn't talking to him by then remember.

Det Sgt

Oh right, okay.

POULTON

I was out, incommunicado with them because that, what had happened by then in the best traditions of Scotland Yard I told them that night when I had to go to Caterham Police Station. My actual words to that bunch of clowns was, when you, he has got the message when you interview him be gentle with him, he might have a hard exterior but he's not a hard

person underneath and I said if you really want the case on the plate I said I suggest you speak to Jean BURGESS, 'cause she's confirmed to me again today that she's willing to give evidence about paying Ray ADAMS out on his own doorstep. So what do they do they go in, HOLMES goes up there, they arrest Jean BURGESS and make a big hullabaloo about arresting her. They take her to Holborn Police Station, they bang her in a cell. They just tell her that she's gonna be charged with police corruption. They leave her for hours and hours on end till she's screaming her head off.

(BUZZER SOUNDS).

POULTON

Give me time to smoke.

Det Cons

The time is 10 minutes to 3 and we'll gonna change the tapes.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

TAPE TURNED OFF.

Det Sgt

This is the continuing interview with Derek POULTON. I'm DS Doug CLARKE. The other person present is.

Det Cons

DC Ben HALL.

Det Sgt

We are at a convert location. I must remind you that you're not under arrest, you're free to go and you're also free to have legal advice and if at any time during the interview you want to stop the interview, if you let me know I will do so. During the short break if you can just, just for the benefit of the tape we've got some refreshments. Is that right Derek?

POULTON

That's correct, yeah.

Det Sgt

At the close of the last interview we were discussing, you were trying to assist us with your knowledge around Southern Investigations. Right I did pick up on one thing. You said you worked for Southern Investigations, you did, they tried to get you some handwriting that you did a statement for them. Did you do any more work for...

POULTON

No.

Det Sgt

Southern Investigations. You also said that they were a corrupting influence. What do you mean by, by that?

Because I think it was widely know that they, like all of those, all those sort of firms they would love to be able to access police records, you know 'cause I think the PNC things and a lot of the work I think they were doing was also for the press and things like that. So if you couple the two together, mix policemen and anything like that...

Det Sgt

Did you personal know anything about the firm, I mean you or was it just stuff, speculation and rumour that you...

POULTON

No, as I say personally no I never did any checks for them or anything like that...

Det Sgt

Do you know anyone who did?

POULTON

But I was aware from you know conversations, you'd be in conversations and that people must have done.

Det Sgt

Do you know if any police officers working for them at the time?

POULTON

Well I should think a good percentage at, I should think a good percentage at Norbury, South Norwood, HANAHAN, LEIGHTON and then even add on to that Alan HOLMES.

Det Sgt

You believed or you knew that they worked there?

POULTON

Well from conversation, HOLMESY was 'cause...

Det Sgt

You know HOLMESY was.

POULTON

Um, because...

Det Sgt

How did you know that?

POULTON

Well just from, he can't (INAUDIBLE) it 'cause conversations and like I said to you about...

Det Sgt

What about lifestyles.

POULTON

Um, not in your face it was just a closeness and someone like REECE wouldn't be hanging in with those people and buying them drinks and things like that and if there wasn't anything's going on as well would there.

Det Sgt

Well so...

And I understand, I think like 'cause it's hard there again to quantify it but REECE had remarked to me as well that, that was a later stage a few years afterwards, how Daniel and Taffy got, on both fellow Welshmen and that well he did allege that HOLMES has supplied him with cannabis to pass to his brother.

Det Sgt

What was that on that, who passes...

POULTON

No HOLMES had passed on amounts of cannabis to Daniel MORGAN and HOLMES never told me this, which is what REECE has said, for Daniel's brother Alistair who was a bit into drugs and also that, which would make sense that 'cause that brinks-mat squad lots of checks could be done easily, quickly and in volume. I think certain business checks had been carried out.

Det Sgt

Who by?

POULTON

HOLMES using the systems there.

Det Sgt

For who?

POULTON

The Southern Investigations.

Det Sgt

So as far as you know it, but you, 'cause you're not certain, but just from rumour control and...

POULTON

Well rumour control, as I say it's hard to quantify because you just know when things are going on, when people are in peoples pockets don't you.

Det Sgt

Right, okay. I'll come back to this, let's recap on some of the other things that you were telling us about. You were talking about the freemasons. Was REECE a freemason do you know?

POULTON

Uh hum.

Det Sgt

Do you know that, was he in the same lodge as Taffy?

POULTON

No, I think he was in, Sid FILLARY got him into his lodge.

Det Sgt

All right.

And then he used to go to other lodge meetings as you do like with Alec LEIGHTON, Duncan HANAHAN. I think Duncan HANAHAN and LEIGHTON were in the same lodge as was several others at Norbury.

Det Sgt

Were you ever a freemason?

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Pardon.

POULTON

Yes.

Det Sgt

Were any of the people that you mention were they in your lodge?

POULTON

Only HOLMES.

Det Sgt

Only Taffy HOLMES.

POULTON

Um

Det Sgt

'Cause Taffy introduced you.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Are you still a freemason?

POULTON

Well I never stopped being one but I haven't, my last official meeting with my mother lodge was when I was summonsed by the lodge secretary and there was a corrupt policeman that was then working for ex Met, he was working for Barclays Bank investigations, he invited me to attend a lodge meeting following HOLMES' suicide, he was master of the lodge at that time, to explain all the ins and outs about him and Ray ADAMS and things like that to which I replied I'm not that well, I haven't been in the freemasons as long as you but I do believe it does say that you shouldn't do anything to detriment your family or your work and I said if you can explain why you want me to come down to a formal lodge meeting and explain to a butcher, a baker and a candlestick maker about confidential Metropolitan Police business, I said I think you're exceeding your brief and he said well if that's your decision, I said well it is my decision I said it's nothing to do with freemasonry is it other than personalities that are involved in it, so he said well if you do come obviously, I say I got a phone call, if you do come to the lodge you will be shunned and people will turn their backs on you, you'll make it, you'll make it unhappy for the rest of the lodge members. I never bothered to go back.

Det Sgt

Who, who was this?

Who was the secretary?

Det Sgt

Can you remember?

POULTON

God knows (INAUDIBLE) I think. It was (INAUDIBLE) Lodge, Oakhill Road.

Det Sgt

Yeah but who was the actual secretary, who was the ex...

POULTON

I think he was a DC, he had been a DCI. He knew ADAMS as well, a mate of ADAMS. I'm not just saying this, he was but and I can't think what his name is, he lived at Orpington, but he worked, he was at that time he was in charge of Barclay Card investigations.

Det Sgt

Okay. You also mentioned the relationship between HOLMES and MORGAN. How do you know about that?

POULTON

Well HOLMES, don't ask me when or where he had mentioned that and I think I'd been somewhere where, it might have been a Christmas party and it was like a standing thing that Daniel used to call him Scotland Yard's best detective and he used to call Daniel the best private eye in the world.

Det Sgt

It seems a bit odd from description of HOLMES that MORGAN describes him in this way.

POULTON

Well I say he didn't tell me that's he's describes of, that is REECE said that.

Det Sgt

Well you give me a description of Taffy HOLMES being a bit of a, being a bit of a drunk.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

And then you've got MORGAN who described him as the best detective in the Met.

POULTON

Yeah, because apparently that was...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Because to keep HOLMES in...

Det Sgt

Um.

'Cause at one stage REECEY pulled out a load of, when he was having (INAUDIBLE) 'cause obviously the subject of murder used to come up and he said eh, eh, eh why the fuck are they sort of still looking at me for you know, he was a bloke that, you know he used to go on, he pulled out all these receipts, he said look he said that's that, that's Danny when he's taking him for meals up at West Norwood and wine bar and him and he said...

Det Sgt

Who's this?

POULTON

He said he used to, he used to you know sort of like tell HOLMES how good he was and all that and was an inducement for getting HOLMES to do things for him, you know do checks and things, but that I can't verify as...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

Other than it was said to me and I was been showed a load of receipts relating to a wine bar in West Norwood.

Det Sgt

I will come back to the subject. Let's continue with the subject in hand which was, no before I got back to that. Taffy HOLMES, shotgun, home address.

POULTON

Uh hum.

Det Sgt

Can you remember when that happened?

POULTON

Well it must have been about, in the Summer of '87 I would have thought (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

You'd just moved and Taffy HOLMES turned up. Do you think Taffy has or had the ability to shoot you?

POULTON

Well I think he's, well the guy what's his name, I'm just trying to think of his nickname, the DS who was his mate, he wound him up, he told him all about it apparently.

Det Sgt

Told him all about what?

POULTON

You know and he said oh you should, you know he was also a friend of ADAMS, what's his name Jock, he's the one, there's a recent documentary about the LAWRENCE murder and he's the DS that they wanted to interview the guy that made the documentary for the LAWRENCE murder, revisiting the LAWRENCE murder.

Det Sgt

No, I can't think of his name.

And he was a DS that they wanted to try and interview out in Spain, the guy that made the documentary on the revisiting of the LAWRENCE murder, went out to try and interview him and he wouldn't have anything to do with the, told him to sort of sod off. That was Taffy's friend, this Jock, particular Jock.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And he was meant to have known all about what HOLMES intended to do and never...

Det Sgt

So his intention was to come round.

POULTON

Kill me, 'cause he saw me, he thought I was to blame for all his...

Det Sgt

Problems.

POULTON

Problems.

Det Sgt

We'll come back to that.

POULTON

'Cause he'd been arrested and by that time and he was and what else had happened, this is, this might make a clearer picture. At the time when we're dealing with this informant that made the allegations against ADAMS, both Bill BURNET and myself all our interviews with him and meet, we were taped up purely and simply because he used to gabble on such much it was a more reliable way of recording what he was saying than trying to sort of put it to memory and then write it down afterwards and I'd been in Addington Police Station during a break.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And I'd got the tape machine with me.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And Nicholas PENDLETON who was the Commissioner's son-in-law, he was a PC at Addington, Nick PENDLETON he saw this tape recorder and I didn't know about this, I didn't but he was subsequently being interviewed because they'd had the M4 rapist job then and he, there'd been a leak of information of that murder and he was being interviewed about that and he happened to be at Tintagel House on the same day that HOLMES was called back then and they knew each other through him seeing him with me or we'd been in the office at Acton.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

And Nick PENDLETON has said oh and what you here, he said oh POULTON's done me up the arse or words to that effect.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And somehow this conversation got (INAUDIBLE) oh he must of recorded then 'cause we actually saw him in, I saw him in Addington Police Station with a tape and that was relayed to me by Brian CLARKE.

Det Sgt

All right.

POULTON

DS Brian CLARKE told me that.

Det Sgt

Brian CLARKE yeah.

POULTON

'Cause I wasn't having any conversation at all with HOLMESY by then, he was ignoring me. I'd actually been in the pub with Brian and HOLMES had walked in, stood at the other side of the bar, looked at me daggers and walked out again.

Det Sgt

But I'll put it you again would this person, police officer take a shotgun round to you to shoot you in front of, there must have been witnesses. I know he was fairly unstable because he took his like, but...

POULTON

If he took his life yeah.

Det Sgt

And did...

POULTON

He had, how can you put it, he was a boy from the valleys and he thought if Ray ADAMS had personally gone out and gone in a club full of Vietnamese and let off a flame thrower and chucked a couple of grenades down there.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Whether Taffy thought it was wrong or right he could see it would, he could only see it was wrong, plus the fact ADAMS was a freemason so whether it was part driven that you can't shit on another freemason, well but he had this (INAUDIBLE) but he's a Commander Derek, you've got to do what he tells, you know and he you know, yeah (INAUDIBLE) I think Thelma WAGSTAFF's even got that (INAUDIBLE), she found out about that. So it's not supposition that is, I mean the other one, (INAUDIBLE) DS knew about it and didn't do anything to stop him.

Det Sgt

So was this ever reported?

I presume so but where was I then you know, so.

Det Sgt

Right and you say a neighbour had...

POULTON

Next-door neighbours apparently saw this or whether he knocked on their door afterwards asking.

Det Sgt

What with a shotgun?

POULTON

Well I think, I think they were the ones that said he had a shotgun.

Det Sgt

Right, can we get back to the story about the hundred million pounds worth of cocaine being looked after or monitored by five senior police officers.

POULTON

Um, well one was meant to be ADAMS.

Det Sgt

Where did you hear this information or this rumour?

POULTON

Well part, I'm sure HOLMSEY mentioned and...

Det Sgt

This is while you were still talking...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

I take it.

POULTON

And but not the names. Then someone else, god knows don't ask me who it was this, at Tottenham Court Road and the sort of the names I was given was LUNDY, ADAMS and Brian WORTH strange enough he was head of special ops at that time and but LUNDY and this is where it all gets queer and odd. LUNDY's, one of LUNDY's inform, registered informants was Roy GARNER. Well GARNER was arrested I think after this with I think in the region of a hundred million pounds worth of cocaine. He was arrested with an American guy by the name of CRANSKI out of Miami. CRANSKI, CRANSKI was taken to a police station in Yorkshire, informants, snouts suite and I think three weeks later disappeared, walked out there obviously had got a set of keys and unlocked himself and disappeared into the ether and left GARNER to stand trial.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

And there was talk at the time whether CRANSKI was in fact embedded and he was something to do with the American Drugs Enforcement Agency and that was a deal that he walked, 'cause he's never been seen of or heard of since, but GARNER (INAUDIBLE) if you thought of GARNER was definitely a registered informant of LUNDY's. He used to sign LUNDY's informants and cop the money and give LUNDY the ninety percent and keep the rest for himself.

Det Sgt

Right, so, so this was rumour, speculation more than anything else?

POULTON

Well a bit of rumour, bit like police work in a way isn't it. You start off with a rumour and the speculation then you have to...

Det Sgt

Build evidence.

POULTON

Supply the evidence to...

Det Sgt

Well are you investigating...

POULTON

Yeah, well you...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

It's a bit science, you've got to prove your science isn't it.

Det Sgt

Exactly, 'cause supply means that you've actually.

POULTON

Well yeah, inappropriate word but.

Det Sgt

Right, we're going back to helping police in '97 whereby you had a conversation, you had a telephone call requesting your assistance.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

And background of things happening at Southern Investigations.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Where did that progress to, what did, what did you give them. You gave them your, 'cause from the sounds of it limited, limited bit of knowledge really. You didn't...

Well I just sort of, I thought there was some connection and in fact...

Det Sgt

Some...

POULTON

And I'll tell you, I never said, I've never said it this is only supposition, one of the other things like when I mention about what the likes of ADAMS and their sort of mentors was that he could have written a book about it really and that is you early in your career you cultivate the press.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And in them days when you used to send a specrim when you had a really good job off.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

At the same time you sent your specrim off you told your tame reporters.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Then you got yourself so it wasn't just the, if the Commissioner missed in a specrim it wasn't brought to his attention, there was a good chance he read The Evening Standard and realised what a wonderful policeman you were and there's this relationship that on, at that time the police didn't speak to the Met, the Met didn't really assist, they were (INAUDIBLE) on grass on reporters and this what realised no they can be useful, so that's, that's why I asked anyone if that was true, if HOLMES and Daniel actually did and I was told they had.

Det Sgt

Had what...

POULTON

Attempted to sell a story. If they had gone to say the wrong paper or some other reporters, it might have been someone, came to the ears of someone that sort of was a friend of Ray ADAMS and might of sort of said there's some people up here trying to sell a story about you Ray.

Det Sgt

And what do you think the effect of that would have been?

POULTON

Depending how big the story was weren't it, what...

Det Sgt

'Cause in one line you're saying that HOLMES is protecting, you know HOLMES is protecting Ray ADAMS because he's a Commander.

Oh the obviously question why was someone who's got this undying loyalty do this and the answer is comes down to fundamental is, if you've got two, if you've got a wife and two wives and you're living a life of reilly.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

That was a flaw in his character, when it came to, when it came to pound notes.

Det Sgt

Yeah, I'm just suspending the interview for just two seconds. I'm just gonna find out who's at the front of the door. The times now 3.27 I'm re-continuing the interview. All I did was just, I just see some shadows and I just wanted to check. You were saying that you just wanted to make sure...

POULTON

That why he had done.

Det Sgt

Yes, why would he have done it.

POULTON

Well I'm sure if he did do it his motivation would have been money because he was always...

Det Sgt

Skint.

POULTON

Living well beyond his means.

Det Cons

The problem is though that on the one hand you've got Taffy HOLMES who's so...

POULTON

Dead loyal, right.

Det Cons

Dedicated to Ray ADAMS...

POULTON

Um.

Det Cons

That he'd kill for him.

POULTON

Perhaps I...

Det Cons

And then...

POULTON

Um, I know where you're; I know where you're at.

Det Cons

And then the flip side of that is...

POULTON

He's a complex character.

Det Cons

He'd sell him out for money, well...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Cons

(INAUDIBLE)

POULTON

He's a complex, he left...

Det Cons

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

He probably, unlike you or any of us sitting round this table wouldn't blindly and that was the thing, the (INAUDIBLE) CID, if you (INAUDIBLE) uniform than in the CID. If you're a total prat...

Det Cons

Um.

POULTON

And the Chief Superintendent it didn't matter what you were, if you were a total prat at your job you were known as a total prat. With HOLMES he's complex, he'd take back to, perhaps he's sort of humble origins in the (INAUDIBLE) where he came from. He had this thing that he was respected the rank as the rank stood.

Det Cons

Um

POULTON

The man but he would have been adverse, you know and if people question this, he wouldn't be adverse to earning some money because if wasn't physically doing it he was just on the, if someone else was actually giving the information and then I was led to believe he sat in the background looking a bit pissed, he could divorce himself from that lump of cash that he'd done something like the (INAUDIBLE) who was a friend of his, know, 'cause he, it was someone else had done it. How can I put this, I know, I know, so I'll give you an example. When I went into join my initiation at the freemasons a number of tickets are made available so people that you don't know that are also masons, they get told that you're going and then they attend and when the blindfold comes off and you're coats pulled off your back, it's all this and then you think oh god I never knew he was one, yeah I didn't know he was one and...

Det Sgt

Um...

POULTON

Who would have thought the Assistance Commissioner over there would have been in my, so you give them free tickets. He actually sold, made me pay for some of my guests on tickets

he had been given free. So one minute he's invited me in on the other hand, 'cause I don't know about it, the ins and outs, he actually took cash off of me.

Det Cons

Uh hum.

POULTON

That he shouldn't of taken, so and I know it sounds hard but you've got to (INAUDIBLE) yeah, the (INAUDIBLE) in one way but when it came to money, money was his master as well so.

Det Cons

Um.

Det Sgt

Because isn't it correct that Taffy HOLMES would, I mean he was a squad detective wasn't he?

POULTON

What flying Squad?

Det Sgt

Well a couple of squads, I remember something that he worked on, he wasn't just a borough detective.

POULTON

Well...

Det Sgt

And I know things have changed even know to be a squad detective, you know there was a bit of kudos to say the least.

POULTON

Oh yeah you get on it, you got on it...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

For the kudos but then...

Det Sgt

Yes and true I'll also accept that sometimes friends, associates can get you onto a squad.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

But to, you know to squad hunt there must have been...

POULTON

I know, yeah, yeah.

Det Sgt

Some sort of ability.

Well go and ask, go and ask all the ones that worked with him. They actually drew lots at Winchester, they were talking about killing him. I know this sounds far fetched. He got so bad, 'cause he wouldn't (INAUDIBLE) wanted a walk on part and he was just there to make up the numbers, so they gave him some menial bit of evidence to give about five lines out of his pocket book and once he got on the big stage at Winchester he started adlibbing and they are all cringing in the court and visions of all being sent away for conspiracy to pervert the course of justice and the rumour has it that allegedly (INAUDIBLE) was there, they actually sat down and was seriously thinking what they could do to sort of rectify the situation and he was told he wasn't a detective, he would have never made a detective all the time he had a whole in his arse. He was a mumper, he was a user and he would manipulate himself. Yeah sure he saw, he'd like, he'd wanted to be able to say he was on the Flying Squad

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And he was getting lots of overtime and he was on this squad and that squad, but you ask the people that work with him. Most of them thought he shouldn't of even be then. They saw far better people than him were sent back and he only held onto his position there 'cause of his relationship with Ken JOHN.

Det Cons

In your opinion why would him and Commander ADAMS have such a close relationship, because again...

POULTON

Well...

Det Cons

I'm trying to understand why someone as sophisticated or allegedly sophisticated...

POULTON

As ADAMS.

Det Cons

As ADAMS, would associate with someone who's apparently...

POULTON

'Cause he was a...

Det Cons

So incompetent as HOLMES.

POULTON

'Cause he ADAMS had learnt that you never go and well apart from that contradictive bit about thingy paying him out on his own doorstep, but you never asked, you see I can never do that and I can't honestly say because he's never, he's never been in that, wasn't that much interest to me how this relationship was formed, where they'd worked together I couldn't tell you, but HOLMES the example I gave you earlier on, when ADAMS wanted a burglary and somebody arrested (INAUDIBLE) can you go and arrest (INAUDIBLE) and GRAY, I remember that name from round here, arrest him, get him in and fit him up, I want him charged with my burglary. So if Ray ADAMS and if he is charged allegedly...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

Trying to conspiring to put a false insurance claim in, but why is asking them, why is asking HOLMES, yeah because...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

HOLMES (INAUDIBLE) he's completely poleaxed and the other person with him wasn't about to do it 'cause he wasn't that way inclined either. So why, why does Ray ADAMS go and make a friend to Duncan HANAHAN, a man that would sell his own mother down the...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) see Ray ADAMS and HANAHAN and (INAUDIBLE) and all these people used to go on trips to Ireland didn't they together. Why is the Commander mixing with the lower minions, DS's and DC's, why.

Det Sgt

Okay. You've also mentioned about HOLMES giving cannabis to MORGAN for Alistair MORGAN's brother...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Or Alistair MORGAN.

POULTON

According to REECE.

Det Sgt

That's according to REECE.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

I will touch on this tomorrow.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Or later, but REECE, how do you know REECE other than seeing him about the place. What was your relationship like with him?

POULTON

When?

Det Sgt

Starting off with your relationship (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

What when I first met in (INAUDIBLE) he was just like someone you got introduced to, who you used to see at the police stations, we used to go out on the piss and I think once I drove him home, I drove him home...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

Because he was too drunk to drive.

Det Sgt

'Cause you know he has said, given you this sort of information, why would he...

POULTON

Oh because...

Det Sgt

Why did you become a confidante of him?

POULTON

Well 'cause he, we shared, if you like we shared a thing didn't we in a way. I had a unsolved thing round me right and he had a thing which he thought it had been round him as well you see didn't he.

Det Sgt

Okay. Just so, for the benefit of the tape (INAUDIBLE) so he had, you had your unsolved issues, what are you talking, what are you talking about, are you talking about the Taffy HOLMES incident...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Is that what you're talking about and are you also talking about in relation to Jonathan REECE, you're talking about Daniel MORGAN and him being arrested and...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Him being a suspect, so he sort of saw a bond between the two of you.

POULTON

Well not a bond but I suppose there was a...

Det Sgt

A greater understanding.

POULTON

There was a common, a common link there really wasn't there...

Det Sgt

I know.

POULTON

Because there was certain things of his that he thought inter-lap with mine and I suppose things of mine that sort of inter-lap with him like I suppose.

Det Sgt

So where did he tell you about this Alistair MORGAN?

POULTON

What the cannabis?

Det Sgt

The cannabis.

POULTON

I think...

Det Sgt

Was this before or after you started working for...

POULTON

I think it would be, this would be after I started working for WOODSY.

Det Sgt

And WOODSY rang you up, is this...

POULTON

No he didn't ring me up...

Det Sgt

Tom SMITH.

POULTON

Tom SMITH rang me up.

Det Sgt

Right, Dave WOODS did you say he's a DCI?

POULTON

What was then, a Superintendent I think?

Det Sgt

Right, so Tom SMITH rings you up. He then asks you about your limited knowledge of Southern Investigations.

POULTON

Um, not on the phone he said would I have a meet with them both at this hotel, go for dinner.

Det Sgt

So you have this meet, you tell them, you're limited from what I've gained so far, knowledge about Southern Investigations and then Dave WOODS offers you a job.

POULTON

No he's not offered me a job he just said would I, would I be wiling to, 'cause I hadn't really at that time I'd not really had much contact at all with REECE for a number of years.

Det Sgt

Socially.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE) nodding.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Right if you saw him in a pub you'd say...

POULTON

Well I wouldn't have seen him in a pub 'cause he wouldn't of been, you know I'd probably hadn't spoken to him for about three years.

Det Sgt

Yeah but your relationship, before it lapsed...

POULTON

Oh he'd have recognised me if I walked in, but what, what WOODS said, what was the, what was the possibilities of me re-establishing a relationship and getting in with him.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

POULTON

And I said I didn't really know for sure I said you know I'd give it a try, I'd have to sort of, I forget even how we went about but quite soon he greeted me like a face from the past you see.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And from then on it was just a case of you know making excuses to go and see him while I was down that way and just sort of going out socially, getting to know Maggie.

Det Sgt

Maggie.

POULTON

Margaret HARRISON.

Det Sgt

And how did you get to know Margaret HARRISON?

POULTON

Well through re-establishing contact with him you see.

Det Sgt

And who was she?

POULTON His...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

His, well not his wife his...

Det Sgt

Mistress.

POULTON

Mistress I suppose, significant other.

Det Sgt

And what does she play other than...

POULTON

What role?

Det Sgt

Yeah, you...

POULTON

Well he lives...

Det Sgt

You mentioned her name that was all.

POULTON

At that time she was living in Springfield Road, Norbury.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

POULTON

He wasn't living with her full time, I think he was still living in the flat above Grange Road then I think 'cause he'd, he'd divorced or his divorce was going through from his wife and I think he was living in the flat above Grange Road.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And he said get to know sort of Sid, so I suppose in a way it was, 'cause Sid had assisted us on that first part of that job, that's the first time I'd ever really come across Sid was when that Crime Squad, on the HUMPHREYS thing.

Det Sgt

Right, let's slightly go, now carry on about what you said, why did you mention Margaret HARRISON as a feature of this?

'Cause Dave WOODS wanted me to get in and find out as much as possible if I could, see what I could pick up, what...

Det Sgt

What about Maggie, Maggie HARRISON?

POULTON

Yeah, both from her and you know.

Det Sgt

What was her, what was his briefing in relation to Maggie HARRISON?

POULTON

It wasn't it was the whole briefing was, sort of then JARRETT, after a short while JARRETT took over, Mr Jesuit, by the means it's a result, but basically it was just to ingratiate myself and befriend, get them in a position where they would trust me implicitly.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And then sort of relay, confident in talking about the murder, get them both talking about the murder when the opportunity arose, pick up on things, listen, who they was associating with and things like that.

Det Sgt

Before you had this meeting with Superintendent WOODS did you have any incline that REECE may have been involved with the MORGAN murder?

POULTON

Well it was always a possibility wasn't it because you know it was so obvious that it was unobvious in as much that his partner who it, who it was common knowledge that was upset that the company name had been sort of dragged down by the car auctions business...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And the hiring of serving police officers and being sued for the money and then the rather vulgar speed in which Sid FILLARY was ensconced in Daniel's old desk after his demise. So on the face of it it looked like the most badly planned ill organised conspiracy in the world didn't it. You know 'cause if you wanted to go out and do something in an unobvious way, but I think it wasn't that they wanted all the information, 'cause other things also had to find out what the relationship with Daniel MORGAN's widow with REECE as well I believe because that was the other fly in the ointment that she had always been the least vocal about his murder.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And she allegedly had got the insurance when he died. I don't think they had key man insurance on him from REECE's point of view and 'cause there was another avenue why there was lots of red herrings thrown around REECE (INAUDIBLE) mentioned about that she had toy boys and their marriage was on the point of breaking up because he was knobbing...

Det Sgt

Who put in all these rumours?

POULTON

Well this is conversation that come out from REECE.

Det Sgt

Oh right.

POULTON

At various times, that 'cause I said well you know I did actually say to him lead the conversation, (INAUDIBLE) throw anything in and then you sit back and see what the response is and I said well how come she's never sort of been closely interviewed, I said she's not, you know it's her brother's made or the mother's made all the fuss why, why isn't she outraged about the husband having an axe buried in his head and he said that his sort of conversation that they was, he still kept in touch with her. She found it, the widow found it rather distressing that it kept getting dragged up because the children were getting older, it had an effect, it reopened all the wounds for them.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

But then it's always referred, you see that's another thing, it was always referred to as the HP murder.

Det Sgt

Why was that?

POULTON

It was a hit that was meant to have been paid for afterwards or if, if you, by that you could, you could take it to mean well perhaps was it paid for out of insurance money.

Det Cons

Who calls it the HP murder?

POULTON

It was generally known, sort of, sort of local scallywags in South London they would always referred to it as the HP murder. It must have come up before, I don't know.

Det Sgt

Did you have any other suspects who may have been involved in, who may have been suspected of...

POULTON

Did I, was I given any or?

Det Sgt

Did you personally?

POULTON

Personally.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

Well I don't know I suppose the other thing I did wonder, you know was it a horrible coincidence bearing in mind if you wanted to do that it's the most crudely executed, unsubtle murder you could have.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

I'd expect that with a spur of the moment, a murder of passion.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And if you've got time to sit down and think about committing a murder you could, you wouldn't do it that way would you. This is what never made sense, you know it was too crude. Then my interpretation...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And stop me if I'm (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Yeah, okay.

POULTON

My interpretation was and I thought about it ever, I've thought about it for a while now, if he, now it was confirmed to me the other day Maggie had a drink with Daniel the night before he went to that pub. She met him.

Det Sgt

How do you know that?

POULTON

Alistair told me this.

Det Sgt

Alistair...

POULTON

MORGAN, that Maggie is meant to have had a drink with Daniel the night before he went to (INAUDIBLE) at the wine bar I think in South Norbury or South Norwood.

Det Sgt

Where did he tell you this?

POULTON

On the telephone, I think it was a couple of phone calls back.

Det Sgt

A couple of years ago now.

A couple of phone calls back, you know sort of this year.

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

Or late last year, late, like December last year.

Det Sgt

Can I just ask you about your relationship, I may have slightly taken you off, how do you know Alistair MORGAN?

POULTON

Because I met him in the Victory public house when REECE was there and FILLARY and all the other players.

Det Sgt

When was this?

POULTON

Oh it's going back at the beginning, sort of nineties, when I started.

Det Sgt

What '97?

POULTON

Yeah about the first year I started there, working for WOODSY and co. Well I should say not working, assisting...

Det Sgt

Was it part of your, part of your job to get in with Alistair MORGAN as well?

POULTON

No, no, no, no, no all my job was to get in ingratiate myself so REECE and co trusted me and see what I could pick up anything that might be of use regarding the MORGAN murder and we were in the Victory one day and I think that was the first time I'd met Alistair and it and Alistair I got talking to him and I gave, I think I gave him a mobile number 'cause we were talking about it and I just said him you know well you know anything I can do or you know if you need anything, we'd help each other let us know.

Det Sgt

You said in the Victory pub at that time was REECE.

POULTON

Yeah, whole crowd, accountant, what's his name, I don't know...

Det Sgt

Not LEIGHTON...

POULTON

No, I don't think LEIGHTON was there, Tom...

Det Sgt

His name will come back to me, yeah.

The accountant Tom NEWTON, there was Tony NEWTON, piss head, I shouldn't say that really should I, but anyway and they were all there, so that was the first time I met Alistair.

Det Sgt

And that was back in '97.

POULTON

I think that was bout '97 yeah.

Det Sgt

I know this is a real strange thing, you're probably just surmising but Alistair had always considered that REECE has always been the person involved or responsible for the murder of his brother.

POULTON

Uh hum.

Det Sgt

I mean wouldn't that be a bit odd that they're all in the same pub together.

POULTON

Don't ask me, I know, don't ask me what they were all doing there. I mean to say what was it, I don't know what it was to do with, but they're all there, I remember it 'cause I didn't even know what he looked like. It wasn't till he introduced himself and said who he was, but no he wasn't uncomfortable. I don't think he was happy in their company but what he was doing there I don't know, but it definitely was the Victory.

Det Sgt

So you, so you personally didn't have any other suspects who may have been involved in the MORGAN murder.

POULTON

Well no to say I didn't have any suspects, I (INAUDIBLE) perhaps alternative...

(BUZZER SOUNDS).

POULTON

It's smoke time. I had, I had alternatives.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

Possibilities but.

Det Sgt

We'll deal with that on the next interview. The time is now 3.50 and we'll stop the tape.

TAPE TURNED OFF.

Det Sgt

This interview is being tape-recorded. This is a continuation of the interview with Derek POULTON. I'm Detective Sergeant Doug CLARKE. The other person present is.

Det Cons

DC Ben HALL.

Det Sgt

The time is now 16.03. The date is still the same. During the recess we've had coffees. Is that correct Derek?

POULTON

Yes, that's correct.

Det Sgt

I must remind you that you're not under arrest, that you're free to leave at any time. If you want the interview to be stopped it will be and if you want legal advice that will also be supplied. Just for the last interview you were saying about alternatives to the MORGAN murder and you were gonna give me what you surmise at possible other candidates.

POULTON

Well there's...

Det Sgt

Or alternatives to the common known suggested...

POULTON

Commonly believed.

Det Sgt

Yes.

POULTON

Well there's, you know there again it's open, it was, I don't think for one moment and that's my own thinking on this, I don't think the thought of moonlighting policemen who might have lost their jobs would have been sufficient, sufficient motivation for such an horrendous murder.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

See in my own mind I dismiss policemen who are hard up, they might have been, the thought of their jobs from moonlighting. Then the only other thing it leaves if there was truth in this story that, that Daniel MORGAN intended on breaking the story to a press about major police corruption.

Det Sgt

So...

POULTON

So would that then link us back (INAUDIBLE) drugs, the drugs industry, the illicit drugs industry in those days was awash with money and nothing was a problem and if you're business was disrupted it was rather an expensive thing, so could it have been to do with that, what I originally mentioned about that alleged conspiracy for the cocaine shipment.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

Or could it have been a case of someone else wanted him out the way and I know through third party terms and I can verify it, where allegedly one of the witnesses on the NOY, the M25 murder that was shot in his car outside a supermarket in the Swanley area.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

POULTON

At the time it was all put over that the long arm of NOY reaches out from Whitemoor Prison and that was in, mentioned to me in conversation that in fact that had had nothing to do with NOY, he was embarrassed by it, but in actual fact that was an element of police corruption in that, that some officers one Met and one Kent were about to have been exposed by him for their corruption and they had told their drug A master friends a story in as much that it was, he was gonna cause them a financial embarrassment and general embarrassment and it might even lead to them being arrested.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

As a means of getting someone else to dispose of their problem. So a similar thing I don't know is it possible a similar thing could have happened with Daniel MORGAN.

Det Sgt

But this is just pure speculation on...

POULTON

That's just pure speculation.

Det Sgt

And nothing more than that really.

POULTON

No.

Det Sgt

Okay.

Det Cons

Has anyone ever said anything to you that has implicated themselves or anyone else directly in this murder?

POULTON

No, I've been in and around that lot, been in and around that lot now for 10 years and it would have been lovely if someone said yes I did it and all that and never ever has REECE said anything that would lead me to believe he was directly implicated, but then having said that and knowing the man, yeah I believe his personality is such that you can compartmentalise and I think he didn't actually do it himself he'd be able to divorce himself mentally from any involvement, that he hadn't struck the blow, he could, but then also like I said to you earlier on one of the previous tapes when Alistair told me that he believed that Margaret HARRISON had had a meeting with Daniel MORGAN before he went off to the Golden Lion

in a wine bar. Could that have been a last ditch attempt, only speculation, a last ditch attempt to see what his attitude was. She'd been an ex, he'd been having an affair with her, slept with her

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

I think he'd even taken her to Paris. Had that been a last ditch attempt by John REECE to find out if he might relay something to her to indicate whether he was gonna persist in the line he was going down. Was it to do with police corruption, exposing it or saying that the company wasn't gonna pay this money. Could it have been then when she might have confirmed to REECE that she'd had a drink with him and he's still dead set on doing what he's gonna do, I don't know. Were people there, 'cause this was the other bit that certain other people were gonna pay money into the company to offset what REECE was gonna have to pay. Whether that was the money for the, they had to pay so much money into court to forestall the proceedings and did those people who were lending that money, did they think ten grand's ten grand, no matter how much you've got, you know there's other ways of dealing with this than handing over ten grand in cash.

Det Cons

Have you ever discussed with anyone else your thoughts on this investigation, your...

POULTON

What on this current investigation or...

Det Sgt

No as in, as in...

POULTON

Yeah, I've discussed it with him, I've had to because it's (INAUDIBLE), I've discussed it with Margaret HARRISON 'cause that's the only way getting the (INAUDIBLE), talking about, you know getting the conversation. Sometimes with REECE I've not, but when, when things have been leaked to the press and things like that and he's become aware that there's an operation or an investigation ongoing, he's been, brought the subject up with me. I've not had to bring the subject up with him and then he's discussed all manner of things along the lines of it in a matter of, he as I say he's never ever in all the time I've associated with him ever let his guard down and said that he had the remotest thing to do with plotting it or planning it or being party to it or even benefiting from it. This probably makes me sound like a failure but I can only be honest.

Det Sgt

No, no.

Det Cons

Has he ever denied it to you?

POULTON

Oh yeah he's, you know he gets quite, he gets quite irate, you know why, why is this still going on, why can't people move on, why blimey and he's actually, I think he's even (INAUDIBLE) what I've raised, you know for an organised hit, it was in the most clumsy, carried out in the most clumsy way and there if I was to surmise what happened I think he, I don't know if I think he might have been party. There was more to that meeting than just a casual meeting for him to say sorry if Sid had upset him at a previous meeting.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Fallout, I think there was more to that meeting. I think there was a purpose for that meeting, whether that purpose was he thought that people were gonna do a deal or give money in and to stop the court proceedings, to stop any embarrassment and he happened to be there when something happened that he hadn't foreseen was gonna happen.

Det Cons

Well just to be clear (INAUDIBLE) he's actually denied his involvement, it's not simply questioning why won't they leave it alone or...

POULTON

Well no, no (INAUDIBLE).

Det Cons

Or commenting (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

That's all he's, he's just continually why, why don't they let it go, why is everybody, you know why is it always, why can't they look beyond this and then he sort of went onto this bit where he started talking about this guy from West Norwood who Daniel's marriage was on the point of breaking up 'cause he'd, they were having sex and this bloke Dave so and so who also, who used to frequent the Golden Lion pub and according to John REECE they'd gone to that pub to buy drugs on behalf of Daniel for his brother and that he said that this, there was these council flats at West Norwood and that this Dave guy was a friend of Daniel's. He'd been introducing him to these young girls and he'd fallen in love with one of them and like they say the marriage was on the point of breaking up. He'd almost indicated that he was gonna leave his wife for one of these girls, but I don't know, I don't know this Dave character. I don't know whether there's any truth in that, but the way it was said to me I think there must have been some element of truth in it because don't ask me why because if you're in and around someone long enough you get to sort of read their mind a bit.

Det Cons

So in your lengthy experience with Jonathan REECE, does he have a number of theories or does he have one theory, how would you characterise...

POULTON

He, he doesn't really have any theories other than it wasn't me. He's never put up any other names, he's never and this is the strange thing and I've put it to him once. I said to him, I said well you're a private detective.

Det Cons

Uh hum.

POULTON

I said albeit private, I said if I'd had nothing to do with my partner's death and it had been carried out in such a fashion that I looked the prime suspect. I said you've got your contacts I said I'd of been, get, busy getting my arse around South London trying to find out what I could. Whether I liked the bloke or not, he admits he didn't like the bloke. He's adamant he didn't like the bloke. Thought he was a total tosser in his words.

Det Sgt

Who was, what MORGAN?

That he thought MORGAN was.

Det Sgt

So how come they managed to be in business together?

POULTON

Because it, I think, REECE says he'd put money into the company as well, that MORGAN wasn't doing that well. MORGAN he said he was upset 'cause he thought REECE was taking, wanting to take the business in a different direction to what he wanted. He didn't like his familiarity with local police officers...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

And things like that.

Det Sgt

Can I just clarify that your only involvement with the MORGAN murder was when you were involved when Dave WOODS (INAUDIBLE) Dave WOODS?

POULTON

Only involvement.

Det Sgt

Only real involvement was when Dave WOODS asked you to re...

POULTON

No, no before that. I mean to say when this happened I know Dougie CAMPBELL, he used to do night duty CID then when he was a DS.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And I said to Dougie CAMPBELL, 'cause Dougie CAMPBELL would ask, ask anybody that knew of REECE or Southern Investigations...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

To make a statement and I actually went and saw Dougie CAMPBELL.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And I said well I do know the bloke in, you know I know him to speak to.

Det Sgt

Who, who REECE?

Yeah, I said you know if it helps I said I can perhaps see if I get him talking about it, so what he, what he says and I think within a week of that murder I'm sure I'd, I'd met REECE then, but he was sort of at that time he was sort of, all he could talk about was how, using his words were what a prat JONES was, you know he'd made up his mind it was him that had done it.

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

And this will probably go down in the (INAUDIBLE) of history as the worst investigative murder in the history of the Metropolitan Police I would think. You'd have been embarrassed if you'd had investigated an ABH as badly as that.

Det Sgt

You were saying that you said to Jonathan REECE you know if you'd had nothing to do with it, (INAUDIBLE) get down to South London. What was his reply there?

POULTON

Yeah, yeah well I said, you know I said, well I don't think I'm being illogical here in that supposition. I know, I just try and put myself in someone else's shoes and I think if that had happened to me I would want to know and if there was a hint suspicion that I was involved I'd double want to know and find out, but his answer to that was he couldn't be, he wasn't bothered, you know.

Det Sgt

He wasn't bothered.

POULTON

He wasn't bothered.

Det Sgt

Do you think jealousy might have played any part in, because they both roughly had some sort of...

POULTON

Had the same girlfriend?

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

I think there's probably an element of that possibly because MORGAN, Daniel MORGAN was as described by Margaret HARRISON as extremely well hung and a memorable lover, that was her words. REECE I said well how did you ever get involved with John REECE then and she said he just, she just wore, he just wore her down by bombarding her with flowers, phone calls, popping in the office and she said in the end it was easier to go out with him than stop keep saying no. So whether he, (INAUDIBLE) isn't it, you know if perhaps you might not, not, you don't mind your wife having had a sexual history but do you really want him to be the person you're working with or was in your face everyday, I don't know I can't, I can only speculate.

Det Sgt

So let's go back to, so from '97 you were asked to assist with the...

Intelligence gathering I think.

Det Sgt

Intelligence gathering that's a very good phrase and so you've assisted police ever since, is that correct?

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

On the MORGAN murders, murder even.

POULTON

Yeah, yeah and another aspect as well but that...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

I don't think that concerns this enquiry.

Det Sgt

Right, if it doesn't. In relation to that I believe you assisted in the Two Bridges inquiry.

POULTON

The Two Bridges being.

Det Sgt

I'm trying to think what inquiry (INAUDIBLE) that would be the second inquiry into Daniel...

POULTON

Oh the Hampshire one.

Det Sgt

Yes.

POULTON

It was actually (INAUDIBLE), yeah. I met with the Chief Superintendent and I think a DCI at Ely Police Station.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

But they weren't interested in anything really other than their, it's like they've been given a brief from the yard to you know a set of railway lines...

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

To go down and not wander off of...

Det Sgt

From that inquiry.

So 'cause what, of what I knew the connections and the possibilities they weren't really interested 'cause it didn't fit in I don't think with, they didn't even take a statement off me.

Det Sgt

Right, so as I've got it you started in the police force in the...

POULTON

'73.

Det Sgt

'73, left in...

POULTON

'89.

Det Sgt

'89, came back to assist in '96.

POULTON

Either '96 or '97 (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Till the present day.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

All right (INAUDIBLE). Can I go through now that I've got that, some relationships. REECE you say you worked, did one bit of work for REECE.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

But because of this intelligence gathering you still keep in contact with him.

POULTON

That's right, yeah to a lesser degree now.

Det Sgt

And you just initiate phone calls and (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Yeah, meets and things like that and you know.

Det Sgt

LEIGHTON, Alex LEIGHTON how do you know him?

POULTON

I've known him since when he was at Norbury. Then he went onto...

Det Sgt

What was he a police officer?

He was a DS at Norbury.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

I think he'd been at Wimbledon, that's where he knew the Chief Superintendent that I mentioned and then he went from Norbury to the Central Drugs Squad.

Det Sgt

Um hum.

POULTON

Then from the Central Drugs Squad to the Regional Crime Squad.

Det Sgt

What was your involvement with him other than is it just a work colleague?

POULTON

Well he knew, well he was at Norbury, I was at Addington, knew him, knew him to you know like do's, leaving parties and things like that, at Christmas parties and things like that. I think one occasion I did night duty CID with him.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Other than that that's all it was really. We didn't really sort of work together on any jobs.

Det Sgt

What was his relationship like with REECE?

POULTON

Very close.

Det Sgt

Do you know why?

POULTON

Why?

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

Well I would, I would suspect they were of use to each other perhaps.

Det Sgt

Pardon.

POULTON

They were of use to each other.

Det Sgt

Oh right, okay. Meaning that REECE being a private investigator and LEIGHTON being a police officer.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Is that, is that what you're trying to say?

POULTON

I would think so.

Det Sgt

Did you, in relationship to your, did you ever do any work for LEIGHTON?

POULTON

Yes, what work for...

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

I don't know if it takes us down there, what was I tasked?

Det Sgt

Okay. Were you tasked to obtain information from LEIGHTON?

POULTON

Yes.

Det Sgt

Right. In relation to GOODRIDGE what was, how did you know him?

POULTON

What the solicitor?

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Just through, he's always been around, when the first time on Z he had been a solicitor and that did a hell of a lot of legal aid work on Z. He used to go to social events and sort of like the major crime solicitor.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

For that area.

Det Sgt

Sid FILLARY.

POULTON

Didn't know Sid until I started that job with GRAY and HUMPHREYS.

Det Sgt

And how did that come about?

POULTON

Well basically because we didn't wanna be hands on with the arrest of HUMPHREYS.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

POULTON

Because it might of linked back to the informant.

Det Sgt

Right, yeah.

POULTON

So it was their murder that had been outstanding so...

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

POULTON

We let them make the arrest.

Det Sgt

And how did your relationship after that continue?

POULTON

We used to see him when he was at different events and then when he later joined Southern Investigations we used to see him.

Det Sgt

When you did your bit of work for Jonathan REECE was Sid FILLARY involved, you know did you have to have any contact with him?

POULTON

I'm not sure he was then, I don't think I did, might have been, he might of just started there or.

Det Sgt

In relation to...

POULTON

I can't be certain.

Det Sgt

In relation to Sid FILLARY, was he a good policeman?

POULTON

Was he?

Det Sgt

Yeah, I mean you'd normally talk about rumours and what's generally heard. What was the rumours about Sid FILLARY?

Mustn't lead the witness. The...

Det Sgt

I'm not at all, I'm just...

POULTON

No, my own take on him might have had a spark of keenness early on. He was a, he loved, he'd never use one word if he could use five. He's like old school on the paperwork (INAUDIBLE) reports and then he could make a, (INAUDIBLE) one paragraph into sort of a full volumes type of person.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

It's hard to say, would I trust him with the wife's jewellery, no I (INAUDIBLE). Bit of a cross between a weak sort of bloke, appear, try to appear strong, but a net worker.

Det Sgt

There was some suggestion that FILLARY was involved in the MORGAN murder. Do you know anything about that?

POULTON

I've heard rumours about his face being seen at the window and I've also heard...

Det Sgt

Window of what?

POULTON

LEIGHTON's face being seen at the window.

Det Sgt

Window of.

POULTON

The pub.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

But then I think FILLARY has meant to have left before, I don't know I can't remember mean, 'cause FILLARY, didn't FILLARY leave before he arrived or something.

Det Sgt

Don't know...

POULTON

But they'd had an argument, REECE confirmed that the last meeting they'd had they'd have an argument over something and REECE and, not REECE, Sid FILLARY and Daniel had almost come to blows or had quite a vocal argument.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

I can't think what that was about.

Det Sgt

So technically most of these people you didn't know have that much dealing with before hand.

POULTON

No not FILLARY, LEIGHTON probably more than FILLARY obviously.

Det Sgt

LEIGHTON more for work, yeah.

POULTON

Through work, yeah.

Det Sgt

But not in relation to the Daniel MORGAN murder.

POULTON

No, no though subsequently I've been in situations where the topics come up where LEIGHTON's sort of thought about the murder and possible things and agreed funny enough that REECE was his own worst enemy. Along the lines I said earlier, that you know didn't he think it was inopportune to employ Sid FILLARY so soon after the murder, bearing in mind the rumours that had...

Det Sgt

Um hum.

POULTON

The coincidences.

Det Sgt

Were you tasked to get information about anybody else that, in relation to the MORGAN murder, MORGAN murder?

POULTON

Well it was (INAUDIBLE) anything it was going on there 'cause it was like a hub for corruption really.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

Southern Investigations, I think that's a, I think they...

Det Sgt

Did you know it was a hub before you were tasked?

POULTON

Well I had my suspicions obviously going back from years gone by that that kind of operation couldn't facilitate and names that were dropped, I mean so they were connected all over the Met you know from ex DS ROSS who, 'cause by that time they were even getting involved as very lucrative money with the newspapers.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

And they'd moved into that scheme, that side of the business whereby working for The News of the World.

Det Sgt

What sort of things did they do for them?

POULTON

Big stories, you know a lot of that prior to LEIGHTON leaving the Regional Crime Squad, a lot of that stuff was getting leaked to The News of the World.

Det Sgt

What sort of stuff were they doing, were they like doing a...

POULTON

Operational stuff to do with drugs and things and it was obvious that, it was obvious that stories were getting fed out of Regional, Surbiton to the press via I would presume REECE and FILLARY and co. or REECE and co.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

He's very close to the ex, one of the ex editors of The News of the World, News International and then The Irish Times and he's now gone freelance flogging stories.

Det Sgt

So did you personally know about their relationships, the relationship that the company was going down or was this stuff that you acquired...

POULTON

No, I was...

Det Sgt

As you, as you just used to...

POULTON

Yeah, this is sort of stuff you picked up from when he was speaking to you, you know like oh this job and that job and like he was talking about one the first time round when sort of paedophiles came of interest to the press.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And how they'd had a job at some council flats, him and Sid and they'd paid a kid a pound to go up and knock on this bloke's door so they could get a photograph of a young kiddie knocking on the door of this known paedophile...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

And things like that, but even then set off and the head, they were tasked with the, what's his name SPEDDING, ex head of MI6 had a house in Brixton and it came to their knowledge that

he entertained rent boys even though he was the head of MI6. So that set up a observation on his address and well they didn't realise, (INAUDIBLE) imagination that anybody like that who's gonna be watched to see watchers aren't they.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And they came to light on that. So yeah they were well immersed in the press and I think that's, I think it was quite lucrative for them you know for and it just went right across the Met contact wise 'cause Sid was well contacted whereas John REECE was probably connected only more so locally in South London and narrow strip of South London.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

POULTON

Sid was more widely connected.

Det Sgt

Was he?

POULTON

Police wise...

Det Sgt

Oh yeah.

POULTON

Must of been across, also he had cases like remember the MP in Hampshire with a bin liner and the orange in his mouth.

Det Sgt

No, sorry.

POULTON

Don't you know that?

Det Sgt

No.

POULTON

The Tory MP who was found suffocated, embarrassing situation.

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

And it got known as a, you know famous in its time, well that was leaked out from there, ROSS, I don't think that was anything to do with them, but ROSS got fifty grand off The News of the World for that story.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

So, so it was anybody had came across, they were networked, I think if anybody who had a story that was sellable, that would sell newspapers they would handle it for them. So it was like a conduit for stuff going through.

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE) was there anyone else you were tasked to get information about that you can think off?

POULTON

Well there was offshoot people who were interest...

Det Sgt

But no sort of...

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) through LEIGHTON and things like that, like Martin KING who was a money launderer for the ADAMS' family.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

He was also an associate of Alec LEIGHTON.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And whatever came up really.

Det Sgt

Right, let's just go over that and clear up. You say that HOLMES and MORGAN were trying to sell this story. Do you know this to be fact or is this just...

POULTON

Yeah I don't, I can't say 'cause I wasn't there...

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

But it, it was (INAUDIBLE) at Tottenham Court Road. I'm not sure if it was that was Brian CLARKE who told me or someone else said and it would be nice to come up with a name, but I can't come up with a name.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Do you know what I mean and then that was, really that was also subsequently reinforced by something REECE said.

Det Sgt

Uh hum. Right, you were saying also that REECE was passing across rumours about MORGAN's murder.

Was passing.

Det Sgt

Rumours across, you know he was making up these suggestions...

POULTON

Yeah he used to in conversation used to explore...

Det Sgt

The stuff about...

POULTON

Alternatives.

Det Sgt

Why, do you think this was trying to...

POULTON

Well...

Det Sgt

Distract you from possibly his involvement.

POULTON

No because he had no reason to suspect me of anything then and what he sort of, you know and he led me to believe that he was still in contact with her from time to time, 'cause that's what I always, I said you know I said to him I said why didn't she make more of a fuss.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And I don't think I've never ever seen an interview where she'd been interviewed. It's always been the brother or the mother or that and she's never really made any sort of comment about it, you know and she's, you know it just seems odd and then he said at one time that Daniel had gone home (INAUDIBLE) Daniel (INAUDIBLE) he's told me that Daniel had gone home and found young lads round there and...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And that he kicked them out and that. When I said that last bit about the relationship it was on the point of break up because of he'd allegedly found this young lady he'd fallen in love with from West Norwood. Whether that's true or not I don't know.

Det Sgt

Okay. And the last thing I think for the moment was the HP murders, was that just a general phrase...

POULTON

Well that's what it was known as. You know if anybody spoke about the MORGAN murder it was, like people say oh what the HP murder, meaning HP as it was paid for after it was done.

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

Or some was paid and then some, the bulk was paid afterwards which if you, I would associate with sort of an insurance payout, I don't know but you know that's the obvious thing isn't it, you know.

Det Cons

Supposition.

POULTON

Supposition.

Det Sgt

Right, we've had a fairly long day. I don't have any more questions at this stage. I'm going to review what I've got. Have you got anything?

Det Cons

No.

Det Sgt

Is there anything else you'd like to say at the moment?

POULTON

Not at the moment.

Det Sgt

Well the time is now 4.37 and I intend to terminate this interview.

(INTERVIEW CONCLUDED).

Statement Number: Y21a

Date of interview: 22/01/2007

Time concluded: 1656

Time commenced: 1617

Det Cons

The time is 16.17 we've had a short break to change the tapes and for Derek to get some

refreshments, can you just confirm that nothing untoward has been said Derek?

POULTON

That's correct

Det Cons

And your rights remain the same. Before the break we were starting or we were attempting

our review of a statement apparently dated the 17th July 1987 and trying to assess its

providence and its accuracy in noting events. We started on the first line which you said was

incorrect, and can we just review what is correct and what is incorrect about that line? Is

there anything correct about it? I'll read it out for the tape. I have mentioned previously my

contact who told me that on Detective Chief Superintendent BOYCE's instructions he carried

a message to Commander ADAMS at his home address via the golf course. If we take this

Derek piece by piece can we say whether it's accurate or not accurate. So I have mentioned

previously my contact, had you mentioned previously that you had a contact?

POULTON

I have a recollection in the depths of my memory that Alan HOLMES might of told me he'd

met Ray ADAMS on a golf course on BOYCE's instruction but I have no recollection of

committing that to a statement form.

Det Cons

So would it be fair to say that the facts are correct but that you have not put that in a

statement? That we've

POULTON

Well, I can't say the facts are correct, that could of only have come to me from one person and

that would have been Alan HOLMES himself, but to repeat myself I've got no recollection of

mentioning that in a statement or making a statement.

Det Cons

Do you remember telling anyone that, who may of repeated it?

It could of, I could of mentioned it to LOUNIS, I could of mentioned it to Bill BURNETT

Det Cons

Okay, for that sentence is there anything you want to say about it?

POULTON

No

Det Cons

No okay. I identified this man as Alan HOLMES (Taffy) a Detective Constable serving at Tottenham Court Road on the Bullion Squad.

POULTON

You see there again, that sounds odd to me because I never referred to it as a Bullion Squad before then or after I always called it the Brinks Mat Squad.

Det Cons

Okay. Was Alan HOLMES the person telling you or giving you information?

POULTON

He was giving me information on when he used to see me he would update me. I didn't seek the information but he would tell me what was going on I mean it was usually coupled with a plea can't you tell me, say can't you help, can't we do something to help this man?

Det Sgt

What information was he telling you at the time?

POULTON

Well things like, Ray knows what's going on, you know the first (INAUDIBLE) he know what's in the tapes, he needs to know, my exact words to him in that respect were I said to him I said "just keep out of it" I said, I think I actually said in all honesty I said, at the end of the day what is he worried about, I said because it's the, the allegation made by a known criminal. I said "You know it's never gonna go anywhere anyway" I said "why, why is he, why doesn't he let the thing run it's course?" That's my actual words to him you know why but no he was more and more insistent and ADAMS was obviously worried about something 'cause about that time he was feeding, HOLMES wasn't just coming to see me and mention it as a side matter he was obviously being directed to bring pressure to bear on me, and some of

that pressure he can use under the excuse of like Freemasonry that he's a Mason like us and we have a duty to help each other things like that.

Det Cons

So just to clarify what Det Sgt has asked, what information did he give you that was the plea? Did he actually give you any?

POULTON

Well he told me things sometimes, like, oh he knows they have overflown his house and taken photographs, well how was that then? Well it was the other afternoon, he said and he knew about it two hours later 'cause the helicopter pilot told him, and things like that

Det Sgt

So can we just put this into context, so at that time, you were both working put of Tottenham Court Road, you were on

POULTON

Yes but I wasn't really having, I wasn't working with HOLMES there

Det Sgt

No 'cause he was on Brinks Mat Squad as you say, and you were working for SO1(7) Serious

POULTON

Serious Organised its Organised Crime

Det Sgt

Serious and Organised Crime, so you would meet up, I mean canteen,

POULTON

You'd bump in, stairs

DC CLARKE

Stairs and all that sort of thing, so it wouldn't be unusual for you to run into him and then he would speak to you about such matters

POULTON

No, see that's

Det Sgt

Or were these meetings

No they weren't ever planned, like he obviously he had sometimes, or he'll get a phone call or be it a message you know what are you doing? Any chance of a meet? Or things like that, obviously that happened but what else? See I'm trying to get a handle on this, if you read that book by Gillard and Flynn, I had to go along to the launch of it at the House of Commons, and there was various Police officers that have past, present and suspended there, and there was one guy I did remember from the Brinks Mat Squad and I can't think of his name without referring to the book, but he's quoted in that book about meeting Alan HOLMES on the fire escape and there was a fire escape 'cause you went up the fire escape at Tottenham Court Road one day and Alan HOLMES made some remark in the book and he confirmed it when I actually had a drink with him afterwards not HOLMES the bloke who said this, he said he had, he looked really worried and said "don't you ever, don't you ever get involved with Kenny NOYE or something he's not worth it" or something like that, it's a line in that book, it was a sentence so I remember that guy from Tottenham Court Road and see I was also told by CLARKE afterwards I bumped, saw someone about a year later I bumped into him in a pub when I was down in London it wasn't arranged he just happened to be there, and I think it was after the Thelma WAGSTAFF and all that thing was over,

Det Sgt

Does this relate to meetings with you and

POULTON

Yeah it does in a way, no but I'm trying to put into perspective, he said to me I said, I said "why was all this denied like SANDLING turned round and then denied he ever had that conversation in the presence of LOUNIS and me I said you know, I was just trying to do a job I wasn't gunning for Ray I had nothing against Ray I might not have any respect for the person but what I do know about him" I said "but I thought I had got some backing from you lot" and he said they had a big meeting he said at Tottenham Court Road that they all sat round and it was at the time when they were talking about reducing the squad further and he said it was put to us all in such a way he said, he said getting on for half wanted to back you 'cause they knew what had gone on he said but when it was put to us that our overtime and that it was going to be shrunk and we would all be going back to Division he said we had to do the other thing and just sort of flank it off and say you were imagining things and I said "well" I said "I suppose really I should punch you straight in the face really for telling me that now" and I said "but I suppose 'cause his wife knew my wife" and he said, I said "but you know you didn't have to tell me that" I said you'd move on it's hard to explain but when you have things like this happen to you, you go through various stages and by that time I just said

you know "well you didn't have to tell me so yeah I appreciate that" but there was all funny things going on. Right its not taking us any further let's get on.

Det Cons

Right, there were other items of information which he has passed me but without knowing my source, so have you clarified everything?

POULTON

Well you see that doesn't make sense, there are other items of information which he has passed me which I've already passed to you but without naming my, I wouldn't of said that, if it had been said like that I would of said the other things the things relating to the helicopter the day that he was served with his official notice that he was being investigated all the things that I've given I wouldn't, they wouldn't have even been worded, I wouldn't of even said it him like that,

Det Cons

I did not identify my informant before as a particular piece of information that a girlfriend of Alan HOLMES

POULTON

I wouldn't of even said that, I'm going to take this line by line, I wouldn't of even said my informant I wouldn't of classed HOLMES as an informant even in that respect I might of said my source I wouldn't of said the informant because he wasn't an informant not in the sense I recognise an informant

Det Cons

I considered as insurance to protect the well being of myself and my family whose safety I was concerned about

POULTON

True

Det Cons

Okay, so that piece of information was true?

POULTON

See I said, when the many times are you going to tell us Mr now whatsisname Commander WAG, whose the Commander on CIB then ex Thames Valley bloke, when they were sort of sitting in the office saying he was getting very cross whatsisname? What's the Commander's name. Commander WINSHIP. He's getting very annoyed that you're withholding information

from him and I said, I said in a casual, in an office sat there and this was doesn't make further sense because if you had an interview at CIB Tintagel House it was recorded anyway whether you knew it was recorded or not it was all recorded, even the bloody waiting room being sat waiting to go in was taped er, yes I did say you know I did say those sort of things but not in that wording and not in one lump, yeah they might come up to you and say oh Commander WINSHIP's getting really annoyed with you and my answer was look I'm not corrupt I haven't committed any crime the only information I said which I am not prepared I said eventually I said should the situation arise where I feel I have to, I said I will I said but for the time being I said my sort of main consideration is my safety and the safety of my family and I said in the words of the effect in the light of you've told me this was a water tight a secure investigation and I said what I'm telling you is proving that it isn't that it's leaking like a sieve.

Det Cons

I know this sounds corny but if the information that has come to hand is true then Commander ADAMS has access to the services of very serious criminals perfectly capable of doing whatever Commander ADAMS wanted.

POULTON

See that's not the words I would of used, I wouldn't of even said it like that

Det Sgt

Okay

POULTON

I would of said that as far as I'm concerned the information I know that ADAMS might be connected with some serious criminal families in London whereas that

Det Sgt

Sounds about

POULTON

Woodentop, used not been

Det Sgt

Disjointed not your phraseology, carry on

Det Cons

Okay. I will identify the female later but I feel it will assist if the information passed to me by Alan HOLMES was put into chronological order before doing so I feel it is right that I should

reinforce what I say by telling you that I did not wish to identify Alan HOLMES for the reasons I've already given, at my meeting with Detective Sergeant TURRELL on

POULTON

Hold on, let's go back, (MUMBLES) chronological see, it don't make sense before doing so I feel its right that I should reiterate is that reiterate or rephrase what I said telling you that I did not wish

Det Cons

Reinforce

POULTON

Wish to identify Alan HOLMES for the reasons I have already given. At my meeting with Detective Sergeant TURRELL on the third of the sixth I said then I would not, I want to keep

Det Cons

That line open

POULTON

That line, 'cause I think that is my protection. That I could of said in one of those off the record unofficial, off the record chats when they were pressing me to name him. And see I need to get the feedback I didn't, it says that I wouldn't of said feedback that's out of context, Alan told me prior to meeting us that he had been (MUMBLES) Alan told me he gone via a golf course see that wasn't, doesn't, he did not tell me for what reason he had been sent and I did not ask him. I'll tell you what if I was coughing my heart out then a bit of that is true I'm sure he did say he had been asked by BOYCE to deliver a message and that when I said to him well I think I did say to him what was the message, yeah about what you know like you would say about what?

Det Sgt

Mm mm

POULTON

And I can't remember if he answered or what he answered but that I didn't sit in anywhere and make a statement like that this is a cover your arse thing I don't know why but?

Det Sgt

Yeah. Well my, our concern is its still got your signature on there

It bears my signature

Det Cons

Is it a forgery?

POULTON

Pardon?

Det Cons

That's one thing to consider, is it a forgery or did you sign it without knowing? Those are two considerations

POULTON

This, if you asked, that is, very similar, that is my, if someone in out of context did someone say did you sign or something else I'd say oh yeah that looks like my signature but this is so out of context, er

Det Sgt

Because someone else is writing it

POULTON

Even allowing for that, it doesn't you know I know you, perhaps it's hard to convince you I do know what was going on then and it's been a long time but I still got enough recall to know that this is including bits and pieces given in a casual fashion and then, here it says, (MUMBLES) let's get this, let's get this 'cause this is coming back to me, Alan HOLMES told me in one of these meetings Alan said Ray ADAMS wants to meet you

Det Sgt

Mm mm

POULTON

He wants to discuss this with you, that I did say to BANKS and TURRELL in Tintagel House not in a written statement I said I've been told that Ray ADAMS wants to have a meet with me to discuss this allegations against him and what the informant has said and I said if you want, if it advances what you're doing I'm prepared to go and meet him wired up.

Det Cons

Yeah

Right, and they didn't want me to. Now put yourself in my position, someone there, they're investigating a Commander whose main allegation is that he is corrupt. I'm telling them that through a source of mine that he wants to have a meeting with me to discuss this he also wants to know what's in the tapes, and I'm saying to you I'll do it if you want, if you want I'm prepared to go wired up for this meeting I can't arrange him I can't force Ray ADAMS to meet me in a pub, club, park golf course, what d'you say? You'd say yes wouldn't you? Common sense would tell you that yes, because why if this man has got nothing to hide why is he wanting to meet this officer what's the purpose of this meeting why can't we wire him up? And that to me was a start when I realised it was an investigation being conducted 'cause the investigation had to be carried out which had no intention of coming to a conclusion. It was just doing the washing but not producing the goods. It makes sense. Can you, I can't think of any reason I'm not saying I'm the cleverest person in the world but in that position of the investigating officer in a corruption enquiry that the person who I'm speaking to is saying that the target, the main man in our allegation wants to meet him to discuss what's on those tapes to find out what the informant said, to find out, you know to find out

Det Sgt

Okay we need to get more focused back focused on going through the statement.

Det Cons

I will identify the female later I feel oh sorry we've done that, Alan told me prior to the meeting of the 3rd of the 6th 87, that he had been sent by DCS BOYCE to contact Commander ADAMS on his behalf.

POULTON

Sorry

Det Cons

Alan told me that prior to the meeting of the 3rd of the 6th 87 that he had been sent by DCS BOYCE to contact Commander ADAMS on his behalf. Had Alan told you that?

POULTON

He had said it yeah

Det Cons

Okay fine

POULTON

But I have no recollection of

Right okay,

POULTON

Giving it back in statement form.

Det Cons

Alan told me that he had gone via the golf course and met ADAMS at the bottom of his garden. Had Alan told you that?

POULTON

I think he'd said he had met him on a golf course and his house backed onto the golf course

Det Cons

He did not tell me for what reason he had been sent and I did not ask him. Is that correct?

POULTON

No, that wouldn't of been right I'm sure when he said he that err; I would of said what on earth for you know, so as I say I didn't ask him that would've been nonsense wouldn't it?

Det Cons

So that's inaccurate?

POULTON

Yeah

Det Cons

A few days after ADAMS was served with his form 163 Alan told me that he ADAMS has been served with a 163 and that he was going to submit a report refuting the allegation saying that we, that's myself and Jerry LOUNDIS were well meaning officers perhaps acting in an over enthusiastic manner and that GREY had taken advantage of us.

POULTON

Now that HOLMES said to me I did repeat to Jerry LOUNDIS.

Det Cons

Right, so that bit is true?

POULTON

Yeah

This information had been told to Alan by ADAMS, is that right?

POULTON

No I wouldn't of said that even allowing for sort of poetic licence.

Det Cons

Okay so you didn't say it but is it true? Did Alan tell you that ADAMS

POULTON

Well that's what Alan told me that ADAMS that was you know

Det Cons

Okay, it doesn't reflect your phraseology?

POULTON

No

Det Cons

I think it was the same time that Alan asked me if Ray ADAMS could hear the tapes. Is that true?

POULTON

No that, because as soon as ADAMS was made aware through the grapevine I s'pose that these tapes existed, that was very soon after we had to take GREY up to CIB that HOLMES was then sort of making requests on ADAMS' behalf to hear what was on the tapes

Det Sgt

To the best of your ability did Ray ADAMS ever listen to the tapes?

POULTON

No

Det Sgt

Did you ever make him a copy?

POULTON

No

Det Sgt

Okay, thanks for that

Did you tell Alan

POULTON

Nor did I discuss what was on the tapes with HOLMES

Det Cons

Did you tell HOLMES that you did not have the tapes and that they were with CIB?

POULTON

Yeah

Det Cons

Okay, The statement goes on to say, I think probably within the next week Alan spoke to me and the conversation were along the lines of would I be prepared to meet Ray ADAMS. Is that true?

POULTON

Yeah, he asked again if I would be prepared to meet him and that's true and that's when I told them up there what I just said earlier about if they wanted me to, I would be prepared to meet him wired up

Det Cons

So the next sentence is true in part when it says, I told him I would have to think about it, in the event I reported the approach to Detective Superintendent BANKS, I have not met Ray ADAMS.

POULTON

That's right

DET CONS

But you offered

POULTON

I offered

DET CONS

To meet him with

Yeah. I said that I would be prepared to carry out the meet if they authorised it and I would be prepared to meet him taped up if it would advance what they were doing to bring it to a conclusion one way or the other.

DET CONS

Okay, another thing that I can recall Alan saying to me that NOYE had been an informant of Ray ADAMS for a number of years since the 70's. Did Alan tell you that?

POULTON

Yeah.

DET CONS

On the afternoon of the 9th July 1987 Alan came to me at my home address, do you recall that?

POULTON

I remember him coming to

DET CONS

He arrived between 2 and 2.30 pm do you remember if it was in the afternoon?

POULTON

No, it was in the afternoon but I thought it was later afternoon than that

DET CONS

So is that inaccurate?

POULTON

Possibly the time's wrong and its, there again I've gotta say I don't remember ever committing this to a statement that information

DET CONS

Do you remember telling anyone?

POULTON

I wouldn't of told them I might've told LOUNIS.

DET CONS

I appeared worried so much that my wife commented on it later. Do you remember that?

Yeah I remember the wife actually said that's unusual what's the matter with him he looked really sort of worried

DET CONS

He told me that he had heard from Ray ADAMS that ADAMS has been informed by the pilot of the Police helicopter who is a personal friend of ADAMS that the pilot had overflown the approach to his house and grounds.

POULTON

Now that I told them in the office not on record probably taped if they had a tape on but I didn't say that in a statement form.

DET CONS

But did HOLMES tell you that?

POULTON

Yeah

DET CONS

Alan also thought that he had been in a photograph at least that's what I thought but he then went on to talk about even

POULTON

No, no that's wrong because what he actually thought he thought they had all been photographs in the entrance of Selhurst Railway Station, Chick, BURGESS, Taffy and Ray ADAMS and Ray ADAMS was reluctant to come outside the railway station

DET CONS

So Alan HOLMES never thought that he'd been photographed on the golf course.

POULTON

Not on the golf course, I think this one, (MUMBLES) he also thought he was being you know, being in the photograph no, no, that was never said and I wouldn't of said that.

Certainly never ever was he saying he, overflew Ray ADAMS' house and photographed it that he was in a photograph.

DET CONS

Right, he goes on to say to discuss

Even there, right here we go I'm gonna jump ahead of you, he then went on to talk about Edith Road, Selhurst, I wouldn't say Edith Road and he wouldn't say to me Edith Road, Selhurst for a good reason, I'll give you this, I can never remember the name of the road all I know the only way I know the road which Jim BURGESS used to live in, if you come out Selhurst Railway Station and turn right, it's the first turning on the right which is on the left hand side, 'cause the railway's on the other side, so that doesn't make sense even allowing for someone putting it there own vernacular, thought that he had been in a photo (MUMBLES) he then went onto talk about Edith Road, Selhurst and a meeting, he would of said and I would of said that they, we will have a meeting in the back garden, why do you have a meeting in the back garden, that's, so I dispute that

DET CONS

Okay, so Alan was at the home of Jean BURGESS, she is the female that I said I would speak about

POULTON

Hold on, this meeting I believe took place in the afternoon of the 4th July 1987, all I know it was a Saturday, I didn't know which Saturday so I don't know how he could put a date on it the following circumstances

DET CONS

Let's just try and take it stage by stage so, Alan was at the, was Jean BURGESS divorced from her husband?

POULTON

Yeah she was

DET CONS

Did you know her ex husband as Chick?

POULTON

I knew of him to be honest I don't think I've ever meet him I knew his name was Chick BURGESS

DET SGT

Was Chick BURGESS an associate of Ray ADAMS?

POULTON

Well, from what was related to me by HOLMES and things that Chick had, Chick and Ray went back a long time and it was put to me, the actual words that were used in the days of dial

a robbery, when robbery teams used to ring up certain people in the Yard in certain places and say can we have a meet with you, we're thinking of doing a robbery 'cause things have changed and it was a classic remark of Robert MARK when he sat in his office once in a meeting and said how refreshing it is that the Flying Squad are catching robbers at last and some of the money being recovered as well. Well what I was, it was put to me I was told that you couldn't just have a robbery it was better for the people having a robbery if someone got arrested for it but it didn't necessarily have to be the people who carried out the robbery.

DET CONS

Chick went to Jean's house and told Alan that Ray ADAMS was waiting at Selhurst Station and wanted to speak to him, do you remember Alan telling you that?

POULTON

No all Alan ever said was that they were worried because they thought they were being photographed having a meeting at Selhurst Station, what sticks in my mind is that he said Ray was very worried and wouldn't come out the entrance of the station but they were worried that someone had taken a photograph, not from the Police helicopter the only mention of the Police helicopter was that the helicopter had taken a picture of Ray ADAMS house

DET CONS

Alan thought it was a set up and told Chick that ADAMS should come to the house if he wanted to speak to him

POULTON

No

DET CONS

That's inaccurate is it?

POULTON

Tosh,

DET CONS

Sorry, that means inaccurate does it?

POULTON

Yeah

DET CONS

A short while later, ADAMS called at the address with Chick and saw Alan in the garden, do you remember Alan telling you that?

POULTON

No, all I related to them was the briefest of conversations (MUMBLES) that they had a meeting, they were worried about they might've been photographed and it was outside Selhurst Railway Station, Chick was there so was Alan and Ray ADAMS was very worried about coming out the entrance of the station. The best lies always contain an element of truth.

DET CONS

Did Alan tell you that they all went to the back of the house?

POULTON

No, think about it, when you're having a secret meeting hush, hush, so you're in a house so what are you stand out in the garden and hold a, I am not having a go at you personally I'm just saying

DET CONS

I'm just trying to establish whether you remember this or not

POULTON

Its illogical

DET CONS

Alan believes that a photograph was taken of this meeting and he believes it was taken from the Police helicopter

(MOBILE SOUNDS)

POULTON

Sorry. Hello Sid can I call you back later I'm in the middle of something.

Alright okay, bye.

DET SGT

For the benefit of the tape that was Derek's mobile phone going off.

DET CONS

I'll just repeat that, Alan believes that a photograph was taken of this meeting, he believes

He was seen at the railway station that's what was said

DET CONS

Okay, did he mention any, the helicopter photographing at this event?

POULTON

No

DET CONS

I did not ask Alan the purpose of the meeting because I assumed that ADAMS would require an update from Alan because he knows that Alan and I are friends, is that true?

POULTON

Nonsense, it wouldn't have been, I wouldn't of said it

DET CONS

Okay

POULTON

I would've asked Alan what was the urgency of the meeting was

DET CONS

I think that I'd better tell you about the inter relationships, is that a word that you'd use?

POULTON

No

DET CONS

As I have been told them between Chick and Jean BURGESS, Alan HOLMES and Ray ADAMS, shortly after I first approached CIB, did you approach them?

POULTON

No, I was told to go up there, take the informant up there

DET CONS

Okay. I joined Alan HOLMES and Jean BURGESS for an Indian meal at a restaurant in Thornton Heath High Street, did you have an Indian meal there?

POULTON

Yeah, that's true

DET CONS

And was the timings

POULTON

I don't know

DET CONS

Shortly after

POULTON

But I mentioned that, I mentioned that, about the Indian meal that I had been told, someone had passed, but I said I'd been told in words to the effect that, through someone I'd been told that if I didn't assist Ray ADAMS something nasty could happen to me and that's why like more contacts and things, and people owed him favours and if I thought that if I took any satisfaction from the thought that he might get arrested if anything happened to me or my family it wouldn't happen because he would guarantee he would be a million miles away from when it happened

DET CONS

Alan mentioned Ray ADAMS and we got round to discussing the mild aspects of ADAMS behaviour. Do you remember discussing that?

POULTON

Alan made a comment that, made a comment that Ray ADAMS was a dangerous man and that I should watch my step no, I didn't say watch my step

DET CONS

Did you say anything with a similar meaning?

POULTON

No he said, he said Ray ADAMS that you know what I just said harm would come you know if I didn't play harm could come to me or a member of my family, as he's well connected he's got people owing him favours, serious people and if you I'm thinking of taking and his words were if you think you are going to take any satisfaction that if it did he would get arrested believe me but he would be a million miles away from it when it happens and away from it you know

DET CONS

In this statement it says this wasn't given as a formal warning merely a comment of ADAMS capabilities

POULTON

Yeah it was given as a warning

DET CONS

So it was given as a warning?

POULTON

That's when, yeah and that's why Jean BURGESS that's true, Jean BURGESS they knew that

DET CONS

Just taking it step by step so, when it says this was not given as a formal warning, you, you

POULTON

It was

DET CONS

It was, right, Jean said that should any harm come to me either physical or via the job because of Ray ADAMS she would be prepared to front him out face to face regarding monies as she had paid him on a

POULTON

Why would I say that. She said that if any harm comes to you or your family and she looked at Taffy and she said if any harm comes to Derek or his family I will personally go to the Yard and tell them how I paid that cunt out on his own doorstep in Bishops Walk and that's what I would've put, not that and presumably unless I was drugged stupid I did, I was in the habit of statements I wasn't in the habit of just signing something because someone said that's what I'd said, I got no recollection of even reading this crap through, because if I'd read it through then I would made the alterations I'm talking about now

DET SGT

Suitable stage, we'll conclude the, yeah its as good as time as any

DET CONS

Okay. I think we're gonna finish for the day Derek and we'll pick this up tomorrow. The time is four minutes to five.

(INTERVIEW CONCLUDED)

Statement Number: Y21b

Date of interview: 24/01/2007 Time commenced: 1037 Time concluded: 1458

Det Cons

The time is 10.37 and it is the date today is the 24th

Det Sgt

24th all day

POULTON

Till tomorrow

Det Cons

24th of January 2007. We're in a, a covert location and this is day three of of a section of interviews with Derek POULTON. My name is Detective Constable Ben HALL and the other officer present is?

Det Sgt

DS Doug CLARK

Det Cons

And Derek, if you just say your name for the audio typist?

POULTON

Derek POULTON

Det Cons

Okay. Just to recap on where we were yesterday, we ran through a number of statements in a chronological order and we were reviewing one of your statements dated or a statement in your name rather dated the 17th of July 1987 and just to recap again this isn't in your handwriting and was signed by DS TURRELL.

POULTON

Mm.

Det Cons

We I think we were about two-thirds of the way through so I'm going to pick it up where we left off. I just want to remind you again obviously that you're not under arrest, you're free to

go at any time and equally if you want to speak to legal representation I will arrange that for you. Are you?

POULTON

I understand yeah.

Det Cons

Happy with those rights? Okay. I'm just going to pick up on the, the line where we were in fact if we go back slightly get a feel for it. If we go Alan made a comment that Ray ADAMS was a dangerous man and that I should watch my step. This was not given as a form of warning merely a comment.

POULTON

Hold on I don't. Oh yeah on this one.

Det Sgt

Derek, since I think you've had some time to reflect are you certain.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

In relation to this statement that you don't believe that, that you've seen this statement before and this isn't the sort of.

POULTON

No.

Det Sgt

Sort of thing that you would.

POULTON

I was given.

Det Sgt

The phraseology.

POULTON

I was giving it some thought last night and it, it's like a, well the only time I can remember making any statements I made a duty statement at Tintagel House.

Det Sgt

Just for the benefit of the statement, for the benefit of the tape, what would you define a duty statement be?

POULTON

Well it, it's not as a witness statement it's a, a statement in those times that police officers made when they had to make a statement and it didn't have to be a witness statement just a, a duty statement but it's usually made on a an ordinary statement form as used for when people made statements under caution or wished to make their own statement.

Det Sgt

We, we don't have that here.

POULTON

No. And I can remember making one of those I think, I think Jerry LALIS and myself both had to make it. Then I'm I had several visits which should be logged on the A10 or CIB logs.

Det Sgt

Mm, mm.

POULTON

When I had to go up there both when I first took the informant up there and then when we had other discussions.

Det Sgt

Mm, mm.

POULTON

With the Chief Superintendent before INGRAM and TURRELL was usually present and sometimes Commander WINDSHIP. Then the next time only other time that I can remember and I don't know if a statement was taken was when I had to go meet them up after they'd asked me to pass a message onto Alan HOLMES to meet them at The White Lion at WALINGHAM where when on my arrival parking I was hurried into a car and I think I was sat next to what I believe is Superintendent INGRAM'S.

Det Sgt

Mm, mm.

And they said 'Where's the nearest police station to here outside the Met?' So I said 'It'll be CATERHAM' which is Surrey Police.

Det Sgt

Mm, mm.

POULTON

So we then drove to CATERHAM police station. There I relayed to them and you've got to bear in mind my recollection's not a hundred percent clear here it being somewhat of a traumatic day I've been awake all night.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

It was now quite late in the evening I should think approaching 10.30 o'clock at night and went into an interview room there and they wanted to know if I'd passed the message on and everything that had happened after I'd passed the message on. And I was fairly I was exactly frank and told them what had been said to me purely and simply because I didn't know I'd been in when some of this conversation had been taking place I'd been in HOLMES'S car for which all I knew could have been bugged anyway.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

We could have been followed to the pub and conversation overheard what we had and I related to them what had happened from the time I passed the message on.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

I think I mentioned I wasn't I didn't exactly think it was my position to pass that message on but the message had been passed on and the whole series of events that had happened, the drive where he was rather upset and I think he was drunk or had been drinking, and as my car was at the, the police car was at the Warren where we'd left it prior to the operation the night before he had to drive, he was driving the car and it was rather a bit scary because he was also emotionally upset.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And the, he said to me 'What do I do? What do I do?' So I said 'Well I don't know what's involved' I said 'I don't really know what your relationship with ADAMS is or what the hold is' I said 'Obviously they know something' I said and I repeated 'I don't know why they've asked me to pass this on it should have been passed through one of your, your Supervisors or Senior Officers or boys and he said 'Well what do I do? What do I do?' I said 'Well I don't know' I said 'I've not, I've not really been in this position' I said 'The only think I can think, I would think in, in terms of if you if you think you've done something wrong or you might be involved in something rightly or wrongly' I said 'You're the same as anybody else' I said 'I'd be inclined to speak to a Solicitor or speak to one of your senior officers and find out what is actually going on'. So then he said 'We'll stop at The Swan' and we stopped at The Swan at CRYSTAL PALACE and that was run by an ex-police officer Lionel PEACOCK and Lionel P he told Lionel PEACOCK said he noticed he was rather upset.

Det Sgt

Mm.

POULTON

And didn't look too happy and Lionel said 'What's the matter?' and he said he said 'Oh I've been told I've got to go to A10 by Sunday at the latest otherwise they're going to arrest me on my doorstep in front of my wife and children'. So he said to Lionel 'Could you, could you go and pick Jean up?' So I think she worked then at the gas board in CROYDON and whether Lionel went to the gas board to pick her up because Taffy had planned on, Alan HOLMES had planned on picking her up there anyway before this happened and he brought her to the pub. I got the impression that he needed her there. So when she got there he said, she said 'What, what's up? What's the matter? What are you?' And obviously Lionel had said something so he repeated it and then she came out with these words 'That cunt ADAMS has been has been a pain in my, my side, my family's side for as long as I can remember'

Det Sgt

Did that not happen at the restaurant then?

No, that's when she said the first time, she'd said to me when he started saying 'Oh you've got to play ball with this man' you blah blah blah 'He's a Mason like' I said 'He's a Commander and all this so if you've done something horrible'.

Det Sgt

Yeah but back to my question in relation to that statement you don't recall making that?

POULTON

No, but what I'm saying is there's things in here that were said in casual conversation. But when we got to CATERHAM right? I've met them and I've said you know 'There they are' they're all over me like a nasty rash almost because they that had been part of the message for me as well from TURRELL 'If you don't play along and do this WINDSHIP'S going to go. Yeah but what have I done? You know I, I've been put in the middle of all this, it's not my making I didn't I didn't it wasn't me the tape was, it wasn't down to me that the tape was given to. I'm not saying it wasn't right that it should have gone to complaints that was perfectly right but it wasn't down to me, I was just stuck in the middle. And I can't to be honest I can't remember if they were writing things that night they took a statement but if they did because I said to them in I said 'When you interview him forget the hard exterior' I said 'He's soft underneath' and I said and I said 'I don't know what you're looking for' I said 'I don't know the in's and out's of it' I said 'But it would strike me' I said 'I'll repeat what Jean BURGESS has said to me and that that if anything happened to me or my family she'd go over up the Yard and she'd tell them how she'd physically paid herself paid him out. The remark about the tracksuit was made in that pub that night

Det Sgt

Mm, mm.

POULTON

About the two crap you know and she said 'What do I get when Chick was away? What did he come and see me? Did he take any interest in us? No, he just brought me round two sort of rubbishy tracksuits that probably his wife probably couldn't have sold in the shop' as a derogatory remark. Then but I can't honestly say whether I signed anything but I wouldn't have signed this. I might have signed I don't know I know it sounds naïve and that you're going to say 'Oh Derek, can you just you've been telling them relating the events and watching someone write it down'. I just wanted to get out of there, I'd had enough

Det Sgt

So, so what you're saying is there may be a possibility but.

POULTON

It's possible I signed this.

Det Sgt

But.

POULTON

Without realising what was subsequently put in it.

Det Sgt

What, what, what the contents was.

POULTON

But it doesn't it doesn't bear any relation, if that's when this statement was taken and that's what you'd have to find out, if that's where this statement was taken at CATERHAM this isn't what was said at CATERHAM.

Det Sgt

Right okay, Ben, sorry.

Det Cons

Just do the last couple of sentences and then we'll pick up just so that you can get a feel for where we were yesterday.

POULTON

Right. Can I just interject here? The next time I saw that lot was, when was that? It was yeah I think the next time I saw them or spoke to them, the next time I spoke to TURRELL after this was when he rang me up, that's right I walked in the office at ADDINGTON and I got the phone, I think Roger (INAUDIBLE) said to me 'Have you not heard Derek?' I said 'What's that?' He said 'This morning Taffy's been he's shot himself' and with that, that's right then I picked up that's right.

Det Sgt

How did you feel when you heard that news?

POULTON

Well shocked you know well you would I mean physically shocked aren't you? I then picked up the phone and rung CIB, A10 whatever it's called then.

Det Sgt

Who did you speak to?

POULTON

I rang them got hold of TURRELL because I still had the number.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

He rung he rung me and I said 'What on earth is going on?' 'Where are you Derek?' I said 'I'm at ADDINGTON police station'. 'For your own safety get out of there now, get out, disappear, go' and that was TURRELL. And then the next time I spoke to him was possibly a week or two later and that was INGRAM, 'Could you meet me and Mr.INGRAM somewhere?' 'Where?' and it was a section house by CLAPHAM COMMON, a Met police section house it used to be, I don't know if it's still there at CLAPHAM COMMON. I went there.

Det Sgt

Yes it's still there.

POULTON

Yeah. And they said 'Oh how's things?' So I said 'What do you mean asking me how is it? What on earth did you say to him?' I said 'My last words to you' I said 'If you wanted if you wanted to keep you were ever after' I said 'That despite his hard exterior he's not hard. He's, he will respond to a more sort of subtle interview' and I said 'The key to it all is Jean BURGESS. What did you do?' 'Oh it doesn't, it doesn't, don't worry about that. Are you all right?' 'Yeah, yeah, thanks a lot. What are you doing for me?' you know and that was it. And then they said that's right 'Will you be going to the funeral?' I think it was then and they said 'Will you be going to the funeral?' Then on the day of the funeral or two, two days before the funeral by which time I knew I was obviously I'm going to be at the I think I' m going to be told I'm going to be at the inquest, Carol SCART rang me up who's known as a DS, she was then the Detective Chief Superintendent up there, and she said 'Oh Derek, how are you? Alright?' I said 'Well'

Det Sgt

Sorry Derek, does this relate to this?

POULTON

I know it relates I'm just saying because I want to get this clear because this is the only times I saw them.

Det Sgt

Oh right okay.

POULTON

Which these events could relate to. And I said, she said 'You're not going to the funeral?' I said 'Well' I said I, I said 'Well everything's being printed, anything's being said about me 'I said 'And put around' I said 'I'm being made a villain of this peace' I said 'I was thinking of going down there after the funeral after everybody has gone' and she said 'Oh wouldn't you rather come out with us for an Italian meal?' I said 'No thank you, no'

Det Cons

So, so just, just to clarify how many times did you meet with Detective Sergeant TURRELL?

POULTON

I wouldn't like to say but that can. Well I'll tell you how you can work it, if you can get hold of the logs because I had to sign in every time I went there, it would be that amount of times. Then if recording contact.

Det Cons

I mean.

POULTON

One, one was at, one contact was him after the message had been passed on and I don't I'm not sure if he was there with INGRAM that second time at CLAPHAM.

Det Cons

Alright. So what I'm talking?

POULTON

Well that's physical in presence.

Det Cons

Yes.

POULTON

And then obviously the phone call, the phone call when he told me to pass the message onto HOLMES, the phone call when he rang me or spoke to me ADDINGTON he said 'Get out of there, your life's at risk, get out of there go, disappear, go somewhere'

So how many times would that be?

POULTON

Well apart from the ones that will be recorded that's what's, what's that make it? One, two I think.

Det Cons

So you'd met him twice?

POULTON

Two yeah.

Det Cons

And the ones that have been recorded?

POULTON

Yeah, plus the ones that have been recorded.

Det Cons

Right.

POULTON

CATERHAM and I think he was there I'm almost certain he was there at CLAPHAM. So whatever ones are recorded plus those two and then twice on the phone.

Det Cons

And do you remember how many statements were taken between?

POULTON

I can't remember, I know it's I'm not trying to be awkward or frustrate what you're doing but I've got I'm giving you the benefit of the doubt that when we went into that interview room a statement was taken relating, I'd be surprised if it wasn't, regarding I'd passed the message on, what had taken place

Det Cons

Okay

POULTON

After I'd passed the message on. And I might have well be given this (INAUDIBLE) because I'm sat opposite and one's, there's a whole room full of them, and one's writing down and you know one's a Detective Chief Superintendent and all that. I know it sounds naïve and stupid.

| But wasn't it taped? |
|--|
| POULTON |
| No, didn't have tapes then, not (INAUDIBLE) not, not tapes. |
| Det Sgt |
| Well of course you must have done because you did you not say to us? |
| POULTON |
| Yeah but this was at CATERHAM. The Met, the Met started as one as the pilot schemes. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right. |
| POULTON |
| So it wasn't fully adopted then. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right okay. |
| POULTON |
| It was pre PACE as well. So you know that sounds naïve I might have well have signed that because it does look like my signature but that and I'm not daft, that bears no none of this it, it is bits and pieces in there that relate to people. |
| Det Cons |
| Okay but. |
| POULTON |
| But not in a written statement form. |
| Det Cons |
| Let's continue and we'll see which hits relate and which don't. I'll read you in first counter of |

sentences before then if we go through line by line is it factually correct and are you happy with the phraseology or does the phraseology bear resemblance to what you would have said?

Det Sgt

POULTON

Det Cons

Mm.

| Okay Derek? |
|---|
| POULTON |
| Right okay. |
| Det Cons |
| Yeah okay? So I'll read you in a for a few sentences. Alan made a comment that Ray ADAMS was a dangerous man. |
| POULTON |
| Oh let me find this again. (LONG PAUSE) Is this after EDITH ROAD, SELHURST? |
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| (PAUSE) |
| Det Cons |
| If you can find the paragraph that begins I think I'd better tell you about the inter-relationship. |
| POULTON |
| It's not page one is it? |
| Det Cons |
| No, be about two-thirds of the way through. |
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| (PAUSE) |
| POULTON |
| Right yeah, yeah |
| Det Cons |
| You got it? |
| POULTON |
| Yeah |
| Det Cons |
| Well I'll read in from that paragraph then |
| POULTON |
| Mm |

I think I had better tell you about the inter-relationships as I have been told them between Chick and Jean BURGESS, Alan HOLMES and Ray ADAMS. Shortly after I first approached CIB I joined Alan HOLMES and Jean BURGESS for an Indian meal at a restaurant in THORNTON HEATH High Street. Alan mentioned Ray ADAMS and we drove round to discuss the immoral aspect of ADAMS'S behaviour. Alan made a comment that Ray ADAMS was a dangerous man and that I should watch my step.

POULTON

Sorry can I stop there? Immoral behaviour.

Det Cons

Mm.

POULTON

Not me.

Det Cons

I think we covered that yesterday.

POULTON

Right, that's alright then.

Det Cons

Okay. Alan made a comment that Ray ADAMS was a dangerous man and that I should watch my step. This was not given as a form of warning merely as a comment and ADAMS capabilities, and we discussed that yesterday. Jean said that should any harm come to.

POULTON

What I'm stopping you there, what was actually said he has lots of contacts and lots of people that owe him favours, nasty people sort of along those lines.

Det Cons

Mm. Come to me either physical or via the jobs because of Ray ADAMS.

POULTON

No it was physical, anything I should be careful because something might physically have happened nasty happen to me or a member of my family. No mention of the job.

And because of Ray ADAMS she would be prepared to front him out face to face regarding moneys that she had paid him on instructions from Chick, her ex-husband, for favours afforded to Chick and his team. I asked her what she meant by that.

POULTON

I'm stopping you there. That relates to the conversation where I said that she had said in front of me at the pub that she'd actually paid him out on his own sort of doorstep and you know had been a pain inside all his family's side all that time and, and then she went on to say which followed on from that about that she mentioned that when Chick had been locked up the only help she got from Ray ADAMS was when he came round with two tracksuits that his wife, designer tracksuits in a tatty condition that his wife probably couldn't sell in the boutique and gave her. That was said but not.

Det Cons

I asked her what she meant by that and she said 'I've even had to go there and pay him out on his own doorstep'.

POULTON

Mm.

Det Cons

I think the amount mentioned was 6,000.

POULTON

No. No she never mentioned any amount. She didn't, didn't quantify just said money paid him out.

Det Cons

Okay.

POULTON

Or cash on his own doorstep.

Det Cons

And I think we got to here yesterday.

POULTON

Mm, mm.

So this is where we're going to start taking it line by line. Should he identify Chick. I learnt this evening the 17th of July 1987 that his name is Henry BURGESS and Alan told me this evening that he is a robber and he put him away for eleven years when he was on the Regional Crime Squad. Is that correct?

POULTON

No, well no because I wasn't aware, I know it might sound stupid, I, I wasn't aware that Alan HOLMES ever been on the Regional Crime Squad.

Det Cons

Okay.

POULTON

Because I did wonder when I read that yesterday. I thought well perhaps I often wonder how him at his lowly rank came to be such a close confident of Ray ADAMS and have all sort of perhaps did. I don't know whether ADAMS I know roughly where he worked, KENSINGTON and do you know, but I wondered if where Taff because Taff must have met him on Z because I think Taffy spent most a lot of time on Z.

Det Cons

Mm, mm.

POULTON

So that I couldn't have said because I didn't know Taffy had been on the Regional Crime Squad.

Det Cons

Jean also told me I think on the previous occasion that Chicken Ray ADAMS had been on holiday together to Portugal. Is that correct had Jean told you that?

POULTON

That I can't recall. (INAUDIBLE) jumping, they're jumping the gun here. The only thing I know about a holiday abroad was in that book when apparently he was interviewed ADAMS.

Det Cons

We really do want to get away from.

POULTON

Yeah.

POULTON Yeah right alright. **Det Cons** (INAUDIBLE) were. **POULTON** Mm. **Det Cons** So you cannot remember? **POULTON** Well I'm aware of a holiday where they met but I'm not so sure, I'm fairly certain that that wasn't mentioned. I didn't mention I wasn't. **Det Cons** Right. **POULTON** Knowledge that I had at that time. **Det Cons** Okay. And just to clarify can you remember whether Jean told you that? **POULTON** I can't remember **Det Cons** Fine, okay that's all we're trying to do. And the last occasion that Chick went inside Ray ADAMS went around to her address then and gave her two tracksuits from his wife's shop and Jean thinks he said they wouldn't sell in the shop. Now you've just clarified that earlier and you said that you do remember.

Det Cons

POULTON

Yeah she said that at the pub.

Discussing what, what you.

Right okay. So not on the so in the pub but as in the Indian restaurant or?

POULTON

No, she said that in the pub.

Det Cons

Right.

POULTON

She never mentioned that at the Indian restaurant, this was some time later quite a bit of a few weeks, a month or so later.

Det Cons

On the same occasion Jean said that on one occasion that Alan had been delivering Ray ADAMS meat order to his address in Bishop's Walk. Do you remember Jean telling you that?

POULTON

No. I knew but then again I knew Alan HOLMES had a close relationship with a butcher at NEW ADDINGTON who used to supply meat to people

Det Cons

Okay, but, but, but you don't remember that Jean told you that?

POULTON

No.

Det Cons

Okay. She had been invited in with Alan and it was obvious that ADAMS was highly embarrassed by her presence and couldn't look her in the eye. Do you remember her telling you that?

POULTON

No

Det Cons

Okay. This evening I saw Jean and Alan at The White Swan. Do you remember?

POULTON

There you go, should have gone there first shouldn't we? This evening in The White Swan.

Det Cons

Mm.

POULTON

That's where, that's the only time I've been to The White Swan with Alan HOLMES so this is a statement that's meant that was obviously taken at CATERHAM police station that I didn't read through I'd signed.

Det Cons

So.

POULTON

End of story isn't it?

Det Cons

So after The White Swan that's when you went to CATERHAM?

POULTON

No. After The White Swan.

Det Cons

Yeah.

POULTON

Like I said earlier on and it's on the tape, we went from I phoned him from C11 as instructed.

Det Cons

Mm.

POULTON

He picked me up outside the Yard. We then had a bit of a sort of odd journey from there to The White Swan at CRYSTAL PALACE where he insisted on stopping.

Det Cons

Mm, mm.

POULTON

Having a drink because he wanted another drink. He got Lionel PEACOCK the publican, the licensee of that pub to fetch his wife which I would presume from the gas board in CROYDON. She then came. That's when she mentioned about the tracksuits, that's when she said again if anything what I said when I said well what you said.

Mm, mm.

POULTON

'If anything happened to me' I said 'Would if it if it helps Alan surely he's the one that needs the help not me' and that's when she went off and said about 'The bastard, the cunt' she said. I can see it now again can see it in the pub it's like being there. She said 'He, he has been a pain the side of my family for as long as I can remember' she said 'And I've paid I've even paid him out on his own doorstep at Bishop's Walk'.

Det Cons

But that even Derek because obviously refers.

POULTON

Right.

Det Cons

To this evening.

POULTON

Yeah, so that's.

Det Cons

Did you make any statements that day?

POULTON

Well it's possible because you've got.

Det Cons

Because later on that evening.

POULTON

Yeah because it says there this evening, that's the only time so that must have been the day that then from The White Heart, The White Swan we went we went to the Warren police club, went inside. He wanted strangely enough he said 'Can you come in with me in case I'm seen with Jean' because it was a police club. So what he was trying to do is pass us off and say she was with me right? And then I said 'I've got to go' which I had (INAUDIBLE) I used the phone in the lobby there and I think I asked her to ring and say 'Where's the meat?' or they nominated a place and said (INAUDIBLE) I could think that it was getting towards home 'Because we need to speak to you', like that. I then drove from The Warren at KESTON I drove to The White Lion at WALINGHAM in SURREY. I don't think I went inside I think as

I parked my car and walked towards the entrance of the pub some people came out and said 'Oh rah rah rah' like that and I was 'Can you get them back here quick?' And I think it was next to this INGRAM and TURRELL was there as well and we then the conversation about 'What's the nearest police station to here that's outside the Met'.

Det Cons

Right.

POULTON

'That would be CATERHAM'. We drove to CATERHAM, a few warrant cards were shown. We went into I got you're allowed to use some room I don't know if it was a main interview room or an interview room, a non-taped interview as they were, they weren't.

Det Sgt

So Derek.

POULTON

Yeah. And then I perhaps and I say I can't because you've got to put I've had a traumatic day.

Det Cons

(INAUDIBLE)

POULTON

Yeah

Det Cons

That's fine we just we just

POULTON

So my what I will say for the benefit of the tape is yes in that statement signed by me and I'm not arguing that isn't my signature, I think this was a statement that was taken at CATERHAM police station which I don't think I even read. I trusted that what I was saying I was just relating the events.

Det Cons

Right.

POULTON

At the at the (INAUDIBLE)

That's fine, alright, alright that's fine. **Det Sgt** We're happy with that so, so there's no offences. What was said was probably not wasn't you, you disagree with the content of that statement? **POULTON** Yeah the major part of it. Det Sgt That's okay, we will carry on then as long as you disagree and then we, we can try and rectify it as we go through. **Det Cons** Yeah **Det Sgt** And then we will come when it comes to writing the statement will put it in your words. **POULTON** Yeah. **Det Cons** Yeah. **Det Sgt** How does that sound? **POULTON** Well. **Det Sgt** Does, does, does that sound? **POULTON** Yeah I know. I'm annoyed with myself because it's I must have been have been so naïve not

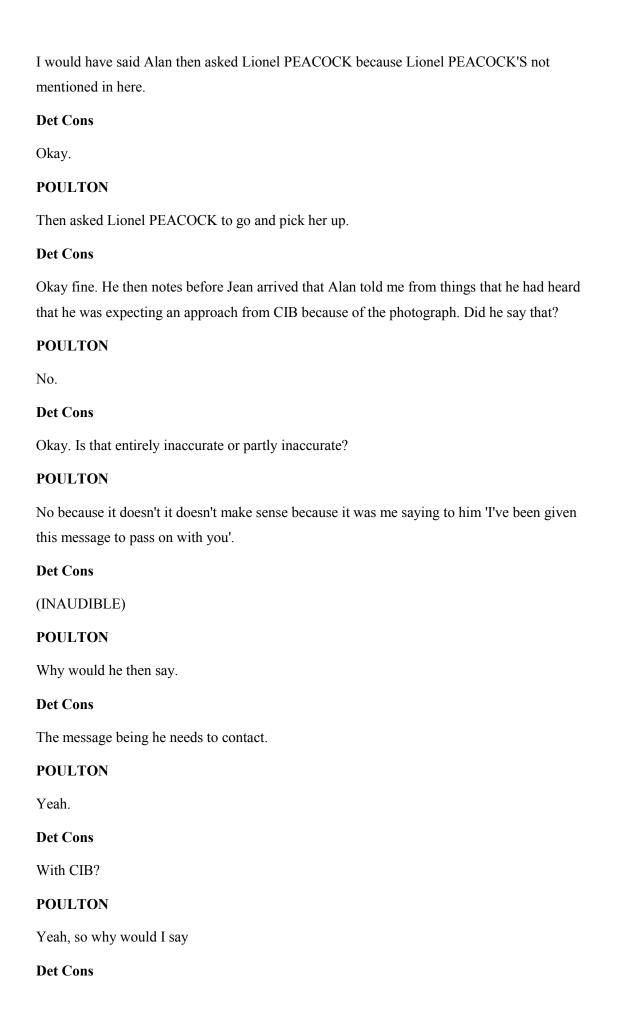
Det Sgt

to read it.

Just don't eat the other one.

| Alright well. Does it annoy yeah |
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| Det Sgt |
| Yeah |
| POULTON |
| Never tell when someone you're interviewing your weak points. |
| Det Cons |
| Right okay. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right okay we'll press on. |
| Det Cons |
| Okay. Okay I think we've got to the bottom of that. Let's, let's carry on line by line if you're happy with the phraseology and whether you're happy with the factual content okay? |
| POULTON |
| Mm yeah. |
| Det Cons |
| And then that way when I do your statement I can put it in your phraseology your words. |
| POULTON |
| Yeah. |
| Det Cons |
| And adjust the actual discrepancies. |
| POULTON |
| I'd just wished it would have said me a lot of fretting last night okay a bit further on last night. |
| Det Cons |
| Well you know no worries that's the whole. |
| Det Sgt |
| Whole point of this exercise. |
| Det Cons |
| The whole point of it. |

| Det S | Sgt |
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| Yeah | |
| Det (| Cons |
| So th | at, okay lovely. So you did see Jean and Alan in The White Swan as we clarified. |
| POU | LTON |
| Yeah | |
| Det (| Cons |
| And, up. | and in fact to elaborate on that you went there with Alan and Jean you think was picked |
| POU | LTON |
| By L | ionel PEACOCK. |
| Det (| Cons |
| By L the Y | ionel PEACOCK, fine okay. And as you've already said Alan had picked you up from ard. |
| POU | LTON |
| Mm. | |
| Det (| Cons |
| Beca | use your car was at The Warren. |
| POU | LTON |
| Yeah | |
| Det (| Cons |
| Yeah | ? So when it says and Alan telephoned Jean to join us, is that correct? |
| POU | LTON |
| | the possibly did ring her but then if I was if I was what I would have related because it's at a definitely this was the CATERHAM one. |
| Det (| Cons |
| Yeah | |
| POU | LTON |



Okay

POULTON

He was expecting a you know.

Det Cons

I said to him 'Where do your loyalties lie to your family or Ray ADAMS?' Is that the sort of thing you would say?

POULTON

Possibly I could have said that yeah.

Det Cons

Okay. And, and.

POULTON

Pertinent remark you know.

Det Cons

They didn't know so Jean arrived she said she was in the middle of cooking the dinner. Now that appears.

POULTON

Well.

Det Cons

Or.

POULTON

I'm say, yeah, yeah that could be possible that could I can't argue one way or the other. All I know is that she did work and sometimes he picked her up from work and she'd be working for the gas board in Wellesley Road, CROYDON.

Det Cons

Yeah.

POULTON

And perhaps you know perhaps in that yeah perhaps she, she was at home cooking the dinner. I don't know what the, the time would have been then. I would have thought it must have been yeah perhaps it might have been too late for picking her up for work because I think we were in there about six o'clock, yeah it must have been after 6.00. I think he might have picked me

up about 4.30 from the Yard and we might have been in there about 6.00 so perhaps she was gone home by then and was cooking the dinner.

Det Cons

Okay.

POULTON

But I can't remember saying that one way or the other.

Det Cons

On the second set, segment about it says 'What you want me to get her for?' Do you remember her?

POULTON

I don't remember Jean no she would have said no. 'What do you want me here for?' I doubt it no because he told Lionel and Lionel had gone to pick her up and the first thing she would have said 'Why am I why are you picking me up? What's, what's happened to Taff?' and that.

Det Cons

Okay. Alan said 'It looks as if I'm going to be nicked because of Ray ADAMS. Did he say that to her?

POULTON

Possibly yeah.

Det Cons

Okay.

POULTON

He I think he told them I think he said to her what he'd said what I told him that Derek's been asked to give me tell me that if I don't that is what he said if I don't get myself up the CIB2 or Tintagel.

Det Cons

Mm.

POULTON

By Sunday at the latest and repeated what I'd told him

Det Cons

Jean started cry. Do you remember the emotion?

POULTON

I can't remember that. I know she, she would appear to be more angry than.

Det Cons

Okay. She said words to the effect that 'That bastard had been a thorn in his side and my family'.

POULTON

In the family's side.

Det Cons

For years.

POULTON

Mm, mm.

Det Cons

'All the money he has had off Chick over the years.'

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Cons

Now that sounds quite similar to what you've mentioned earlier today.

POULTON

Yeah that's what she said, that's what I told them she had.

Det Cons

Okay. All the money, sorry. Alan said he hadn't done anything criminal but he could loose his job for discipline matters. Do you remember that?

POULTON

I don't know I don't recall that.

Det Cons

Okay. I said to Jean 'Are you going to let Alan go to the wall because of Ray ADAMS?' Do you remember that?

No I think what I said I said 'Look, if, if Alan's in trouble' I said 'You said to me not so long ago that if anything happened to me or any of my family you'd go to the Yard and tell them exactly what you'd gone on with you Ray pay about you said'.

Det Cons

Yeah.

POULTON

You know about paying him out on his doorstep.

Det Cons

Mm.

POULTON

That's what was said, and she said you know words to the effect 'I fucking will' or something like that and that's when and I can always give you this verbatim often said by he said 'Jeanie, Jeanie you can't do that' he said 'Come on, you know'. It was his (INAUDIBLE) always ran through him that this I don't know this almost religious belief in the guy come what may you know.

Det Sgt

Can we just settle this. I know that you can't really answer this question but surely his allegiance to Ray ADAMS cannot just be just because he is a Commander?

POULTON

No but that's that you can imagine put yourself like sort of in this position Jeanie's saying 'Well I'll tell, I'll go and I'll tell them' you know when I've said what I've said to her and she said 'I'll do it' and he I can remember as clear as bloody anything he said. 'Jeanie, Jeanie you can't do that he's a Commander'. It's frightening but I know it sounds odd but that's the way it was.

Det Sgt

Go on going on.

Det Cons

So you didn't so did you say to Jean 'Are you going to let Alan go to the wall because of Ray ADAMS?'

No I didn't say that. I think my, my phraseology I said just then was I said to I reminded her of what she said to me if anything happens.

Det Cons
Okay.

POULTON

If anything happened to me and my family.

Det Cons

And she said to Alan 'He's not worth it, all he cares about is himself. He's a selfish greedy bastard'. Is that the sort of?

POULTON

Could have possibly yeah that sounds yeah.

Det Cons

Then she said to Alan 'If you don't tell them I will'. Do you remember that?

POULTON

I don't remember that.

Det Cons

Alan said to Jean 'Would Chick tell them if he was asked?' And Jean said 'I doubt it'.

POULTON

No.

Det Cons

Do you remember that?

POULTON

That was not said.

Det Cons

I said to Jean

POULTON

Anyway. Say what? That's a bit that's called creative writing that because it doesn't make sense. This is a couple who are eating together, sleeping together and spending most of their

time. It's not a question he's had to ask it's a convenient question for this in reality it's not a question you ask of the person you're having an affair with is it?

Det Cons

Mm.

POULTON

That's all been discussed innit, months ago between the sheets over the candles on the dinner table.

Det Cons

I said to Jean 'If it would cause you problems where would his loyalty be then?'

POULTON

Hold on. I said to Jean 'If it would cause you problems where would his loyalty be?' Jean said 'Hopefully with me'. No.

Det Cons

No? Alan then went into great detail about how he wasn't corrupt and had not been involved in any of ADAMS'S corrupt practises. Is that correct?

POULTON

No.

Det Cons

We left The White Swan and parted shortly afterwards and I gave him your telephone number. Does that refer to DS TURRELL?

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Cons

And advised him that it was in his best interests to make an appointment to see you. Was that right?

POULTON

Well no I just I, that's what's missing I would have then after we went to The Warren.

Det Cons

Mm

POULTON

And that was their main interest was in further conversation at The Warren. He'd conveniently he'd leave all that out of it don't they.

Det Cons

Mm.

POULTON

TURRELL's a liar full stop I know that from the other enquiry.

Det Sgt

In your opinion.

POULTON

Well in my opinion. Well I think it was proved to be at best.

Det Cons

In conclusion as regards Alan HOLMES during the years I have worked with him nothing has ever given me any cause to believe he is anything other than a good honest police officer. Is that right?

POULTON

No, didn't even say that.

Det Cons

There is one other thing that I would wish to mention. Shortly after Alan told me that ADAMS was intending to put a report in saying that PC LUNIS to me were overenthusiastic officers. Do you remember that?

POULTON

No. That had been said much earlier and I'm not sure if I even told him that. I, I might have told Jerry LUNIS.

Det Cons

Okay

POULTON

And that's how that's, that was at a starting point when it first started when Taff related it to me. I don't know what it was or when but that was after I'd said I wasn't prepared, I wasn't prepared to pass on information or, or tell him what was on the tapes.

Det Cons

Okay.

POULTON

He would best keep out of it and I think I said I don't really think in like I said yesterday in the circumstances at the end of the day he probably had any problems anyway because it's a it's a word of a convicted crook.

Det Cons

Yeah. He, ADAMS was considering another form of approach to discredit me. Was that mentioned?

POULTON

No.

Det Cons

ADAMS goes to draw the docket on me to see if I, see if he had administered it adversely.

POULTON

No.

Det Cons

In order to use it as any excuse as to why I would be vindictive against him.

POULTON

No. That was that was mentioned in conversation. I asked them in the office there which is probably recorded but not, not, not with me officially knowing. I wasn't recorded as a paper and I said could you please check on my personnel file at the Yard to see if it's been drawn by anybody.

Det Cons

Mm.

POULTON

And they said 'Why?' I said because I needed to know because I have been told by someone that someone might be drawing my file to put a retrospective criticism on there that could be used to say why I was participating in this thing.

Det Cons

Okay.

POULTON

So they would have been aware that I was conscious of being told my file had been drawn.

Det Cons

I think after some effort I think we've got to the, the bottom or.

POULTON

Mm, mm.

Det Cons

Made some progress in regards to this statement and factual discrepancies.

POULTON

Mm. Well if I can say for the benefit of the tape yes as far as this statement dated the.

Det Sgt

17th of July.

POULTON

17th of July consisting of seven written pages signed by me and Detective Superintendent Ray INGRAM and Paul TURRELL Detective Sergeant, yes I believe this statement was made at CATERHAM police station.

Det Cons

Mm.

POULTON

Where conversation went regarding what had taken place since I'd passed the message onto Alan HOLMES. It may well be the case that's when the statement was written and if I was offered this statement I may have well signed it not without reading it through because I presume what I'd said had been accurately recorded.

Det Cons

Fine.

POULTON

Naïve as that may seem but when your Detective Superintendent there and whole group of.

Det Cons

No, no, no.

| POULTON |
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| Other people. |
| Det Cons |
| That's fine. Is there anything else you want to discuss about that statement? |
| POULTON |
| No just, no I'm just. |
| Det Cons |
| Okay. |
| POULTON |
| I'm glad we pinned it down to what where that was and if you could verify that statement to that case. |
| Det Cons |
| At this contact stage it's clearer now. |
| POULTON |
| Mm, mm. |
| Det Cons |
| Doug, would you like add anything? |
| Det Sgt |
| Oh no. |
| Det Cons |
| Fine. We've got to the bottom of that I'll, I'll stop the tapes which are about to end anyway and then we'll move onto, to the next one and the time is 11.20. |
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Statement Number: Y21c

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Det Sgt

This interview is being tape-recorded. I'm interviewing, can I have your full name please?

POULTON

Derek Gordon POULTON.

Det Sgt

Right, I'm Detective Sergeant Douglas CLARKE. The other person present is.

Det Cons

DC Ben HALL.

Det Sgt

We're in a covert location. The time is 20 past 3. The date is the 24th of Jan. We're conducting some interviews with Derek here. I must remind you of your legal rights Derek that you're not under arrest, that you're free to go and that you also can have free independent legal advice. Do you understand those rights?

POULTON

Yes, yes.

Det Sgt

That I've told you so far. We've been talking recently about, we've been going through your statement previously, I just wanna cover quickly you were going through a statement and the tape finished and I want to give you an opportunity to finish off what you were saying in relation to that.

POULTON

Basically I can recall, I don't have a separate memory of this individual statement, but some of the things in it and now seeing them again do ring a bell with me so I'm quite happy that was things that I reported back, but obviously it's a long time and a lot of waters gone under

the bridge since then and (INAUDIBLE) might of been sort of confused with others things but basically if that's what's there I'll accept that those things were said.

Det Sgt

Yeah. Is there anything you'd like to add?

POULTON

Er...

Det Sgt

Probably not after all this time. You're happy with the content.

POULTON

Yes like I say it would be nice to know when and what circumstances that was made 'cause that might of helped refresh me memory more.

Det Sgt

Oh that's fine, that's fine. I tell you what we can do if that's what you want, I will get details about that and I will let you know.

POULTON

Um, I'm not inferring anything sinister but if I could remember where it was made in what the circumstances it might...

Det Sgt

Dates were made and we'll get back to that. Overall we've spent quite a lot of time going over your statements in exception of one statement which we, I think we've now bottomed out.

POULTON

Uh hum.

Det Sgt

Are you quite happy with the contents of what you have given throughout this...

POULTON

Yeah...

| Det Sgt |
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| Written |
| POULTON |
| With the exception of that other statement which I would challenge that. |
| Det Sgt |
| But you've offered as evidence over the enquiry into Taffy HOLMES and the MORGAN enquiry so far. |
| POULTON |
| Yeah. |
| Det Sgt |
| We're now gonna move on. You've told us in 1996 that Superintendent WOODS, is that right. |
| POULTON |
| Yeah. |
| Det Sgt |
| Asked you to give, come and give some assistance and subsequently you've been assisting near enough to the present day with the Anti Corruption Squad. Am I right? |
| POULTON |
| That's correct. |
| Det Sgt |
| What I've got here are some sensitive, we call them 5020's, they're sensitive logs of contacts with you whereby you've given us information on various suspects. |
| POULTON |
| Yeah. |
| Det Sgt |
| Incidences and things of that nature. What I want to do now is just go back over several of |

these which impinge on our enquiry and see if I can get a greater insight about some of this

information that you've got, just because it's fairly sterile and may be because you are the keeper of the intelligence that you might be able to give me a better idea about some of this, some of these log reports that you put down here.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Are you quite happy with that?

POULTON

Yeah I understand.

Det Sgt

Right, I will say that this is sensitive and you know you don't have to worry about the information you've given us, it will be dealt with in the correct manner so to speak.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

This relates to, the first one I will start with, there should be a date order but looking through the batch I've got here they go in a strange date order but I'll read them out. There is no log reference on the first one, it's dated 0107 of 00 and it's Anti Corruption Squad CIB3 log and it's source reference 5020 and the reference that I want to speak about it says Martin KING has apparently contacted Jonathan REECE and would appear to be trying to broker a meeting with Ray ADAMS and REECE. Apparently ADAMS believed there is a current police enquiry being conducted into his activities. ADAMS wants to meet REECE to try and find out who is talking to the press about him. In particular ADAMS wants to know if any criminals are talking about him to the press. What was the relationship between REECE and ADAMS?

POULTON

Er...

Was there a relationship?

POULTON

Yeah, well let's get to them, REECE (INAUDIBLE) can part-mentalise, he knew of my feelings following all the way what happened and me leaving the police and all the unfinished business, so he was aware that Ray ADAMS wasn't the flavour of the month with me.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

But by the same token I would expect him to say that to me. It was my knowledge and belief that he still had association with ADAMS and I know this would be a fact because he still was in the heavy association with Alec LEIGHTON.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And Alex LEIGHTON was closely associated with Ray ADAMS and Martin KING.

Det Sgt

In what sort of way...

POULTON

Business...

DS CLARE

What were they doing?

POULTON

Business.

Det Sgt

What was...

Where there's...

Det Sgt

Was Alec LEIGHTON still in the police force at that time (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

No Alec LEIGHTON I think had left then.

Det Sgt

Yeah, but had Ray ADAMS left the police service by then or retired I should say?

POULTON

Yeah, I think he was working, no I think at the time he was working for Sky television, Rupert MURDOCH's organisation.

Det Sgt

Do you know what he was doing?

POULTON

Well he was a security manager, then he came unstuck because at that time you had that other Free-serve channel, had the monkey logo. What was that (PAUSE) it's like a Free-serve, like a, it's an alternative to Sky and the thing that all the advertising was this monkey. Basically...

Det Sgt

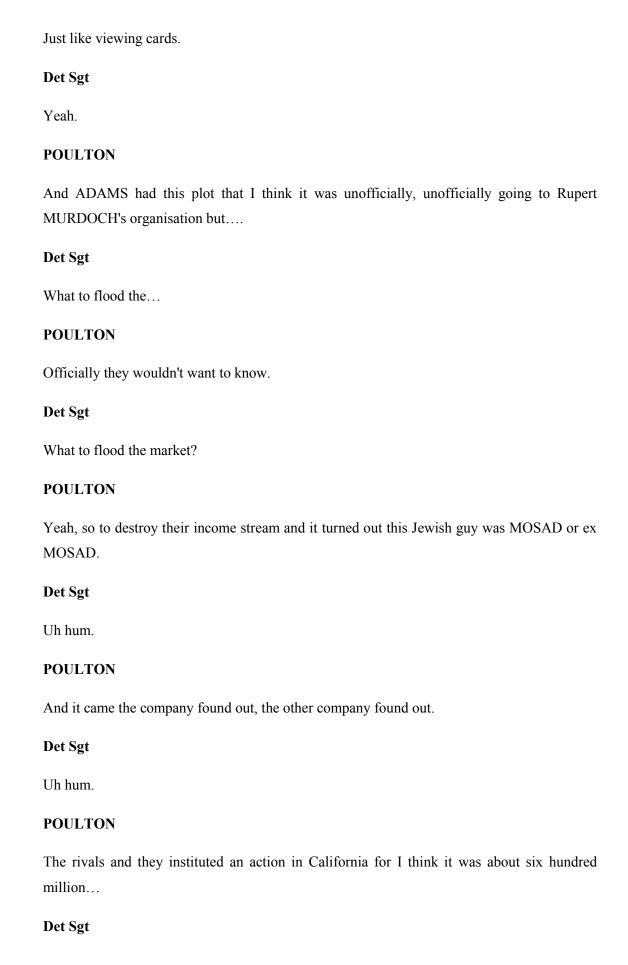
Um...

POULTON

It was an alternative to Sky subscription. You got this other subscription, you got and you got Satellite programmes and Ray ADAMS was working for them and he was introduced through to a guy, a Jewish guy who was sort of really red hot on computerisation, electronics and things like that and this guy said that he could produce bogus viewing cards.

Det Sgt

Right, yeah.



(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

They wanted to sue and part of the deal was they settled out of court and part of the deal was that ADAMS would cease to be employed by Rupert MURDOCH, but ADAMS, Martin KING and LEIGHTON were sort of really tightly bound together.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And Martin KING was from what I've been told both by LEIGHTON and I believe REECE, Martin KING is a gofer, money launder for the ADAMS' family.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

When I say ADAMS' family that's the...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) ADAMS' family.

Det Sgt

Yeah that's close to Ray ADAMS.

POULTON

Which I know and which and that Martin KING was going round buying up lots of commercial property and laundering money that way for the ADAMS' family organisation and that he Ray ADAMS would use Martin KING. Sometimes directly Ray ADAMS would go to Alec LEIGHTON and sometimes it would be done via Martin KING and they would use Alex LEIGHTON, feed him jobs.

| Uh hum. So where did you get this bit of information from, was it from REECE itself? |
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| POULTON |
| What about ADAMS, yeah it would have been from REECE himself. |
| Det Sgt |
| So did REECE and ADAMS have a relationship or were they just |
| POULTON |
| Never |
| Det Sgt |
| Known to each other. |
| POULTON |
| Never saw them together and I say I reiterate that he, REECE wouldn't of told me there was no way I could undo that knot, he wouldn't admit |
| Det Sgt |
| Right |
| POULTON |
| He wouldn't admit any direct associations with ADAMS, he would tell ADAM, he would tell me he hated ADAMS probably as much as I did almost, you know he didn't trust the bloke but |
| Det Sgt |
| But would still if needs be |
| POULTON |
| Yeah |
| Det Sgt |
| Do business with him. |
| POULTON |

Oh yeah if there was money involved whether directly or indirectly or through LEIGHTON.

Det Sgt

Right, okay. I think we've got to the bottom of that one, I'll move on. The next one I have is log dated and I've got a reference and it's log 7472 now that's dated the 5th of the 7th 2000 and it is, it says Ray ADAMS and Jonathan REECE no longer look as if they will meet each other and so do you know why they didn't want to meet?

POULTON

Well it possibly is that it might have been a genuine falling out there because at this time then you've got to remember Duncan HANAHAN was also viewed as a mate of, was a close mate. He sort of took over from, he'd taken over from Taffy HOLMES or BABBAGE, he was like a bagman.

Det Sgt

Right, he was like you know...

POULTON

Lower rank.

Det Sgt

Gofer.

POULTON

Gofer, yeah and I think because by that time they had this mistrust with Duncan HANAHAN 'cause he had been arrested.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

One of the things he was arrested with Martin KING for was to do with a piece, a Henry MOORE sculpture I think which was basically an insurance, which was an insurance scam that ADAMS was in charge of (INAUDIBLE) middling on but was using Martin KING and HANAHAN to extract the reward money.

Right.

POULTON

But then HANAHAN had said things in interviews that had upset REECE and LEIGHTON and all these things and he sort of said well I didn't have any choice I had to say those things and then he tried and so, yeah HANAHAN went from being a useful contact to being a pariah to being accepting back in the fold and that's the odd thing about it. There's lots of things that fly in the face are common sense and I'd be jumping ahead of what you've got there.

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

But when, when REECE shortly before he was due out of prison I had to go to the offices at Grange Road with Margaret HARRISON.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Because there was someone there, it had been arranged it was being sold and also I'd been asked by REECE if I'd look into BEARDALL's appeal.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

As regard (INAUDIBLE) and things, there was no way I could get out of it so I went there and BEARDALL an accountant, not a chartered accountant but an accountant, you know he's unofficially as good as any chartered accountant. He was going through the company books because prior to REECE going away on the conspiracy thing 'cause he feared that he might be sued.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

For the, by the girl who'd had the drugs planted on her.

Det Sgt

Right, yeah.

POULTON

The company was put in a holding company name which was then sort of a bit like a power of attorney.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

A plan man was formed which gave Sid FILLARY control of the company.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And his wife as company secretary so the asserts couldn't be taken, if he was sued that the asserts couldn't be taken and BEARDALL was going through the accounts there and came to the conclusion that Sid FILLARY had skimmed off in the region of eighty five thousand pound.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

Hadn't been doing any real work, had been sort of sat there writing letters Yachting Monthly and that he'd also been paying his wife, who had absolutely nothing to do with the company in any shape or form as the company secretary, over a thousand pound a month to cover her housekeeping out of the company and so you would think that amount of money.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

He would be hopping mad.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

And even to the last time, you know I think it was a couple of times back that I last saw him, I sort of mentioned it and dropped it in and even BEARDALL couldn't get a grip of that, why REECE hadn't gone after him for the money. Equally the other person spoke about going after for what he was owed, was the guy that had carried on working in the offices, er Mel and then shacked up with the ex female that used to run the office side, the office manager and they'd formed their own private hire company, it belonged to...

Det Sgt

Do you know what that's called?

POULTON

Not off the top of my head. They'd gone to West Nor, I think the office is in West Norwood and they had taken a lot of the business from Southern Investigations and Sid had sort of not done anything to stop them doing it, so they had basically stolen most of the customers.

Det Sgt

Right, so and most of the information that I've just asked you about that would have come from REECE as well would it?

POULTON

Which bit was that again, I don't...

Det Sgt

The Ray ADAMS and Jonathan REECE (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Yeah, yeah.

I've also got another one down here, Alec's LEIGHTON is a good friend of REECE but hates Ray ADAMS.

POULTON

Yeah, but that's probably what he was saying at that time and then subsequently I found out that I was also being fed that he hated Ray ADAMS, 'cause he thought if I, if he told me what the real relationship was I wouldn't have any association with him you see. So he's very much, probably in subsequent ones there, I don't know if you've got the whole lot, but you can find out that he was very much up ADAMS' arse.

Det Sgt

Right and no particular reason why they may have not had this meeting.

POULTON

What meeting?

Det Sgt

The original meeting that may have come about.

POULTON

No, I would have, I'd take it with a pinch of salt, I'm only sort of there, I'm just saying what he's said.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

It doesn't mean I believe it myself but.

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) you can put on it, but.

The next one is (INAUDIBLE) and this is log number 7403 and this relates to 0308 of 2000 and it says REECE pays fifty pound per police gazette. He wants more as they are good business with his press contacts.

POULTON

That's right.

Det Sgt

What's all, what's that?

POULTON

Well that's, that's what he was up to at that time. They'd sort of found out that there was an awful lot of money, 'cause he was just (INAUDIBLE), he was wellying with what's his name, the former News of the World, got his telephone number there, er Alec MARACHEC.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And they had found and this in a way takes you back when Alec, Alec LEIGHTON's in the Regional Crime Squad.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Loads and loads of (INAUDIBLE) Regional Crime Squad they'd almost became the newspapers, News of the World investigation team. They were...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE)...

POULTON

They were tipping of News of the World and News of the World would be there.

Who's that (INAUDIBLE). **POULTON** That Regional Crime Squad, you know the one that he got done with. The one with drugs, the guy that got nicked on the Panorama enquiry, what's his name, DONALD, John DONALD. **Det Sgt** Uh hum. **POULTON** Well Alec LEIGHTON tried to make out John DONALD was acting on his own and not and he knew nothing about it. Another time he let it slip how the pair of them had done a.... **Det Sgt** So what would... **POULTON** A deal with ADAMS, not with ADAMS (INAUDIBLE). **Det Sgt** So what would he do with these police gazettes, would he... **POULTON** Oh yes so getting back to that, so to you and me he only initiated... **Det Sgt** Uh hum. **POULTON** Police gazettes you read out of interest. If someone had stolen your paper and you fancied a crap. **Det Sgt**

Exactly, yeah.

But to them there was lots of information there, (INAUDIBLE) know you as police officers.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

But there's another angle so if they're talking about a paedophile called Fred SMITH or such and such who's currently wanted.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

There's enough guts in that to build a story round.

Det Sgt

All right, yeah.

POULTON

And sometimes they could trace people, they had the means of tracing people.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

That perhaps the police weren't really active on tracing but needed to be traced and then it had all been done in conjunction with The News of the World. They were making fortunes out of it. They obtained a reporter that was doing most of the stories and then someone got arrested. A copper got arrested for supplying them and they found out where they were being printed and things like that. I think there's been a bit of a change now in what goes into gazettes but that was mainly because of their sort of action with them you know and giving them to the press.

Det Sgt

Also from that log there's one that says there has been animosity between REECE and FILLARY. Is that in relation to what you've sort of told us already?

| POULTON |
|--|
| No that's 2000 isn't it. |
| Det Sgt |
| 2000, that's right. |
| POULTON |
| So that's, that's, when did he go to prison for his conspiracy to pervert. |
| Det Sgt |
| Isn't that roughly around the same, isn't it roughly around the same time? |
| POULTON |
| That must have been before he went away would it have been. I don't know 'cause I've not got the, it would help perhaps if we had a timetable of events there. |
| Det Sgt |
| Timetable, I can sort that out for you. |
| POULTON |
| Um. |
| Det Sgt |
| But you can't think of what that is. |
| POULTON |
| No, yeah 'cause when I say animosity it's probably when some, he was probably talking badly of him at that time or calling him a lazy bastard and things like that and |
| Det Sgt |
| 'Cause at that time they were both working together |

Det Sgt

Yeah.

At Southern Investigations.

POULTON

Yeah, what the, I think what the set up was, I think, well Sid, I mean so Sid was active. The only, yeah, I'm not being awkward here but if you have a breakdown on like dates like he was first arrested, dates Sid was arrested...

Det Sgt

Yeah, yeah I can...

POULTON

That will help...

Det Sgt

I can sort that out.

POULTON

But no to-date I think he's currently, him and Sid are still mates, they still keep in contact and...

Det Sgt

So FILLARY and REECE are still mates.

POULTON

Oh yeah it's like there's some unbreakable bond there that defies common sense and it's if my business partner had ripped me off as much as he had ripped him off and it's like even the offence that REECE went away for. I've had that both from REECE and from Maggie that that money was paid for that job where he went down for conspiracy to pervert, Sid knew all about that and he actually got paid half the money that, out of that job.

Det Sgt

I don't understand...

POULTON

Well you know when they, the bit where they went away for the conspiracy to pervert.

| Yeah, yeah, yeah. | |
|---|--|
| POULTON | |
| Where REECE went away. | |
| Det Sgt | |
| Yeah. | |
| POULTON | |
| He on that job REECE, it was (INAUDIBLE) Sid FILLARY knew nothing about it. | |
| Det Sgt | |
| Right, yeah. | |
| POULTON | |
| That REECE was acting on his own, but Sid FILLARY | |
| Det Sgt | |
| (INAUDIBLE). | |
| POULTON | |
| Was party to it. | |
| Det Sgt | |
| Yeah. | |
| POULTON | |
| And even received half the payment for that job. | |
| Det Sgt | |
| Right, right I see. | |
| POULTON | |
| So. | |
| Det Sgt | |

But of course there's no point both of them taking the fall for it.

POULTON

No there was that to it obviously, but, but they're not, you know to expand on that you know applying a sort of, a reasonable persons view if my business partner had ripped me off to the extent that he had, let my company go to the wall and lose all my customers then the reaction was entirely different, even Maggie was annoyed about that.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Said well why if he's had all this money off your John, why don't you sort of try and get it back, you know.

Det Sgt

Right. From that also there is REECE believes PUTNAM is also giving evidence so he will not lose his pension. REECE asked Duncan HANAHAN to conduct a large amount of PNC checks when at Norbury. PUTNAM allegedly collected the money from REECE on behalf of HANAHAN. REECE also believes that PUTNAM and HANAHAN violently assaulted a prisoner around 1982. How do, how do you...

POULTON

That's what had been, REECE would have said to me.

Det Sgt

Yeah, so is that something that REECE would have said?

POULTON

Uh hum.

Det Sgt

Would, do you know if he actually paid out on this?

POULTON

What he paid out on the...

| Det Sgt |
|---|
| Did he actually |
| POULTON |
| Checks. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| No, well I don't know. I presume he would if HANAHAN was doing it, but that would make the link though wouldn't it, so you've got the |
| Det Sgt |
| Right. Let's move on. Is there anything else you can add to it, anything I've asked you on the last, on that last lot? |
| POULTON |
| Erm, no, but as I say if, obliviously if perhaps we can do it, we're gonna have to do this again. If we can have like a timescale, like historical then it triggers my memory better. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right (INAUDIBLE). |
| POULTON |
| And make sense of those, 'cause they're edited ones. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yes, exactly. |
| POULTON |
| We've got in there and some of that's been interpreted and perhaps might not of been in, 'cause I've never kept records. I never kept records of any of this for obvious reasons. |
| Det Sgt |

No, I can see why. Right this report is dated the 15th of 05 2002 and this is log number MON1-0-33708632 and the first reference is Margaret HARRISON was having a sexual relationship with Daniel MORGAN deceased before she started to have a sexual relationship with Jonathan REECE. There was a period of about two weeks when HARRISON was seeing both MORGAN and REECE at the same time. This period may have been around the time of Daniel MORGAN's murder.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

How do you know this?

POULTON

Well I don't know if it was maybe, but that would have been from Maggie.

Det Sgt

Maggie would have told you.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

What was your relationship with Maggie?

POULTON

Well basically that I knew her through him. I think I knew her actually before that but only sort of in passing, 'cause someone I knew worked in an office. I think they worked together for a short (INAUDIBLE) but I think that probably when he was inside, 'cause some of the times I was visiting, I had to go down to visit him in Ford.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And I'd take her down as well or you know see her afterwards.

| Det Sgt |
|--|
| Right. |
| POULTON |
| And that's when she said 'cause she describes, 'cause you know her actual words she described, you know I said well what did you make of Daniel sort of MORGAN 'cause he'd taken her to Paris, they'd been to Paris. |
| Det Sgt |
| Who. |
| POULTON |
| MORGAN had taken Margaret HARRISON to Paris and she described him as an ample sort of man so to speak and I said well how did you ever sort of end up with Jonathan REECE and she said that he just wore me down by keep on asking me out. |
| Det Sgt |
| Oh right. |
| POULTON |
| Sending flowers and in the end it was easier to go out with him than to keep saying no. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right. So you were saying that your relationship with Maggie was built up over a period of time. |
| POULTON |
| Yeah. |
| Det Sgt |
| And she would of, 'cause this is quite intimate stuff telling you about a relationship |
| POULTON |
| Um. |
| Det Sgt |

Between two people. Was there anything more can you remember from that 'cause it seems a little bit, well this would have been a sanitised version (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Yeah she, well other than that, obviously I think, I think she, she enjoyed, she'd enjoyed Daniel MORGAN's company and he was a bit of a ladies man, probably more finesse than REECE.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

But like you know he would just, 'cause the idea with her she, she's not, she's not the brightest of people and by that I don't say that in a derogatory sense but let' put it this. See part of the thing was to see, get some chat off her, sort of wining and dining her and things like that and after the visits of prison and things like that and the impression I formed of her was that she wouldn't be the type of person, she might be loyal but I wouldn't trust her with anything damaging information wise because she wouldn't have the capacity to handle it or mislead people.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

So she'd be better kept out of the loop than in the loop. You know she's not somebody you could say, if you get asked about that you've got to say such and such, you'd be far better off just say nothing, no nothing you know, she's that sort of personality, she's not and I think that's what's happened. My impression is that even to this day I don't think she's really privy to what really went on.

Det Sgt

Um.

And he does keep her in the dark actually. She didn't, she knew absolutely nothing over Pure Energy, she didn't know nothing. She knew he was putting a lot of money in there, she's knew his phoney partner Steven NATHAN....

Det Sgt

What was this?

POULTON

Was a con man. Well he started a company when he came out of Ford in Pure Energy which was a sort of wind turbines (INAUDIBLE)

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

POULTON

And realised there was like a government, like there's subsidies to be had out of wind farms and things like that and I think it was a, there was a green licence to con money and things. Having said that it lost a lot of money.

Det Sgt

Did Jonathan REECE ever mention anything about his relationship with Margaret when they first started?

POULTON

Oh yeah he'd mention that he knew that she'd been with Daniel before. He was aware of that.

Det Sgt

He was aware of that...

POULTON

Yeah, yeah.

Det Sgt

That...

Oh yeah.

Det Sgt

Did he ever mention that to you?

POULTON

Well, no, yeah he said it, it's come out in conversation.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

And he'll, but he had a derogatory way of sort of. See John REECE isn't really a crumpet man where as MORGAN was, you know if it had a pulse and moved it was a challenge and if it's female, whereas REECE isn't and REECE would take quite a moralistic view of his, MORGAN's womanising in as much like there was a girl that worked in, which is on one of the original enquiries. There was a woman that rang up who said she had some information and never rang back.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) it wasn't something that sort of chimed together and that was something REECE had said about a girl that worked in GOODRIDGE's office and at the Christmas party she got drunk and MORGAN had taken advantage of her. It was like a one off thing with her.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

'Cause her boyfriend, she was engaged and it was sort of one of the things that put round was this the girl that had rung up and was perhaps, well I say it's, well was MORGAN murdered because he'd gone and taken advantage of someone who was engaged to somebody else at a Christmas party. Was she the one that had rung up and there was some significance as I recall

because the boyfriend (INAUDIBLE) of being quite stocky and left handed, but I don't know if that had any significance.

Det Sgt

Okay. I've got Margaret HARRISON was having an affair with Daniel MORGAN at around the time of his murder. A female called Pauline was also having an affair with Daniel MORGAN shortly before his death. Pauline works in an estate agent near Law and Commercial Investigations in Thornton Heath.

POULTON

Hum

Det Sgt

How do you know that?

POULTON

That's what had been said, that's probably come from REECE that I would have thought.

Det Sgt

That come from REECE. So is that, so that's, do we know that for fact or is that just speculation...

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) I don't even know who the Pauline was. You know it's one of those things you know you drip your bit in hoping it's gonna fit in with something else.

Det Sgt

Daniel MORGAN told Margaret HARRISON that he had knowledge of police corruption, was going to sell the story to Private Eye Magazine. Where did that come from?

POULTON

That would have been from what she would have said.

Det Sgt

Right.

| Det Sgt Margaret HARRISON would have said that. POULTON What dates that it's on the 2002. Det Sgt That was 2002. POULTON It's probably come from her when she's Det Sgt What's this (INAUDIBLE). POULTON I've seen her on a, (INAUDIBLE) on a visit or something like that. She'll take me down or rive seen her afterwards. Det Sgt So is that fact or speculation, is that just something POULTON Well that's what she's said. Det Sgt Yeah. POULTON That's what she's told me, that's what I reported back so. Det Sgt Right, so you can't really confirm it's just something that was | Yeah. |
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| Det Sgt | POULTON |
| | That's what she's told me, that's what I reported back so. |
| Right, so you can't really confirm it's just something that was | Det Sgt |
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She sometimes, say when you're doing this there's times when someone throws something out.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And you've got to bite your lip...

Det Sgt

And just...

POULTON

And not and not and not to follow it up 'cause the obvious, easiest thing to do you can get carried away and you can start oh yeah, then you've got to remember why am I there. I'm really there 'cause I'm a lonely bloke with my mate who's been downtrodden like me and then you hold onto that and you wait for a suitable moment maybe sometime later and then bend the conversation round to get back on it. So sometimes you're not, it's not sensible or wise to follow things up in conversation, so sometimes it might appear a bit disjointed there. It's really, it's solely to, you don't arouse suspicion.

Det Sgt

Taffy HOLMES the formal met officer deceased apparently told Daniel MORGAN about police corruption involving Ray ADAMS, Brian WORTH and Tony LUNDY who were involved in drug dealing.

POULTON

That was at the 2000.

Det Sgt

2000, that's 2002.

POULTON

Yeah, well that, that would have come back from, well that would have come back from being perhaps in discussion with REECE again.

| Det Sgt |
|--|
| Uh hum. |
| POULTON |
| But then that's, yeah. |
| Det Sgt |
| So most of this stuff could be speculation or just people in conversation |
| POULTON |
| Yeah, it's just |
| Det Sgt |
| You |
| POULTON |
| Some of it, sometimes you know there's more deeper stuff comes out. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| But you know I don't know how much is edited down there. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right, yeah. |
| POULTON |
| But then like I said you know sometimes you have got to be careful 'cause he could actually, you know obviously if he's said I don't know I've been thinking about such and such and I think such and, you know if it, if it, you're dying to draw more out, but then you don't know if that's being fed to you why are you so fucking interested then, you know so you've got to be, you've got to be very careful. |
| Det Sgt |
| Uh hum. |

How it's drawn and stuffs drawn out.

Det Sgt

And finally the boyfriend of Pauline who was having an affair with MORGAN found out about the, about the affair just before the murder, was extremely angry. Pauline suffered a nervous breakdown shortly after the murder. Pauline's boyfriend is apparently left handed.

POULTON

Yeah that's what I was saying earlier on. See I think that's come via Margaret HARRISON 'cause we were discussing, 'cause I brought the subject up who the mysterious woman, 'cause I think they'd had nothing on crime watch or something would this woman ring...

Det Sgt

Yeah...

POULTON

That rang them once before.

Det Sgt

Yeah, yeah.

POULTON

Then I sort of, probably saying (INAUDIBLE) I'd say I'm speculating, I wonder who that woman is then, you know.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And that's how that's come out.

Det Sgt

And this would have come from Pauline on one of your visits down to see Jonathan.

Not Pauline that would have come from Margaret HARRISON, yeah.

Det Sgt

Margaret HARRISON, sorry. So there was no way, I know that I've seen people....

POULTON

See normally when I give them, when I used to give them the written ones or the typed copy thing I used to put what the source of it was.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Who that person was so I've got no responsibility for how (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE) that's how the system, how the system goes on. Is there any way of confirming some of this stuff that you've got?

POULTON

Confirming what by how?

Det Sgt

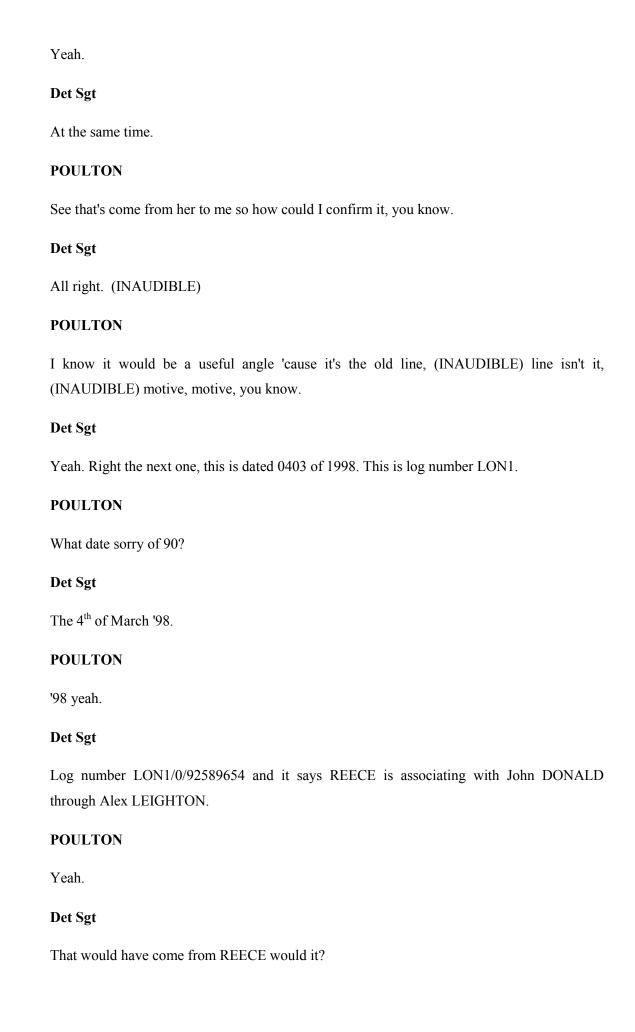
Evidentially, especially the stuff around the Margaret HARRISON stuff and the relationship.

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) if I knew what date it was that I'd been for a meal with her or in that, when she'd said that to me.

Det Sgt

Well the more evidential stuff is around the Margaret HARRISON was having a sexual relationship with Daniel MORGAN before she started to have a sexual relationship with Jonathan REECE. There was a period of about two weeks when HARRISON was seeing both MORGAN and REECE....



It would have come from REECE.

Det Sgt

Have you got any more details on that?

POULTON

No, they had obviously been talking about LEIGHTON and John DONALD and whether John, what was that about, there was something, it wasn't about him work, some work he wanted doing. Read that again.

Det Sgt

REECE is associated with John DONALD through Alex LEIGHTON.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

What was the relationship between REECE and Alex LEIGHTON?

POULTON

Well Alec LEIGHTON the first time round, Alec LEIGHTON's made himself busy. He's very good at case papers.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Sort of forensic, you know what is, what is out of order, what is right and what is wrong.

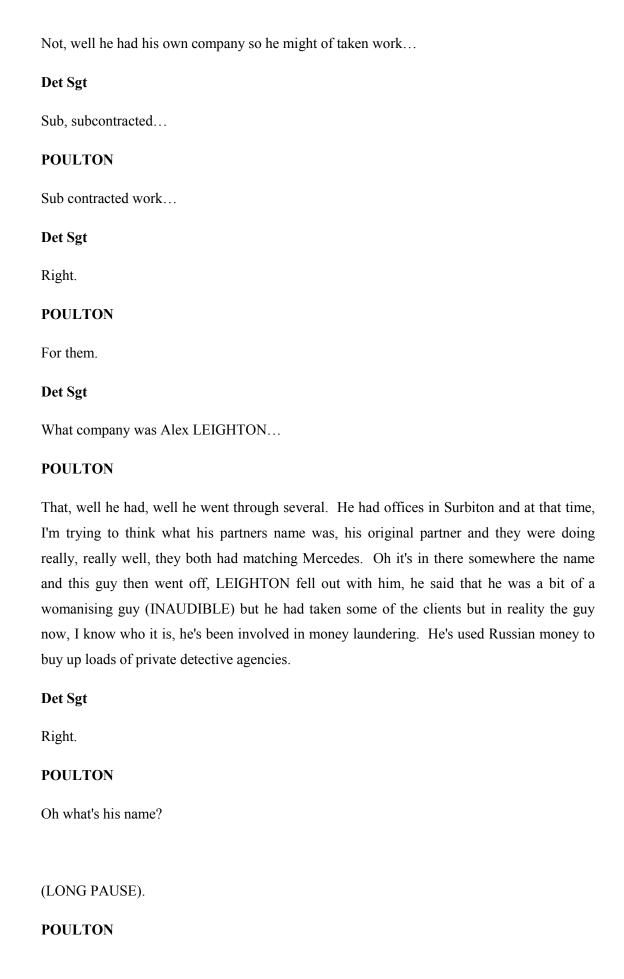
Det Sgt

Right, okay, yeah.

POULTON

So he's very good at crossing the T's and dotting the I's.

| Det Sgt |
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| Right. |
| POULTON |
| And he was, went through all REECE's initial papers. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right. How would they have associated this from, been working in the same area. |
| POULTON |
| Now I think the relationship had started early days with LEIGHTON at Norbury. |
| Det Sgt |
| Uh hum. |
| POULTON |
| Then the association that he was on the sort of beer team with HANAHAN and all that lot. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right. |
| POULTON |
| And then I would think when the newspaper involvement with the South East Regional Crime Squad. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right, yeah. |
| POULTON |
| Yeah, so, so there was a lot of history between them. They had a lot of commonality with contacts. |
| Det Sgt |
| Do you know if Alex LEIGHTON ever worked at Southern Investigations? |
| POULTON |



Yeah, but it was then you had, you had LEIGHTON's company was, oh he went through, I'm thinking what the company would have been called then. There's Mayfair Associates, I think that was the one when he was with this guy and then, I can't think, it's in there, be mentioned in there some further on perhaps. I'll think of it in a minute.

Det Sgt

So as far as you know REECE was associating with John DONALD.

POULTON

Well see because LEIGHTON I said to, I said what are your feelings towards John DONALD

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

You know if it's, obviously that was LEIGHTON's downfall wasn't it that...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

And then 'cause LEIGHTON said that he'd, he'd been tipped off through a lodge connection. That's why he never kept (INAUDIBLE) it could have dropped him in the cack as well, you know.

Det Sgt

That's right. So, so...

POULTON

You've got, LEIGHTON, LEIGHTON, KING and REECE will always...

Det Sgt

Sort of group together.

Be together, yeah.

Det Sgt

Another one gone.

POULTON

Obviously they all hate PUTNAM, but then see, then there was something going on there where, where LEIGHTON is very active in as much trying to get HANAHAN's case overturned and getting, thought he could use, he was trying, yeah I think he managed to trace where PUTNAM was now living, then living and then get PUTNAM to retract what he had said, what he had said and get HANAHAN to say that he was a, he was made to say things that he...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

That weren't true just to, obviously he was threatening he wasn't gonna get banged up in the showers and getting his, collecting his soap and treated badly inside prison, so he just went for the soft option.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

I would say that he told them things that weren't really true just to get a safe custody part of his time.

Det Sgt

And would that last bit of information have come from REECE himself?

POULTON

Yeah either REECE or (INAUDIBLE) LEIGHTON, (INAUDIBLE) common sort of knowledge between the pair of them that...

Det Sgt

Okay. This is from, dated the 23rd of June 1998. This is log reference LON1/0/17080965 and it says REECE believes that Duncan HANAHAN has a lot of information concerning Ray ADAMS corrupt dealings. Was this, where did that come from?

POULTON

That would have been from REECE (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

REECE himself.

POULTON

'Cause I would of, I didn't really have any contact with HANAHAN till about a year ago so.

Det Sgt

Uh hum. Is there any more to that, do we know...

POULTON

Well that would have just be in conversation that HANAHAN was back working for ADAMS and see ADAMS has always had his protective hand over HANAHAN.

Det Sgt

Is there a particular reason for that?

POULTON

Well (INAUDIBLE) they've all done business together he's got to look after, you know so look after each other.

Det Sgt

Okay. Right the tapes about to stop and the time is now 5 past 4 and I'm now going to stop this, stop the interview.

(INTERVIEW CONCLUDED).

Statement Number: Y21d

Date of interview: 25/01/2007 Time commenced: 1034

Time concluded: 1250

Det Sgt

This interview is being tape-recorded. I'm Detective Sergeant Douglas CLARKE. The other

persons present are, can I have your full name please?

Det Cons

DC Ben HALL.

Det Sgt

And we're interviewing.

POULTON

Derek POULTON.

Det Sgt

We're in a covert location. We're in the process of taking a significant statement from you.

The date is the 25th of Jan 2007. The time is now 10.34. I must remind you of your legal

rights that you're not under arrest, you're free to leave at any time and that you can have legal

advice now or any time during the interview we can stop it at your request. Do you

understand those...

POULTON

I understand.

Det Sgt

Yesterday we were going through and I was asking you some, some questions in relation to

information that you have supplied. I believe that you want to, you had a think about some

stuff last night and you want to inform me about something.

POULTON

Yes I referred in, on one of the tapes to regarding HOLMES when we talked about who the

complaint that stimulated Thelma WAGSTAFF enquiry from Tottenham Court Road.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

That was I believe a superintendent whose name escapes me and I believe the other person was Alan HOLMES' partner at work who I can't think of his name but I know he was known as OJ which was a nickname for obnoxious jock.

Det Sgt

Oh right, okay.

POULTON

And he, he was also as I under, as I understood it at the time he was also quite close to Ray ADAMS and recently or late last year he was, in the autumn of last year he was subject of a Panorama programme regarding the LAWRENCE murder.

Det Sgt

Right, okay. Thanks for that. We will continue going through the bits of information that you've given us and I'm now going to refer to log number LON1/0/78690581 which is dated the 13th of August 2002 and it relates to information and it says an ex detective superintendent believed to be Andy COOK is assisting with the defence of rig approach officers. COOK is alleged to have had assess and knowledge of the technical device that's used against Jonathan REECE and when and co. when serving. COOK can assist by saying that they were unlawful and obtained without the appropriate authority.

POULTON

Uh hum.

Det Sgt

Where did you get that bit of information from?

POULTON

That was from REECE.

Det Sgt

Is this...

POULTON

Is that the same COOK, I forgot about that.

Det Sgt

Well, I don't know, do you know...

POULTON It sounds like it don't it. Det Sgt I don't know, do you know a... **POULTON** That's what, that's what was said to me... **Det Sgt** Do you, do you... **POULTON** That they were talking, that it was, I thought he said it might have been a, what I would class as C11. **Det Sgt** (INAUDIBLE). **POULTON** That he'd, he'd been asked by I think it was JARRETT. **Det Sgt** Yeah. **POULTON** This surveillance, surveillance is one I'm, if I can this head round it, he was asked for surveillance but it didn't meet the criteria that he wanted and then there was some conversation whose side are you on and things like that.

Det Sgt

POULTON

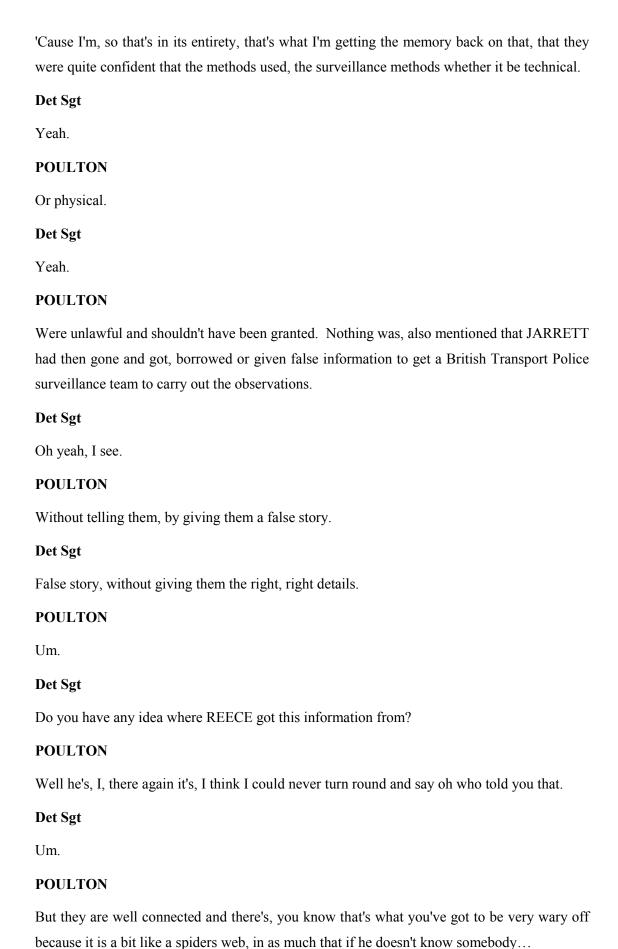
Yeah.

Det Sgt

Asked this...

POULTON

So is this Detective Superintendent JARRETT?



Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

LEIGHTON will know somebody who LEIGHTON's connected and I think there's other things. I don't know if it will be in that bundle. There's other things that have been said all as near ago as four, say three to four months ago.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

It would lead me to believe (INAUDIBLE) what you're doing know.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And they would always seem to be reasonably well informed.

Det Sgt

So what you're trying to say is that REECE still has the ability to (INAUDIBLE) information about...

POULTON

Oh without a doubt.

Det Sgt

Police operations.

POULTON

Well the last, one of the last ones I gave him, meets I had, no it wasn't a meet, I think it was, might have been via a telephone conversation. He had been up round Tower Bridge and he had been in conversation via an ex DI who was at Ford, Fred who recently he was in Ford for the rig approach thing.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

I think it was the rig approach, it was at the Tower Bridge anyway but he, he was ex Flying Squad, DI and he was having a meeting, a drink and REECE was, got invited along and that was I think two DS's off the Flying Squad.

Det Sgt

Currently on...

POULTON

Currently on, one, one, I'll pass it on 'cause one was due to retire not very, round about now or...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Not, so you know and this is the thing that even though, if you like suppose CIB has been discredited for the amount of work and the amount of money being spent there's been very little in terms of results.

Det Sgt

Against REECE are we talking?

POULTON

Well generally isn't it and you know these sort of, you know there's a few have gone away.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

And a few have sort of, a lot more have sort of, sort of floated off and a lot more, some are still there, but they, they will all see it, how can you put this it's a (INAUDIBLE), they all see themselves as victims, you know so, so they exchange information.

Det Sgt

Right, so did you know a Detective Superintendent Andy COOK?

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) I'd forgotten about that, I hadn't put the two together really, possibly.

Det Sgt

So you can't offer me any more in relation to this other...

No it was just, it was, it was, what they were doing and LEIGHTON's very busy around this, reviewing their papers and things and then they were trying to get press involvement and things like that.

Det Sgt

What they're hoping to, what are they suggesting that...

POULTON

To discredit, you know that and that's what they, you know like even REECE.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Cannot accept...

Det Sgt

That...

POULTON

What he was, what he did.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And what he's, like he looks about it this way, if the means to, never mind what I do, but if the means to catch me didn't follow the rules.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

It's wrong yeah and they're badly wrong so they should suffer.

Det Sgt

Right, so even though he's committed a criminal offence, if we've used methods...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Which are not correct.

POULTON

Well I had to complexity his character there in as much like I said had he, say, I'm not saying he did 'cause he's never, you know he's never said to me it was, but say he actively was involved in the plotting, planning of Daniel MORGAN's murder.

Det Sgt

You're just surmising at the moment.

POULTON

Yeah I'm just, what I take to be his, his personality. If he didn't physically strike the blow.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

He would mentally be able to divorce himself from the act, I, you know, well I didn't do it and the same with that conspiracy to pervert. He took the perverse view that this was a, JAMES was a father who should have the access to his son so we're paint the picture, I think she may have been a casual drug user as perhaps that generation, a lot of them are.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

You know experimented, but he saw no wrong in planting, having evidence planted and all the things that went with that so as that he would get the custody of the child. He, yet on other ways he, he'd immoralise and right some wrongs you know.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

So it is, it was a complex, he's sort of got almost like a dual morality but he's got, or you could probably call it an adjustable morality but he can be very moral in some respects, but then when it doesn't suit his purpose he can take the other...

Det Sgt

| ſ | Jh hum. |
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| F | POULTON |
| F | Road. |
| Γ | Det Sgt |
| J | Well I'll ask you about the other bits given in this log. It said Detective Chief Superintender ARRETT is alleged to have had three options concerning his complaint. Do you know what is complaint was? |
| P | POULTON |
| Γ | Three options, what JARRETT's complaint? |
| Ι | Det Sgt |
| Ŋ | Yeah. |
| P | POULTON |
| N | No I don't know, see it's out of context again. |
| Ι | Det Sgt |
| C | Okay. Is this all, this is all information you've said |
| P | POULTON |
| Y | Yeah |
| Ι | Det Sgt |
| (| INAUDIBLE). |
| P | POULTON |
| I | would give it in much more expanded form so. |
| Ι | Det Sgt |
| F | Right, it says transferred to a less controversial post. |
| P | POULTON |
| J | Yeah. |
| Ι | Det Sgt |
| Т | Fransferred to another police force, retire or resign. |

Yeah I think that's what, yeah that rings a bell. **Det Sgt** So do you know what the circumstances around Superintendent JARRETT, Detective Chief Superintendent JARRETT were? **POULTON** Well I think they, he was overbearing conduct. Det Sgt Oh right, okay. **POULTON** I think was the one they were going for but he sort of acted as a bully. **Det Sgt** In relation to... **POULTON** His staff. **Det Sgt** His staff in general. **POULTON** Yeah and... **Det Sgt** Would this relate to anything done by, to the REECE affair or is this... **POULTON** Well, no it was, what it was they were looking...

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

From day one, they've been looking to de-stabilise what started off as WOODY'S untouchable sort of thing.

Det Sgt

| Uh hum. |
|---|
| POULTON |
| They've been attempting to de-stabilise, they've |
| Det Sgt |
| Who's they? |
| POULTON |
| Well REECE, his police connections, anyone that been affected by that or got returned or has got a, you know |
| Det Sgt |
| All right, okay. |
| POULTON |
| Lately there's been this, LEIGHTON's been very active in it as well and he's |
| Det Sgt |
| It's like being a vendetta really against these people. |
| POULTON |
| Oh yeah it's a serious vendetta in as much as even trying to find out JARRETT's car number. They dug in, they actually dug in and found out and managed to find out that he had booked rooms at Brams Hill. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| When he went down there on a, on his pre promotion course but he was studying. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| And he had meant to have, they found he had put in some dubious paperwork to make it seem |

as though the rooms were being booked.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

For official police thing, so to JARRETT could save money. They found out that he's, the car, the car he was using...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

The lease vehicle, that he wasn't using, he had got this lease vehicle and that he wasn't using for police purposes, he had, rather than buy his own car. Well amazing if you know I don't verify, I don't ask them, sometimes it's impertinent to say to them did you manage to verify that 'cause then I know if it's worth following up if I can squeeze it in, but a lot of it was verifiable.

Det Sgt

Right, okay.

POULTON

But it would, you know how they managed to assess receipts and I think I was actually shown paperwork relating JARRETT's CV.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

All manner of things, that's something might come via disclosure but a lot of it they had, no way could have come via...

Det Sgt

Did they ever use any of this information that they acquired?

POULTON

Yeah I think they, they said if it wasn't useful to them personally then they'd tell like the rig approach. See down in Ford where the Flying Squad ones eventually all ended up, I mean they used to spend their day...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

Sort of having like seminars and studying each other's case papers and then they'd come up with something. LEIGHTON then would come down and take stuff away and it, well it, you know and these, some of them were older school.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Knew how to read paperwork and could spot a lot of mistakes and things like that and then they would try and capitalise and that, if it was something they'd found out some filth that didn't necessarily help their case directly, it might help someone else's that freely will be passed on.

Det Sgt

Also I've got here Kent Constabulary is allegedly on standby to deal with a serious allegation against the Metropolitan Police.

POULTON

Yeah, they...

Det Sgt

As you say again out of context.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

But still...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

In conversation with REECE.

POULTON

Yeah.

(LONG PAUSE).

But I can't...

Det Sgt

Right let's go on. The police commissioner has been served with a letter addressed from the House of Lords requesting that he attends before a committee to answer questions concerning the accountability in malpractice by Anti Corruption Squad officers.

POULTON

Yeah that would have been from REECE again.

Det Sgt

Is this, it seems like a, personally he seems very bitter and twisted and his only goal or aim was to get back at the, CIB3.

POULTON

Yeah, he, he's like I say he sees it all the way through as though, going back to what happened with him and I suppose you know he was locked up for quite a time wasn't he.

Det Sgt

Yeah (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Initially up by Hampshire and he, he literally detests anything to do with internal sort of professional standards, complaints, whatever you wanna call it.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

He and the personalities, he was obsessed with JARRETT. He even dug out, he even dug out that a, that a certain officer had been to a party at JARRETT's house and there was a painting on the wall that this officer remembered...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

What was being part of a, on a, a search warrant was executed.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

This was part of the evidence, was now hanging on his wall and I think, I did obviously I mentioned that, but it was, it's a mission, the whole lot it's not just him.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

But he, he will act as a sort of hopper if you like and it all comes in there, that'll help me, that'll help him and (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Then he'd pass it on.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Right, Police Officer TYSON has supplied a solicitor acting on behalf of the rig approach officers. A copy of tapes dealing, detailing Mr WOODS and JARRETT advocating the destruction of evidence in the noble cause, in...

POULTON

Noble cause corruption.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Yeah that's right, but TYSON, TYSON they found out, that was via Sid I think, but I think TYSON...

Det Sgt

But this bit of information come from via Sid did it?

POULTON

Well no Sid had found out, REECE would had probably passed it, it would have been undoubtedly REECE passed that on.

Det Sgt

Right, okay.

POULTON

And they found out that, I think it was TYSON that he had, he had been connected with some drugs up on West End Central or something.

Det Sgt

Right, yeah.

POULTON

That he shouldn't of had and the thrust of that was that here was a discredited officer.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

That, that had sort of, I think that was the same time, was it TYSON was going to give evidence at the Old Bailey and they said how can he give evidence because you know he's virtually, he's a (INAUDIBLE) crook himself, but that other thing there was this disgruntled ex CIB officer, I think, unless its the same TYSON, who, who got, I think he got slung off CIB and he'd secretly taped meetings.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

Where they turned round and what the thrust of it basically was that 'cause JARRETT had been on the Flying Squad and what the allegation was that they were selective when they went looking and certain people said you've got a cheek coming and nicking me, don't you remember such and such that we did together. So what the, whether this is true or not I'm not saying one way or the other, but there was a selective list, a compiled.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

That would not involve officers being interviewed where there was likely of being a rebound ricochet.

| Det Sgt |
|---|
| Oh right, I see. So what, do you know what the noble cause corruption was? |
| POULTON |
| Well that is a name that's applied to corruption. There's two types of noble cause corruption. One is the (INAUDIBLE) noble cause corruption where you know someone who's an untouchable. |
| Det Sgt |
| Uh huh. |
| POULTON |
| Villain. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| And you're never gonna get him forensically, you're never get him any other way |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| And I suppose that's what was called the old fit up wasn't it, the verbal and things. |
| Det Sgt |
| (INAUDIBLE). |
| POULTON |
| So I've heard. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| And, and that was one form. |
| Det Sgt |

Yeah.

Where it wasn't done for any other reason. It wasn't done for 'cause they were being vindictive.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

They saw themselves and some of these people saw them and said well you know this is something that needs removing from the streets for public safety and there is no other way we're gonna do it unless the truth is somewhat bent and bent as in bended as apposed to. Then 'cause then there was the other form, some people would say and this was, this was the corrupting thing around drugs, some people would say well if he goes to court, 'cause they started up in days when drug sentences was quite low.

Det Sgt

Right, yeah, yeah.

POULTON

They'd say well let's make it difficult for the bloke, you know the blokes got twenty thousand pound.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

In folded notes all done up, dirty old notes.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

He's got to pay for his load so we'll nick him, we'll show five thousand pound, he can't complain can he because you know and take the drugs as well. Then that way he gets out, he's gonna get punished 'cause he's still got a debt, you know...

Det Sgt

Right.

It was a way, it was, it was, it's a way of convincing themselves that they weren't really stealing they were punishing so that was also viewed by some officers as noble cause corruption.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

But usually I think it's what they see as a sort of you know that is a genuine villain and he's got to be removed and we can spend months and months and months...

Det Sgt

The cause justified being, being, you know...

POULTON

Yeah, not saying it's right for one minute but that is the view of it.

Det Sgt

Right, finally these tapes have been cleaned up by the BBC and placed onto digital CD's. These are of good quality copies have been made.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

And sent to Mr HAYMAN who refused to accept them.

POULTON

That's right yeah, I remember something like that yeah. 'Cause HAYMAN they had a long running pop at HAYMAN. They were going for HAYMAN as well.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Because and the thrust of that was that they were, that's where they were using Elardon FLYNN.

Det Sgt

Right, yeah.

Because what, basically they were doing an investigative piece that started off on the MORGAN murder.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And then 'cause all the stuff they heard and about the untouchables and the way of WOODS' sort of saying I'm leaving now when he's on ordinary duties.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

I've got to pack it in 'cause I've got cancer and they all have a whip round for him and...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

They give him a leaving present and he disappears (INAUDIBLE) to pop up at a hidden location conducting a campaign, an anti corruption campaign.

Det Sgt

All right, okay.

POULTON

So they didn't think that was fair so he had a certain amount of sympathy from GILLARD and FLYNN.

Det Sgt

Right, yeah.

POULTON

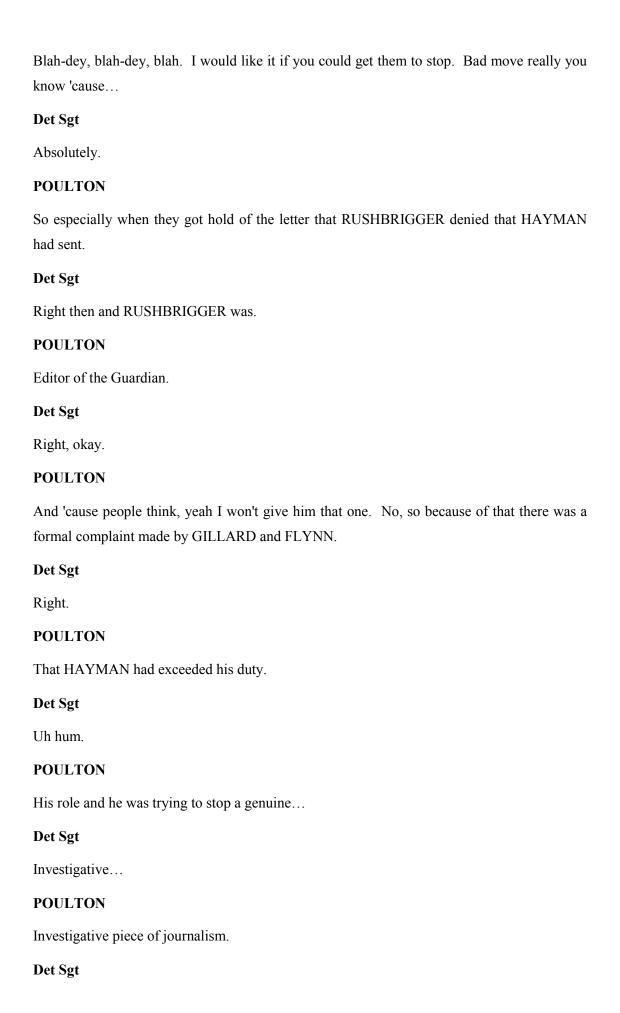
But HAYMAN where they fell out, when they were being active on the Guardian, RUSHBRIGGER who was the editor of the Guardian.

Det Sgt

Yeah, sorry who is Mr HAYMAN by the way?

| POULTON |
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| He, he |
| Det Sgt |
| Just to make sure we're talking about the right one. |
| POULTON |
| Well he was, he did |
| Det Sgt |
| You're talking about the right one. |
| POULTON |
| He was a, he was a commander. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right. |
| POULTON |
| But I think he was a commander, he was a commander on CIB. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right. |
| POULTON |
| And then he from CIB he then went to Norfolk. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| For a year. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| That's part of what I'm gonna tell you. So right, so (INAUDIBLE) bear with me and we'll get |
| there. |
| Det Sgt |

| Yeah, go on then. |
|--|
| POULTON |
| HAYMAN. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| Was getting rather worried about the interest and GILLARD and FLYNN. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| Are as it come, they're, they are sort of recognised investigative journalist. They are very thorough |
| Det Sgt |
| Right, okay. |
| POULTON |
| Journalist. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| As regards what you're thinking in the sort of Guardian. Anyway so they were getting a bit close and embarrassing CIB, they were causing, definitely causing some embarrassment otherwise this wouldn't have taken place, but HAYMAN actually penned a letter to RUSHBRIGGER and said I think you'll find that GILLARD and FLYNN are being misused in what they're attempting to produce for the papers. They were doing this at the time and then putting the articles in that they're being mislead and it could be affecting the efficiency of my enquiry |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |



Right.

POULTON

So (INAUDIBLE) made this formal complaint and that was ratted on, so then it was decided that, that HAYMAN I think he came off. He wouldn't answer any of his, like he wouldn't accept anything that was sent to him. He wouldn't answer.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

He wouldn't reply to anything. They had all the dramatics of sending a courier I think with these, someone has copied this evidence down (INAUDIBLE) this will change you mind 'cause he said I don't wanna even hear it...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Go away and then they all moved. HAYMAN went to Chief Constable at Norfolk.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And they decided that the Met couldn't deal with this complaint....

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Because it involved people working for the Met.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

So they thought Norfolk better investigate it and so, yeah so it wasn't really handled in the best ways as regards to...

Of course not.

POULTON

No, so because of that I don't know where that's gone. The last time I spoke to FLYNN, I think they had some settlement and some admission and or an apology to an extent, but I don't know the full result over that one.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

But what I would say about them now.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

FLYNN he's a genuine person. He is, he is as genuine as a reporter go and they always sacrifice people to get what they gather. That's the goal, that's what I'm going for. I don't really want to upset too many people along the way, but if I have to I will, but he has got no. I know this from FLYNN he's confided in me, FLYNN has got no doubt in his mind that REECE was responsible for that murder, but (INAUDIBLE)...

Det Sgt

REECE was responsible for the murder of Daniel MORGAN.

POULTON

Yeah, they'd planned some part in that. That was the motivation that, I said well you know, I said there's other things (INAUDIBLE) you know. (INAUDIBLE) I went through it with FLYNN once and I said look you know I saw the, I said I saw the pictures once.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And I said I saw the tear in the trousers and I said different things go through your, have gone through my mind you know. Was the guy walking back to his car, put his hand in his pocket to get his keys out.

Um.

POULTON

Someone swung him on that arm.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

But then he, 'cause when you're hands in your pocket.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Getting your keys if someone grabs you, you automatically your hand goes to a fist doesn't it and that. I can always remember looking at those and it was down that seam and we were talking about, you know I said you know, yeah I suppose one way of looking at it was it a mugging, but then there's a, you know what I mean muggers carry an axe around with them when they do a mugging, but he said and he said he said, he said in my mind he said REECE was, is responsible in some part or whole for that, that murder and I said well what makes, I don't know, still, things are still going on he said, but he wouldn't say.

Det Sgt

But that's all speculation.

POULTON

Well it wasn't speculation on his part, FLYNN who I would...

Det Sgt

But you would say that...

POULTON

I trust his judgement and I (INAUDIBLE) because I...

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

Eight hundred page, eight hundred other pages could have gone in that book. That book was heavily edited down because of legal reasons.

Right, I see. (INAUDIBLE) so you couldn't offer me no other assistance around the Andy COOK bit other than something that REECE has come up with.

POULTON

I did, what did I say on there C11.

Det Sgt

No.

POULTON

No, well it was to do with, if it's what I'm thinking of it was to do with that. To do with some surveillance that JARRETT was seeking authority for technical or both physical surveillance and that he lied in his application and when he was (INAUDIBLE) I want this. The same as Dave CROSS, Dave CROSS is retired now. He was a DS that I knew and he was something to do on surveillance.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Or something to do with that side and JARRETT had meant to have said to Dave CROSS, 'cause REECE knew about this.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

But he didn't, don't even knew I knew Dave CROSS and apparently they had a sort of up and a down and JARRETT almost said yeah if you didn't wanna bend the rules to Dave CROSS, if you're not on our side you must be on the other side and Dave CROSS was a very respectable sort of officer.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

He took objection to that, that it, 'cause he, he didn't wanna go over the flexible or the inflexible line as it is now, that he should be accused of being corrupt...

Right.

POULTON

By JARRETT so, a man of few friends I think.

Det Sgt

JARRETT. All right then I will move on. This is log number LON1/0/493705 and this is dated the 20th of the 1st 2003 and in it says all parties connected to the Daniel MORGAN murder are aware that COOK and others have been arrested and that the file submitted to the CPS.

POULTON

That's right.

Det Sgt

Which COOK are we talking about here?

POULTON

The one that planted the drugs.

Det Sgt

Do you know his full name?

POULTON

Oh, not off the top of my head 'cause he's always referred to as COOK or COOKIE. It's the one that plant, has got acquitted on REECE's job the conspiracy to pervert.

Det Sgt

Um.

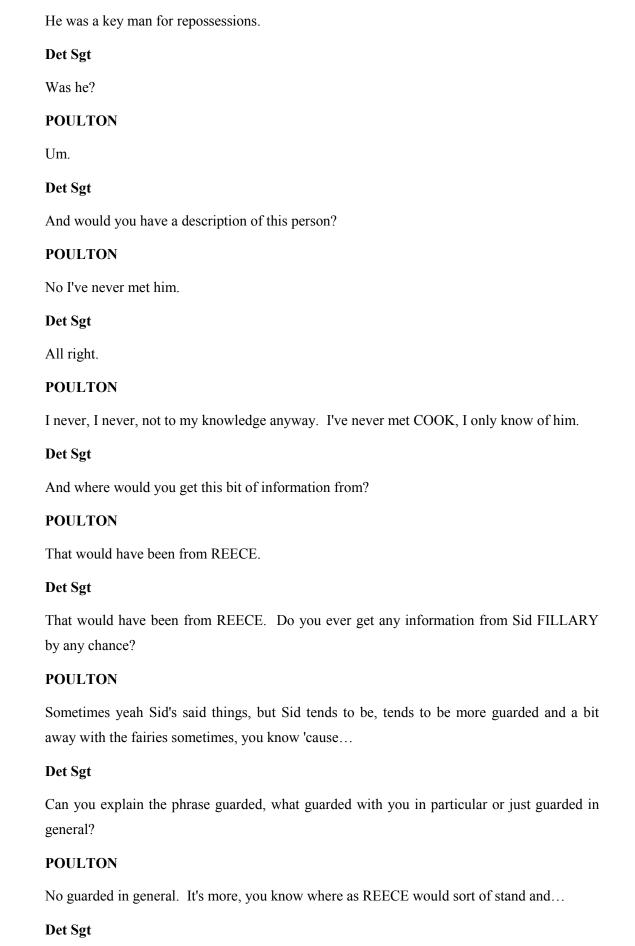
POULTON

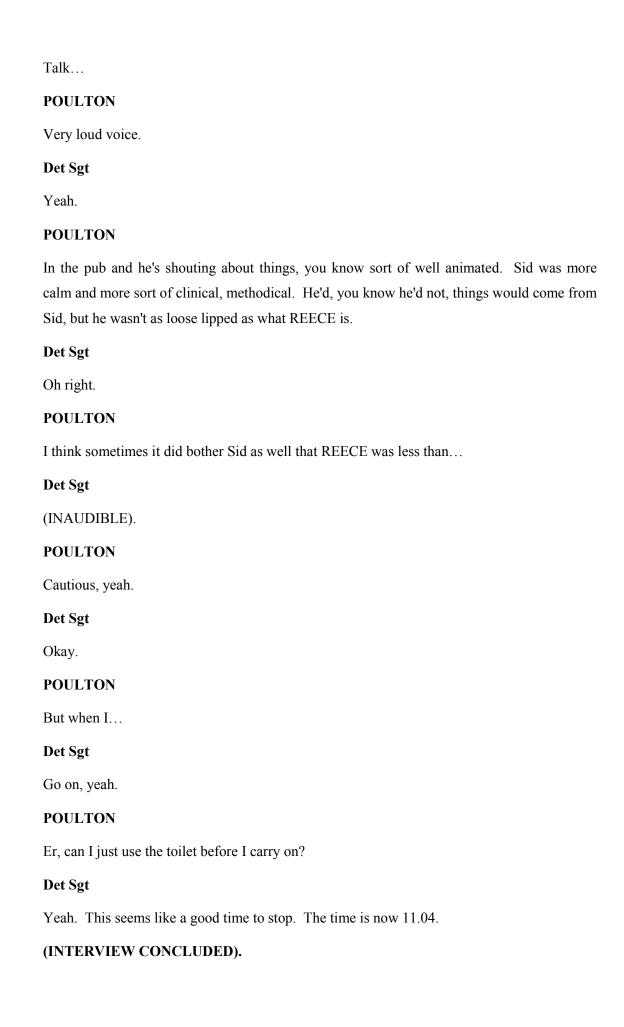
The one that actually was meant to have entered the car and allegedly placed the cocaine and stuff in it and he's the same one that used to work for Southern Investigations. He might of even worked for them in Daniel MORGAN's time.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON





Statement Number: Y21e

Date of interview: 26/01/2007 Time commenced: 1058

Time concluded: 1550

Det Sgt

This interview is being tape-recorded. I'm Detective Sergeant Douglas CLARKE. The other

person present is.

Det Cons

DC Ben HALL.

Det Sgt

We're interviewing, can I have your full name please sir?

POULTON

Derek Gordon POULTON.

Det Sgt

We're at a covert location. The time is 10.58. We are conducting an interview in relation to a

significant statement. There are some rights that I need to explain to you Derek which are

that you're not under arrest, that you're free to go at any time and you can also seek legal

advice. Do you understand those rights?

POULTON

Yes I understand.

Det Sgt

We've been going through various; oh shall I say the date, the date's the 26th of Jan 2007.

(INAUDIBLE) someone's ringing on my phone, let's drop that. We were going through some

information.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Do you want to sort out your phone first?

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) I might have a call on it, yeah.

We were going through some information that you supplied to the Anti Corruption Team and I'm now going to refer to log dated the 16th of the 9th 2003 and it's log reference LON1/P/748672 and the bit of, it says the main subject is John REECE and the text is John REECE is alleged to have had sexual relationships with Daniel MORGAN's wife.

POULTON

Yeah, I think that, I think that did come from him actually (PAUSE) in conversation and I'd just written it. I think it was at the time when we were talking round, 'cause I used to continue bringing up this thing about why, why wasn't she...

Det Sgt

So upset.

POULTON

So, so upset and not so sort of proactive on that and that sort of slipped out in conversation which was the first I'd heard of it 'cause I know he didn't like him.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

But I still thought it was rather odd and I still, I still wouldn't qualify it as you know it wasn't said in such a way and...

Det Sgt

Do you think it may have been jest that he was boasting or...

POULTON

No it wasn't said like that. Well he threw it out and then he sort of wouldn't be led on it you know, so it came across as more a one off sort of think than a, than a, sort of it wasn't a protracted, he certainly didn't go into as though it was a protracted sort of relationship. He made it sound more like it was a one off thing you know and it's.

Det Sgt

So there's no, it, let's say you can't sort of time it or put it into context.

POULTON

No not what date was that, 'cause we don't know do we.

(LONG PAUSE).

Det Sgt

So this could have been before the murder or after the murder you're not certain. This was just a sort of throw away one liner was it?

POULTON

Yeah and he wasn't, he certainly wasn't specific in that. I think, I think I got the impression, not from that one, but and it might be in there somewhere else that he was sort of, when, well he's putting it across that he was sort of trying to pacify, trying to pacify her. Obviously she was (INAUDIBLE) if it's true that Daniel was having these other affairs.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And she was becoming aware of it.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

POULTON

I think she sort of did...

Det Sgt

What.

POULTON

Speak to him.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And he's always said and that's remarkable, he's always said that he has a good working relationship with her. That she still speaks to him from time to time and he speaks to her.

Det Sgt

Right.

And then I said well you know doesn't, she obviously then doesn't believe you had anything to do with it and he said well no, he said I get on perfectly all right with her you know and from time to time he said, he said and that's, that's what annoys me every time she's dug up he said it's the effects on those children. You know 'cause as they're getting older.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

They're more aware of it. So that is definite, I wouldn't, whether the sexual relationship he's sort of thrown a bit of bullshit out.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

But as regards his relationship that has been reinforced and confirmed verbally to me on a number of occasions, yes he still gets on okay with her.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And it will be a strange thing for him to sort of lie about really, for what...

Det Sgt

What for being the point.

POULTON

Yeah, for what reason, yeah.

Det Sgt

Okay. Right I'm not gonna try and second guess that.

POULTON

Nor me.

The second bit is the solicitor GOODRIDGE has had a sexual relationship with Jonathan REECE's common-law wife Maggie.

POULTON

Yeah I think Maggie sort of when she was talking about you know what sort of, how things were in those days.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

But there again I know, see GOODRIDGE was a bit of a hound.

Det Sgt

Can you just explain GOODRIDGE's role in...

POULTON

That's the solicitor.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

That's the solicitor, I think there was a lot of socialising used to go on then.

Det Sgt

Was he the company solicitor or was he the (INAUDIBLE)?

POULTON

Well he, yeah I think he was a solicitor that, yeah 'cause he was a solicitor that initially represented him the first time.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Round then they fell and 'cause they were talking about suing GOODRIDGE's the solicitors 'cause they thought his mind hadn't been on the ball and some of the problems they experienced which was due to the sort of inefficiency by GOODRIDGE and Co and I think that's when he went to DKL.

| Det Sgt |
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| Yeah and so where did this bit of information come from? |
| POULTON |
| I would have thought that would have come from |
| Det Sgt |
| (INAUDIBLE) Jonathan. |
| POULTON |
| I would have thought that would have probably come from Maggie or |
| Det Sgt |
| Jonathan REECE would probably tell you (INAUDIBLE). |
| POULTON |
| No. |
| Det Sgt |
| Did she give you any sort of timescales when this may have happened? |
| POULTON |
| I think that would have been going probably back before the times of the murder, quite a way |
| back you know when she was sort of single and free. Not necessarily |
| Det Sgt |
| Single and free. |
| POULTON |
| Well as in. |
| Det Sgt |
| What as in. |
| POULTON |
| Since her own marriage had broken up. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right. |
| POULTON |

Det Sgt Yeah. **POULTON** And sort of outgrew each other, 'cause he was a very, her real husband. **Det Sgt** Yeah. **POULTON** I think, I don't know if she's divorced yet, but he was quite a nice quiet unassuming, I think he was a chauffeur, sort of an unassuming sort of bloke. **Det Sgt** Yeah. **POULTON** And she's kept him always involved with the daughters and there's no animosity there. **Det Sgt** Right. Do you think Jonathan REECE knew about this, the relationship before hand with GOODRIDGE. **POULTON** Don't know possibly I think because him and GOODRIDGE and that were all very close. **Det Sgt** Yeah.

And she, well she said she just got tired, you know got married young.

POULTON

And who knows it might of, GOODRIDGE's, if it happened before REECE got into her knickers it might of sort of, sort of given the interest to REECE that it was available, I don't know.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Having said that she's, she's a very nice person in her own way.

Uh huh.

POULTON

Sort of, sort of like she's one of these women that, it's not a new women, you know she sort of embraces the maternal motherly role that I'm gonna sort of wash, clean, iron, I know my place sort of thing, yeah.

Det Sgt

Right, okay.

POULTON

But then having said that she's, he gets annoyed and shouts her down. Like when she starts asking you know what is going on with this company.

Det Sgt

Um

POULTON

Tell me you know 'cause I'm, I'm as involved as what you are. You don't need to know it doesn't concern you and she said (INAUDIBLE) and winds her up 'cause he's sort of so dismissive.

Det Sgt

What was the relationship between GOODRIDGE and REECE, you were saying?

POULTON

Well it's a business relationship that's, 'cause they both shared, they both like crumpet, they both sort of more GOODRIDGE to REECE. They liked pubbing it and that and GOODRIDGE, GOODRIDGE came to a point one stage round about that time or shortly afterwards he stood to be struck off, 'cause the law society went gunning for him because he had acted with, in a power of attorney role as a solicitor for an elderly wealthy women in Caterham. He had been aware that she had made a will.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Where she was leaving money to him which is not allowed, well you can do but you can't use a solicitor to do it.

(INAUDIBLE) yeah.

POULTON

And he almost got struck. There was a big law society inquiry into that. So that made him a bit of a rogue as well in REECE's eyes.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

So yeah they're generally, they were sort of, I wouldn't say what the situation is, I don't think there was that much a fallout when they sued or were attempting to sue the solicitors, 'cause I think GOODRIDGE by that time because of this inquiry had had to take a back seat...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And let the company run itself, but REECE continues still to be very friendly with all the other solicitors that work for that firm.

Det Sgt

Um. Do you know if GOODRIDGE had a relationship with Daniel MORGAN other than?

POULTON

I would think they would 'cause I, I would, I would from my impression I would think that probably Daniel had involved them as the solicitors anyway for the company, 'cause it was, they were the Thornton Heath solicitors.

Det Sgt

Right, yeah.

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) but then again I don't think, it would have probably been REECE's input they gradually got more involved in the legal aid side, 'cause that's what they used to do. I'm not sure if Daniel ever went out to sit on the interviews but REECE did.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON And then 'cause REECE (INAUDIBLE) they'd be sitting round with GOODRIDGE. **Det Sgt** Right. **POULTON** And he'd say oh I'm going on holiday a couple of weeks, 'cause I think he's got a place in France. **Det Sgt** Yeah. **POULTON** And he'd pull his drawer out and sort of get about that many green forms, you know... **Det Sgt** Yeah. **POULTON** Which were then I think they were twenty-five pound a time. **Det Sgt** Yeah, yeah. **POULTON** Just by sticking them in the post. Det Sgt Yeah. **POULTON** And REECE said you know sort of greedy bastard. **Det Sgt**

POULTON

Um.

He said he'd just store these things up, he said I put those in to pay for the holiday you know, just sort of done the initial visit you know...

Yeah.

POULTON

Whether they got any work or not. So yeah I would think possibly via their geographical location they could, they could have become the company solicitors but then that would be on record wouldn't it, when they do company checks.

Det Sgt

Right, moving you on. This log is dated the 17th of September 2003 and it's log reference LON/P/809628 and it relates to some stuff the main topic is FLYNN and GILLARD.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

And it needs a bit of clarification. I'll read to you the whole text, it says FLYNN and GLYNN are...

POULTON

GILLARD.

Det Sgt

GILLARD even, when I get my teeth round it, have won there judicial review and have been made an offer. Chief Constable HAYMAN has alleged to have been investigated by the Met Police at the request of the PCA.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

FLYNN is due to publish his book in Jan/February 2004. The book is alleged to have contained new information concerning the brinks-mat gold theft including the origins of the gold link with the late President MARCOS. The reasons for the investigation into ADAMS and BOYCE had been sidelined. This being that it would have prejudiced the ongoing trials and convictions already secured. FLYNN has also information that Daniel MORGAN and Alan HOLMES had been attempting to secure cash from a national newspaper in the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand in respect of a story concerning a cocaine smuggling

operation via Miami to the UK valued at one hundred million pounds/dollars overseen and safeguarded by, by senior corrupt and it doesn't say (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

See that sounds like what I said earlier.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

That's, see when they've trimmed that, I probably put on there (INAUDIBLE) could this relate to that initial thing. Now that's probably come from FLYNN, I would say that's from when FLYNN's phoned me.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Spoken to me on the phone or I've met him.

Det Sgt

And of course we...

POULTON

But that's when I was saying like FLYNN was quite adamant really.

Det Sgt

So this FLYNN thing around Daniel MORGAN would he have been the only person originating this sort of...

POULTON

That, probably what that, that's probably in the entirety.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

'Cause he's having to do both then 'cause they wanted to know what's, how they were getting on because (INAUDIBLE) impact.

Right.

POULTON

And that would have been, that would have come directly from FLYNN that.

Det Sgt

So this rumour about Daniel MORGAN and Taffy, Taffy HOLMES.

POULTON

Oh yeah he said that, 'cause you know I just saying have you got any further with that and he said they had pinned down a paper and that was one when I said to you the other day.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Where they said that this newspaper person had a good recollection and remembers it.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

Of the larger than life amount they were asking and when in the days when you didn't pay that sort of money.

Det Sgt

Pay that sort of money, no.

POULTON

And I think he said well tell me what it's about, he said you know 'cause obviously I can't, I have to know something about what you're telling us to know if it was a newsworthy story, if it's worth that kind of money before he takes it upstairs.

Det Sgt

Yeah of course.

POULTON

And they, MORGAN's went to sort of walked away then because they didn't wanna pass anything on, pass anything other than a sort of it was a serious corruption, to do with serious police corruption.

Det Sgt So MORGAN was just trying to broker a deal without actually... **POULTON** Um. **Det Sgt** Giving out as much, without giving any... **POULTON** But obviously he wasn't used to dealing with the press because the sort of ridiculous figures. **Det Sgt** Um. **POULTON** But then I suppose for him to ask for such a ridiculous figure, if it's true would indicate that

what he thought he knew about was sort of very, very newsworthy and very serious.

Det Cons

From conversations that you've had with people has anyone been able to explain why this editor or journalist has never, has never printed the story, 'cause it seems bizarre to me...

POULTON

Because they, I think one, yeah I know where you're coming from.

Det Cons

'Cause in, it's just, 'cause in my eyes if I was an editor and two men came forward...

POULTON

I think it has...

Det Cons

And said they wanted to give a story.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Cons

And then both men end up dead, to me I'd be...

Oh it did, I mean to say it was, I got, I got...

Det Cons

Yeah but I'm talking about, I'm not saying the story got press attention. I'm saying the editor, the person...

POULTON

Um.

Det Cons

They tried to sell the story to, why they have never come forward.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Cons

I mean yeah that is a peculiarity.

POULTON

But then see are you extending the theory again then, like I said earlier on this when we were talking things, how, if you, you know if you get hold of that book by C F NEWMAN, Sir You Bastard and You're a Nice Bastard and read those, that really was like an instruction manual for the new wave of corrupt policemen. (INAUDIBLE) 'Cause that one, the emphasis on that was you know you cultivated the press as apposed to holding them off with a big stick like it had been done prior to that and you may, lots of policemen may report (INAUDIBLE). I was dealing with a murder enquiry that was very press worthy and on the day the arrest team went out to make the arrest, it was the chief, can't think what his name is, chief Daily Mail crime reporter then.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And he was there with a press photographer when the team, luckily I was at, I was at my father-in-laws funeral that day, but the people that went there they said you know the bloody press were there and it was this Daily Mail.

Det Cons

Yeah.

Reporter, his photographer and then the inference was from that in casual chat (INAUDIBLE) because of all this, you know how did they get there and someone said well you know the very person that's protesting to much is the person that's in a relationship with that, who's got a sort of relationship with that press (INAUDIBLE).

Det Cons

In your conversation with GILLARD and FLYNN have they ever explained why this person they seem to have tracked down has never come forward, never discussed their story.

POULTON

Well I don't...

Det Cons

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Yeah I know, I know where you're coming from. No they don't sort of say other than that they were satisfied. See by even by that book there's eight hundred pages missing from that because of legal, you know there's a big lump in there they were gonna put in about ADAMS and the publishers said though they accept any, they kept this deal with the publisher that will accept any liable things.

Det Cons

Right.

POULTON

So I don't know without sort of asking them point blank. I was under the impression it was The Express, what they told me but (INAUDIBLE) whether it was sub editor, editor or what I don't know, but they were confident that they'd, 'cause they made a point of saying, he said why couldn't the inquiry, why didn't they ever track this, track this newspaper person, you know the guy down. Because the initial two used to be Private Eye and the, it was Private Eye was one of the and apparently someone at Private Eye is allegedly meant to have remembered something about this as well.

Det Cons

I think the more pertinent question though is not why, why didn't the inquiry (INAUDIBLE), the more pertinent is why (INAUDIBLE) I mean there's nothing liable or slanderous about saying two...

Yeah.

Det Cons

Two people (INAUDIBLE) affair that came to us trying to sell a story, I mean there's no, there's no...

POULTON

Unless you think of it...

Det Cons

There's no liable (INAUDIBLE) is there.

POULTON

Unless you think from the other angle if that newspaper man had been closer to someone else in, down the food chain.

Det Cons

Possibly.

POULTON

And he just, he's stubbed the story off and picked up the telephone or had a see you for a drink in the Donald Duck tonight and...

Det Cons

Okay.

POULTON

And said oh do you know someone's trying to flog a story about you.

Det Cons

Right, okay.

POULTON

I would think, yeah I don't know, no it would just be supposition if I said that Daniel or HOLMES he might of told them a name.

Det Cons

Okay, that's fine.

No, no please, no that was, right.

POULTON

But (INAUDIBLE) just before we move on from that...

Det Sgt

Go on, go on.

POULTON

I know where you're coming from because if you go back (INAUDIBLE) all the press cuttings, this kept, different sections of the press keep, kept bringing this up as in the background. Obviously careful how they use it because of...

Det Cons

Yeah.

POULTON

Legal implications, but it did sort of run round and show it's, rear it's head a few times. I think there were people sort of interestly working on it.

Det Sgt

Right, okay. This one, the report is dated the 7th of October 2003 and this is log reference LON1/P/882603 and the main subject heading is Jonathan REECE historical and the text is it's alleged that at the time of the British auction alleged robbery when Jonathan REECE was robbed at, robbed at the night safe prior to MORGAN murder and it's alleged that the job was set up by Jonathan REECE's brother-in-law the VIAN's.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

And where would this bit of information come from?

POULTON

Well that could either come, that could have come from, might of come from LEIGHTON. That might of come from LEIGHTON or one of the other hangers on with them in the pub. It might have been the accountant. I've got a feeling it might of, it might of come from LEIGHTON but I wouldn't like to say. This is where it's awkward with that because it's been trimmed down it's hard to put a handle on it, because I'd usually put the place, you know whilst in conversation with so and so at...

| POULTON |
|---|
| And that ties it down a bit more, but then, yeah 'cause it wasn't a night safe, 'cause the night safe he said was glued up. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah, can you just run through that sort of sequence. Has Jonathan REECE ever mentioned this to you? |
| POULTON |
| Oh other than, yeah his take on this is |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| And I suppose there's an element of logic to this and even HANAHAN reinforced this. |
| Det Sgt |
| Uh hum. |
| POULTON |
| He said that he arrived at the night safe, the night safe had either been superglued or |
| Det Sgt |
| Do you know the background to how Jonathan REECE, what was he doing around the auctions and? |
| POULTON |
| Well he, he had taken on this contract that they, which I think it was off his own back. |
| Det Sgt |
| Um. |
| POULTON |
| That they would look after, do the money, pick up from the auctions and bank it. |
| Det Sgt |

Um.

Yeah.

And he (INAUDIBLE) through Sid, he had it, I think that was like the current office in Crime Squad, so it was a bit of moonlighting money.

Det Sgt

Right, what like they'd work as sort of security for...

POULTON

Yeah sort of unofficial security for the auctions and he would, he would pay the wages and knowing REECE it would probably, even the auctions it would probably might have been a cash in hand job.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

But his take on it was that he arrived at the night safe, the night safe was glued up, so he thought he'd take the money home, (INAUDIBLE) bank it (INAUDIBLE) the following day. Just as he's getting out his car he was sort of set upon and ammonia's sprayed...

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

In his face and so I took the, I took the sort of devils advocate bit on this when there was some conversation going on about this and HANAHAN was actually, don't think he was there at that time but he later confirmed, so I said yeah where was the ammonia traces, was it actually on his clothing or in his eyes and HANAHAN confirmed at a later stage. He said well it was, he said it was in his eyes, he's having his eyes washed out.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Now you can set yourself up for a tap on the head and you can set yourself up for something, but ammonia can be awfully dangerous to volunteer to have it sprayed in your eyes, you know usual lemon juice would do just the same 'cause people wouldn't assume this and that always seemed odd to me why someone should put themselves (INAUDIBLE) but then you can turn round and say well perhaps they were just gonna spray his clothing and a bit ended up in his

eye by accident, so there's either way you can look at it, but it does seem that's strange, but then when you, sort of then you take from that who investigated that, HANAHAN you know and the whole thing becomes incestuous after that.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

But then he seems a, you know did, if I was gonna say lets rip the auctions off.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

You'd think you'd go to some lengths at first to find out if the company insurance would cover it, so it seems a bit of an ill thought about thing, but then it might have been an urgent need for cash wouldn't it.

Det Sgt

That's right. It just seems a bit strange that someone's followed him and was waiting for him to...

POULTON

Follow, yeah, yeah because there again if you're in that line of work and you're carrying money, like I automatically usually now if I'm coming any where you know you sort of you watch your wing, your rear mirror a lot don't you and you do the usual things. So if I was carrying a large some of money I think, yeah but then where was the guy, was he lurking in the bushes or I don't know so.

Det Sgt

But surely you'd have security with you who went to the night safe with you and then you'd have them follow you back home again and (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Yeah he, I don't, he probably had it, probably yeah to his, to his car, 'cause you thought it might have been, why didn't you, in actual fact the logical thing to ask then is, which I, yeah (INAUDIBLE) remember talking, I had a conversation myself, the logic thing is if they've had this and they've had this for years this bloody great big safe in the office.

Yeah.

POULTON

So if you're gonna take it why take it home if you've got your keys to your office, it's alarmed offices, you've got this bloody great big safe, why he hadn't stick it in the safe there, why, why take it home. Unless, 'cause where he lived then, I'm trying to think where, where his address was, I can't think off the top of me head where he lived then, was it sort of Thornton Heath area was it, Thornton yeah I think it was. So it would have been just as near to his home...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Than he would have been to the office but then it's conjecture isn't it, you can say well...

Det Sgt

Exactly.

POULTON

Perhaps they hadn't got the safe key or needed two keys and I only had the one.

Det Sgt

So has, did REECE, has REECE ever mentioned this subject to you?

POULTON

Well his, his take on it whenever you spoke to him about it, you know you were sort of winding him up saying you know tell me you know and no he's quite, you wanna try having fucking ammonia in your eyes, it's bloody painful that was you know, that's what he remembers, seems to remember most about and having his eyes washed at May Day but then again like I said you can spray your clothes ammonia but not your face.

Det Sgt

Face.

POULTON

But it was in his eyes and I said well was that actually confirmed then by a hospital record, he said oh yeah it will be on my records at May Day that I had ammonia in my eye.

So he was taken to the May Day Hospital?

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Which is sort of South London way.

POULTON

Which is Croydon, West Croydon so it would have been in sort of gobbing distance of where he lived really.

Det Sgt

Uh hum. Do you know if the VIAN's and REECE ever did any, any work together, you know did the VIAN's work get at Southern Investigations?

POULTON

No, what I would think you'd probably find that he did for the VIAN's, I would think was centred around in their game or what they were up to is things (INAUDIBLE) vehicle checks wouldn't it and wanted to know, yeah he would have done work for them as regards if they got car numbers they wanted checked out. If they were under surveillance and anybody know and things like that

Det Sgt

Uh hum

POULTON

That's what they'd want wouldn't they, they'd want sort of, they'd wanna know about people watching them. Also I suppose (INAUDIBLE) he would have used the facilities to trace people that they wanted traced you know from a criminality point of view.

Det Sgt

So it's...

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) some villain talking over him, so (INAUDIBLE) so and so, (INAUDIBLE) or something like that, oh my, my, we've got a contact, you know my brother-in-law's a private eye and (INAUDIBLE) so I'll be most surprised if (INAUDIBLE) of business unofficial went on between the pair of them.

Yeah, so he never, REECE never mentioned whether they, they...

POULTON

What (INAUDIBLE) as well, I don't doubt that but he'd never confirm it.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

You know that a friend of ours is in trouble, who do you know and this is what he'd do, he'd forever be asking, even out the job, when I said do you know, do you know anything about so and so, do you, have you ever worked with him, have you got any doubt on so and so and you know that was it, that's always been a constants with all, anybody in the police or was connected with the police. So there again I would think, especially at that sort of time I would think yes there was a lot of that going on, sort of work with, (INAUDIBLE) classed it as, as long as he paid for it, but probably didn't go through the company as such, but then again Danny wouldn't have liked that either.

Det Sgt

Right, so, so Daniel was fairly straight about...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

He's...

POULTON

Well a blurred morality, you know sort of, but I don't think, he wasn't, he wasn't, he sort of took a dimmer view, but, well not like REECE would say corruption, you know fucking good luck to them, rip someone off, some thief's being ripped off, good luck, you know part of the punishment.

Det Sgt

So REECE was quite more willing to bend the rules.

POULTON

Yeah, yeah oh without a doubt, you know he sort of, he would, his whole demeanour was like some old fashion sort of flash dip squad C8 officer you know. I think to an extent he sort of deliberately went out you know like the crombie coat and the stocky look and you know it

was, it was, that was him to a tee, but MORGAN. That would make sense you see, because if, if MORGAN, he wouldn't have got REECE to go to the newspapers and sell a story about the police corruption because he'd see first of all if he could make more money out of the police officers concerned.

Det Cons

If you were to ask John REECE that what he does is wrong what would his retort be?

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE).

Det Cons

I'm quite interest in this, his sort of perception...

POULTON

Yeah (INAUDIBLE).

Det Cons

On the world really.

POULTON

Well he's very complex in as much that if he didn't, if you were with your mum and you'd just come out of a shop and someone run up and knocked you both over and stole your mother's handbag. He'd be just as likely to run after them.

Det Cons

Um.

POULTON

It's a, he's got his brothers and he's got a sister and a brother I think in the police force I think and his sister's an inspector now up in South Yorkshire, but he's very protective of them 'cause he dropped his sister in the cack 'cause his sister told him something in confidence...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And this is his motivation money. His sister, his own sister told him something in confidence which he then sold onto the press and she found out it was obviously 'cause only he could have passed it on and she was aware that he sort of had lots of dealings with the press and she

didn't speak to him for about nine months or a year. She made it very clear that if she told, if she'd told him something in good faith.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

And it wasn't up for it, up to him to go and financially capitalise on that.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

So he's complex yeah in one respect. Probably if he knew you were police with your mother, like if you, he wouldn't run after them, but his initial reaction is yes and like this thing in the City of London, he's got this (INAUDIBLE) not many people pick those up, that's off the Mayor of London, City of London. It's like a bravery award 'cause he's run after an armed robber, but then is that part of the thing he sees himself as a frustrated wannabe policeman, don't know.

Det Sgt

Do you know if Daniel MORGAN had a working relationship with the VIAN's?

POULTON

I wouldn't know, I very much doubt it. I shouldn't think he'd, he'd really wanna know.

Det Sgt

Right, we'll move on. The next one is dated the 3rd of August 2004 and the log reference is LON1/Q/351288 and the subject heading is FLYNN's book release and text is Laurie FLYNN's book is due to be released late September and makes reference to David COOK and the Daniel MORGAN murder. Can you expand on that?

POULTON

Dave COOK is that the one we talked, so I don't get me COOK's, there's to many COOK's.

Det Sgt

Yeah there's so many COOK's.

POULTON

Yeah, all right Dave COOK is the one we spoke about yesterday (INAUDIBLE) when we were talking about the surveillance or?

Det Sgt

I don't know, I don't know...

POULTON

Oh right.

Det Sgt

That's what I'm sorry. All right let's go back, Laurie FLYNN's book, what book are we talking about?

POULTON

The Untouchables.

Det Sgt

Right we're talking about that.

POULTON

GILLARD and things.

Det Sgt

Right and we're also taking about here it says the Daniel MORGAN murder, so which...

POULTON

Yeah sorry what was that again, read (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

It says Laurie FLYNN's book is due to be released late September and makes reference to David COOK and the Daniel MORGAN murder.

POULTON

Um, now is that the COOK that planted the drugs. I need a lead here or the COOK that's a policeman, one of the two policemen (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Well you see I don't wanna lead you...

POULTON

No I know.

To your answer here. It seems fairly obvious to me but...

POULTON

Yeah but if it's the COOK that was involved in REECE's case that's probably, that would make more sense I would have thought, but then he, yeah I'm not sure if that was current then about this evidence they'd had about how JARRETT had been trying to you know bend the rules and things like, but I don't know. If I knew which COOK it was I'd know (INAUDIBLE) more. I'm not being evasive but...

Det Sgt

No, no.

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) thing in with headings and different things.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Then someone obviously well you had to do when you're doing the analysis, they've trimmed it so sometimes it's out of context, but if I had the full draft (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Right so you don't know which Dave, which COOK we spoke about even though it says Dave COOK?

POULTON

What I'm associating is the policeman COOK, I don't know, the surveillance thing.

Det Sgt

You think it's relating to the surveillance?

POULTON

I think so.

Det Sgt

At, you're saying it could be Andy COOK as apposed to Dave COOK?

POULTON

No not Andy COOK.

Det Sgt

Not Andy COOK.

POULTON

But if it's Dave COOK's been put in there then, then it's Dave COOK, 'cause of when they've trimmed it and left (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Right, okay.

POULTON

I must of put Dave COOK in there I suppose.

Det Sgt

Right, okay. If you can't assist, you can't remember what it is. We'll move on. Right this is dated the 12th of the 10th 2004 and it's log reference LON1/Q/831249 and the main subject heading is Jonathan REECE, Daniel MORGAN murder and the text relates to. Just going back to that last one, would that have been Laurie FLYNN who would have, who would have given you that information?

POULTON

Yeah it would have been Laurie FLYNN.

Det Sgt

Right, going back to this one then, the text says Jonathan REECE has contacted by an investigative journalist regarding the Daniel MORGAN murder.

POULTON

Uh hum.

Det Sgt

Intelligence indicates that Daniel MORGAN used to frequent the Golden Lion public house with David BRAY and that both were dealing drugs from the pub.

POULTON

No, see that's, that's been lost in translation.

Okay. I'll carry on because it's, it says Daniel allegedly dealt drugs to his brother Alistair MORGAN.

POULTON

Oh right.

Det Sgt

Intelligence suggests that BRAY and Daniel MORGAN use their status as dealers to have sexual relationships with the local girls from the Peabody Estate.

POULTON

Yeah that's right. Now that, that was from REECE.

Det Sgt

That was from REECE.

POULTON

REECE yeah, 'cause I said when we were talking and I said how many sort of times, well how many times does Daniel go to that pub you know and he said, I said well you know it seems, you know why, that's right I said if he got there after you and I said it's into the evening, I said why did he park round the back anyway, I said 'cause I did know it's quite a wide road there, it's like a dual...

Det Sgt

Yeah

POULTON

Two lanes either side and the answer to that was, he's saying, I think it's probably later in there as well 'cause it had been repeated.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

Is the answer to that was that he'd met Maggie.

Det Sgt

Maggie HARRIS.

Yeah, where he'd had a drink before which was, which has been also told to me by Alistair, that the night before Daniel went over there he met Maggie in a wine bar and had a drink. So the answer was well perhaps he had been drinking, he'd had a drink in relation to this one and he didn't wanna park the car on the road, so he was seen coming out of the pub and that's academic isn't it when you see him driving out the back of a pub car park or walking from a pub and getting in your car. Anyway I said well how many times has he...

Det Sgt

Can I just, just stop you. Working through this sort of logically which seems that Daniel is supposed to be meeting REECE...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

At the Golden Lion pub. Daniel is now still having an affair with Margaret, Maggie.

POULTON

No, no.

Det Sgt

At that time.

POULTON

Well, he, he was meeting, I don't know. He was meeting her for some reason and had a drink with her.

Det Sgt

At...

POULTON

Before he went to the Golden Lion in the wine bar in Norbury which I think...

Det Sgt

Oh right.

POULTON

I don't know if it's called Snifters.

Det Sgt

Right, so what you're...

POULTON

It's near the police, the old police station.

Det Sgt

So why would he then park the car at the back of the...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Pub then if he's...

POULTON

Well.

Det Sgt

Already had this alleged...

POULTON

Yeah if he's already had a drink.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

If he's already had a drink was that the reason, you know that's the way it was thought through. That's why he parked round the back. Anyway when in conversation of that relationship.

Det Sgt

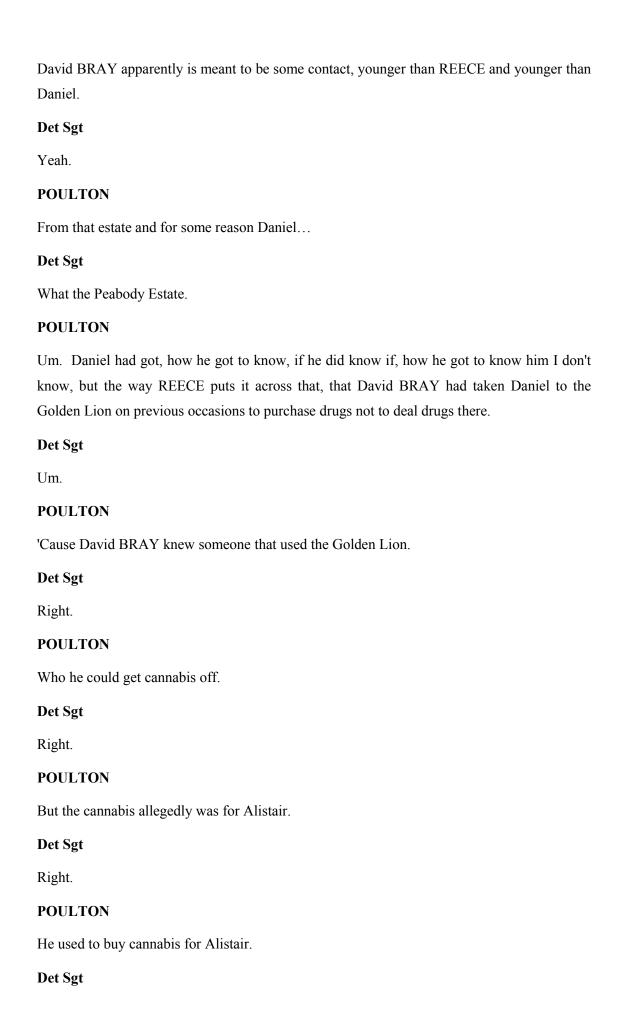
Um.

POULTON

Well how many times did he use that (INAUDIBLE) I said it was just a couple of times, he went no he said he used to go down there with David BRAY.

Det Sgt

Now who's David BRAY (INAUDIBLE).



Do you know this to be true or?

POULTON

Don't know.

Det Sgt

Or was it, or was it...

POULTON

I can't, I can't verify it. Though I think Alistair has told me that he did use cannabis and...

Det Sgt

Are we talking like just a bit of social or are we talking like...

POULTON

I don't know 'cause he got quite, he is a bit of a complex character and he got, he's sort of, he went a bit suicidal I think so he experimented when he was in Sweden, 'cause he tried to chuck himself out of a hotel window or something.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And I think Daniel then had to go over and sort him out and you know whatever needed doing, but then he also went onto say about these. There was twin, I'm sure it was twin sisters and a friend of there's, they were much younger than those and that Daniel had started off as somewhere to get their ends away.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Him and David BRAY and they get a bit of puff and take round there 'cause the girls liked a bit of puff and they take some drink round and they, the girls were impressed by sort of I'm a private eye and all this and he's giving them, this is, I'm not saying it's happened but this is what was told me.

Det Sgt

This is what Jonathan REECE...

And then and then...

Det Sgt

Has told to you.

POULTON

Yeah and then that MORGAN, Daniel MORGAN started to sort of get quite ensconced with one of these, almost to the point thinking that they're falling in love.

Det Sgt

Do you know the names of these?

POULTON

No, I might, I don't think I've ever been, I might of done, if I have it would have been put on one of those or the initial thing.

Det Sgt

And you said girls from the local Peabody Estate.

POULTON

Well we tried to fix it and the only estate that we could think that there was in West Norwood is the Peabody Estate, it wasn't REECE told me the Peabody Estate.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

But, well he might of done but I think that ties in with the Peabody Estate, there's a big council estate there at West Norwood.

Det Sgt

Right so there was a big estate, but you have no idea who these, who these two girls may have been?

POULTON

No it was two sisters and friend and I think they were twin sisters or very, not much difference, age gap between the two sisters.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And who was it else, yeah I don't, no I'd be speculating, I've got a feeling that the third girl wasn't so keen, I don't know but one thing REECE went onto say...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

That it was so, he was getting so in, allegedly he was getting so in with this girl.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

That he was on the point of telling the wife that he was going to sort of leave her.

Det Sgt

For, for this girl.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

And this comes from REECE.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

What and...

POULTON

But David BRAY.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Is a name I'd heard of before but I can't think where, but I would presume, I don't, I suppose there's no reason why they would, but I would, I would, David BRAY must be checkable 'cause I think he had, I got the impression that he wasn't exactly a hundred percent honest.

Oh right. What I'm gonna do is 'cause this tape is coming up to the stopping. I'm gonna now stop this interview. The time is now 12.42.

(INTERVIEW SUSPENDED).

Det Sgt

This is a continuation with the interview with Derek POULTON. The time is now 11.40, no 51 and it's the same date. Derek can you just confirm that during the short recess that nothing untoward has happened and that we've stopped for a refreshment break.

POULTON

That's correct

Det Sgt

Right, I must also remind you, that is also very important about your rights. That you're not under arrest, that you can leave at any time and that you can seek legal advice and if at any time you want to stop the interview can you let me know and I'll do so. Do you understand those rights?

POULTON

Yeah I understand, yeah.

Det Sgt

At the end of the last interview we were discussing about Daniel MORGAN and his usage of the Golden Lion pub and a person called David BRAY.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Can we just go back to the pub, to the Golden Lion. I mean that was in Sydenham. Would this have been a place that, it just seems a bit far.

POULTON

No it's not, it's not that far from (INAUDIBLE) it's all quite close really.

So would it be a place that Daniel and Jonathan REECE would meet knowing that they were business partners. Surely you'd go to your local which was maybe the Victory.

POULTON

Yeah but I think, on a previous occasion he told me, this is going back a long time, but Daniel MORGAN had been, had been at a meeting there the week before or a couple of weeks before.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

When he'd had a quite a serious row with Sid FILLARY.

Det Sgt

What at the Victory?

POULTON

No at the Golden Lion.

Det Sgt

With Sid FILLARY?

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

At this...

POULTON

And there was other police officers present.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

Which I presume are some of Sid FILLARY's, whether it was part of his Crime Squad or part of the moonlighting ones.

Yeah.

POULTON

And I think that's possibly, I always got the impression that's what it was really about. They were worried, they were worried that they were gonna get exposed and the effects on their jobs and I think 'cause words were said by FILLARY calling him a self righteous prick or something, you know.

Det Sgt

Right. So this argument was in relation to them working for...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Southern Investigations under the guise of Jonathan REECE.

POULTON

Yeah, yeah and that's why FILLARY is alleged to have left that, he was also there with REECE earlier in the evening but didn't fancy meeting MORGAN again.

Det Sgt

Right, do you know, in relation to this argument that FILLARY's supposed to have had, was REECE in attendance as well or was this just a...

POULTON

I would think without a doubt he was 'cause the way he related the story as if he'd been there. It wasn't as though it's what Sid had told him.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And I suppose it would make sense really if they're all involved in something and that he would be there.

Det Sgt

Okay. It says Jonathan REECE was contacted by an investigative journalist. Do we know, can you, I know it was sometime ago, can you work out who that journalist may have been?

What say, say that again.

Det Sgt

It says Jonathan REECE has been contacted by an investigative journalist regarding the Daniel MORGAN murder.

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) what's the date of this one again?

Det Sgt

12th of October 2004.

POULTON

Yeah I've got a, this might be from Wales, Welsh TV.

Det Sgt

Why do you think they, why they have (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Well because it was, it's been kept more alive in Wales because of the mother.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And the Welsh connection, 'cause I think I've met him. I might have one of his cards somewhere and he was a producer for a Welsh television...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Thing, whether he was an independent producer. I think he actually worked for the TV company and it was at a time when they were sort of trying to dig deep into it and it had all been stirred up by this book and things like that (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

By The Untouchables book.

Um, well I wouldn't say that was out then but it was sort of knowledge that his book was coming out and also Alistair was, had sort of been networking quite a bit to keep the murder inquiry alive.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

But I don't think, I think, I think, in the back of my mind 'cause it overlaps but on one occasion I believe he did meet one, whether it's the same one and he went straight on the attack, you know why do you wanna keep digging this fucking rubbish up you know and sort of warning him you know. I don't think that one he even met if it's the Welsh one, I don't think he even bothered to meet him.

Det Sgt

Right. Do you know if Jonathan REECE used to use the Golden Lion pub?

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

It was one of his...

POULTON

Well he told me yeah, I think it's probably, I've got a feeling that it was like a pub that police, you know you have pubs...

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

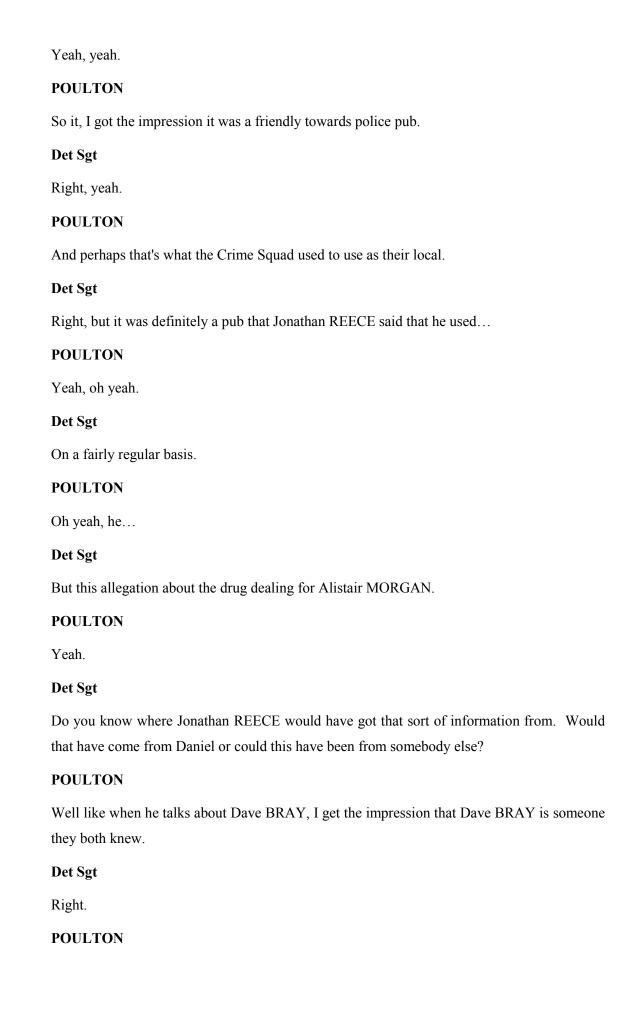
That you use and ones that you don't.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

I've got a feeling it might have been sort of a pub, because you've got to bear in mind lots of pubs are run by ex policemen in those days.



And he's said, well you know. It's easy, I know it's easy to sit where you are and think well why would he, is he saying this out, throwing us out with this information. At that time he had no reasons to suspect me...

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

Of anything and there was no reason. He said he knew that, that FLYNN and GILLARD had been to see me.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And if you like he was quite happy 'cause he said, you know sort of he was interested to know what line they were going down.

Det Sgt

Uh hum. What was your relationship with Alistair MORGAN?

POULTON

Alistair I met him and this is, well I'll lead onto some other things here.

Det Sgt

Oh right.

POULTON

Because what is my relationship and what was John REECE's relationship with him.

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Because after the, he said prior to, before Daniel's murder.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Alistair was always coming up with hair brain business schemes and things like that.

Det Sgt Right. POULTON And he said after, you know for business ventures. Det Sgt Yeah, okay. POULTON And he said after MORGAN was killed, he said within sort of four or five weeks of that possibly less. Det Sgt Yeah. POULTON He said he came to me and said are you aware that Daniel was gonna lend me some money out of the company to set up such and such a business scheme. Det Sgt

POULTON

Oh right.

And REECE said he said well he didn't say anything to me, I've got no knowledge of it he said and besides he said you know circumstances he's not here now he said and I don't know what the, you know along the lines I don't know what the financial state of the company is, but I can't on your say so, if that's what Daniel had told you, he said I can't do anything about that.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

And he did say that he gave him some work.

Det Sgt

Work, do you know what sort of work that was?

(INAUDIBLE) research work, you know like backgrounds of things and things like that.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And he said he was paying him some wages, he said but then, he sort of said he became unreliable and he said, that was it they sort of or whether he started to become aware that he was a strong suspect.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

Or you could sort of say well is Alistair trying to get in there so he could be close to the action and find out what happened to his brother.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

It's debatable, but when I, Alistair played that down because I said to him, I said, well he said to me that you, that the reason that you got the hump with him and stirred all this up was because he wouldn't facilitate a loan he wanted for a business venture that you told him that you're brother had promised that he'd lend you the money on. So that is a, you know Alistair's always tried to play that bit down.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

But what was the relationship between sorry?

Det Sgt

You and Alistair MORGAN.

POULTON

Yeah Alistair, we were, oh sometime after the murder, I think it was in the...

Det Sgt

Did you know him before the murder...

POULTON

No.

Det Sgt

At all.

POULTON

No never met, never heard of him really, didn't even aware he was. Then it must have been within a year or more of that murder, two years maybe, I was in the pub and they were all there, that account, the accountant, NEWTON I think it is.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

The accountant and they were all there and this was like a general discussion going on about this, something, something has stimulated, but there again Alistair was in the pub and in the Victory where REECE is and he wasn't there to start off with and then sort of REECE was being equally derogatory about him. It's like he would speak about his brother you know and then Alistair came over and he was chatting and then we got introduced to him and they were just talking and it was just like general background and he said oh I'd like to, I'd like to talk to you about it sometime you know if you get the chance and I said well, I said I didn't know him so I told him who I, yeah he knew who I was and I knew who he was then and said I said well, I said I'll give you, I'll give you my mobile number.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And then I said if you, you know if there's something you wanna talk about give us a ring and that was it. Then I didn't see him for oh a long, long, long time. He never rang me and I didn't see and then when did I sort of see him.

Det Sgt

Was you tasked to see him or was this just (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

No he, it must have been some, some, it might have been during the, that's right I think, I think Laurie FLYNN said did you, would you object if I gave him your telephone number. I

said I don't mind speaking to him and he gave him the number and he used to sort of ring up and I suppose it's about once every six weeks, a couple of months he'd ring up. He rung the other, last week I think.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Talked about general things and (INAUDIBLE) you know left a message. He left a message for me and I rung him and you know he's sort of, there again he's hard to quantify 'cause I've got a sneaky feeling that he is in the process of writing a book himself or with the aid of others and he was telling me how the, you know the ins and outs of the thing had been going and he's got a website.

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE) the website, yeah.

POULTON

See the website I think was set up with the help of I think Laurie and GILLARD, 'cause they might have been instrumental in getting that thing set up and 'cause then that annoys REECE intensely that does.

Det Sgt

Yeah I bet it does.

POULTON

'Cause I've already said, I've always, my explanation to Alistair's always been, I've certainly not told him what I was doing, but when, you know at some point he has to sort of justify why I'm hanging out with both really.

Det Sgt

Yes.

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) and so then I just said well you, I said, I think I said to him well you know what it's like with me Alistair I said, I said I've always had unfinished business and sort of bits missing from the puzzle and I said you know if now and again if I'm that way I said I'll meet up, I said usually on the hope that one day something might be said that are tied together with something and I said then in my mind I said the circle will be completed or and he's always accepted that as like that you see.

Right.

POULTON

But there's a hell of a lot of, the animosity's come because of that site, 'cause REECE's is attitude is that oh fucking British justice, tried by the press, you know and they actually went and they were having talks with barristers about seeing if they could close the site down, 'cause he said it was impacting on his work and because when that Sunday Times thing was done about blowing his company out the waters of fraud.

Det Sgt

Right, yeah, yeah.

POULTON

He was referred to then as the prime suspect in an unsolved axe murder wasn't he straightaway and then, then emails were sent round. LEIGHTON actually sent emails purporting to come from me.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

To several of their business associates which with the Times, Sunday Times Insight exposé attached.

Det Sgt

Yeah of course, yeah I see. Right, we'll move on to a report dated 28th of October 2004 and that's log reference LON1/Q/348537 and that text or the main subject is Jonathan REECE, Daniel MORGAN murder and the text is there are several down here and I'll go through them all. Jonathan REECE intends to start his own website and put on it all the paperwork re. his case and documents that will discredit both Daniel and Alistair MORGAN. This is in response to the website...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Justice for Daniel.

Yeah that's what he was talking about doing when they're taking all the legal advice on it, but they could close their, his site down.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And this was his sort of line of attack that you know that they put on there so it's cross reference that, that the case was thrown out, he never, you know he never went to court...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

And things like that so, 'cause it does impact, yeah I suppose rightly if he did it or if he didn't, it would impact wouldn't it, you know every time he's trying to get sort of business up and running.

Det Sgt

Yes of course.

POULTON

But then one of the most loyal people to him that's been throughout and I don't know if we're gonna get onto it but in case we don't I'll say it now before I forget.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Is the bank Rob HERON.

Det Sgt

Go on.

POULTON

When we talked about the money laundering, you must be aware of the money laundering allegation.

Det Sgt

Explain to me.

POULTON

Well apparently Rob HERON was their original bank manager. I think he was a bank manager possibly when it was still, when it was still, Daniel was involved in the company, Barclays Bank.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And Rob HERON was the manager but then got promoted to an area bank manager.

Det Sgt

Okay.

POULTON

And sort of over saw several branches. Well he's always been very close to REECE and then they sort of, 'cause he ended up getting arrested on a money laundering thing.

Det Sgt

Who Rob HERON?

POULTON

Rob HERON.

Det Sgt

Is that in relation to Southern...

POULTON

Southern Investigations, something had been done.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

And that related to, but this was after MORGAN's.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

A long time after MORGAN's murder, but Rob HERON has been very, very loyal. He'd go out of his way to meet up and have a drink with him, but then he got suspended by his bank. **Det Sgt** Yeah. **POULTON** For his association. **Det Sgt** With, with. **POULTON** 'Cause the bank also got notified. **Det Sgt** Is this his association with Jonathan REECE? **POULTON** Yeah, yeah and... **Det Sgt** Would you say that they, from what you know of Jonathan REECE and what Jonathan, Jonathan REECE has said, that they had a very good working relationship, then that they were fairly... **POULTON** What with the bank manager? **Det Sgt** Yeah. **POULTON** Oh yeah.

Det Sgt

Does he still to this day (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Yeah he's still, he still talks to him and everything 'cause he got involved but not sort of indirectly with the Crystal soft drinks...

Right.

POULTON

Business and I don't think Rob HERON, 'cause he, Esher he now covers. I've got his mobile number.

Det Sgt

Is he still in banking?

POULTON

Yeah he's still with Barclays.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And he, see because he, because he got involved with this money laundering thing and he got suspended, so that's all victims together.

Det Sgt

Victims together.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

I was just about to.

POULTON

Um, but it is a strange, he's not a bad guy really. He had a, I think Rob HERON's brother was in the SPG or would have been in at one time and ended up, he's retired now I think. So yeah (PAUSE) Why was that taken.

Det Sgt

Right, okay. So that's in relation to the first bit. The next bit of text is REECE has paperwork which includes the fact that Daniel used to purchase drugs for his brother. The connection with David BRAY, Hernhill that Danny was also having a sexual relationship with two married sisters in Hernhill. That he had bedded both on a regular threesome and that the husband of one of the sisters had found out and was less than happy.

POULTON

Yeah that would have come from REECE.

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

That relates to the two sisters I would think. That's an expansion on, 'cause I think that would be the same thing yeah.

Det Sgt

It comes from REECE, is this envy.

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) no I think...

Det Sgt

Or is this...

POULTON

He said that you know that you know, it's weird to (INAUDIBLE), its quite simple really, that you know you sort of, when the subject arises you can turn it round, which is the best thing like when Alistair's rung me I say oh bloody Alistair you know and I always say to REECE you know Alistair the professional victim and I and I, I get REECE thinking (INAUDIBLE) I said you know I said that's the best, I sometimes do think that's the best that's ever happened to him. He's life would have been enormously empty without this crusade and I said and I think he's become addicted to the media.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And media people in pushing this, I said yeah I said I think his real motivation is himself and perhaps the brother's secretary (INAUDIBLE) REECE (INAUDIBLE) and then he can turn a conversation and he said you know the best thing that could happen to you if you could really find, you know find out who did it, you know why don't you and then he's turned round and sort of said (INAUDIBLE) one from fucking five hundred he said and then he come out with (INAUDIBLE) things.

He's giving different possible suspects.

POULTON

Yeah, you know he sort of and he'd sort of say you know, he said he was like a sexual predator, he said and he said, he said there's probably a hundred and one people out there who wanted to kill him you know.

Det Sgt

Oh right.

POULTON

And then he'd sort of elaborate and that would take us into like bedding two married sisters which I presume that he really means were the two women, that were the two sisters...

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) Dave BRAY, as for the paperwork he said that and he actually, he showed me, he showed me the wine bar receipts from where Daniel was meant to have spent all this money on HOLMES.

Det Sgt

What can you remember where this wine bar was?

POULTON

West Norwood.

Det Sgt

Somewhere in West Norwood.

POULTON

West Norwood that was and he had, he'd say things like you know I could, I could prove it he said, I know where to lay my hands on stuff, I can prove that he was buying drugs and he'd say next time you speak to that no good fucking miserable victim cunt...

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

He'd rattled on like this.

Yeah.

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

A bit of venom yeah.

POULTON

Say ask him if he's smoking, if he's still smoking dope, he said yeah and then tell him that you know, that John knows how his brother used to buy it for him. Which wasn't like a and then it would be, it would be venomous, it wasn't like oh by the way I've been thinking about this, when you speak to him again, no it will be flowing in conversation and it's always possible to tell if someone's telling a lie.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

But it was feed in deliberately for my consumption to take away. It was like really sort of rolling out of his mouth, hatred you know.

Det Sgt

Right. So what have we got here, sexual relationship with and a two- some, right and that had come from, that comes from Jonathan REECE.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

So we're no further forward. It also says here Daniel MORGAN frequented the Golden Lion prior to his murder on a number of occasions to purchase drugs with David BRAY. Some of which were passed onto his brother, some were used with regard to a number of under aged girls...

POULTON

Well yeah.

He was having sex with in the...

POULTON

REECE again, 'cause when I said how many times, you know how many times had MORGAN been in, been to that pub.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

And he that's when he'd say well he'd even been there with that David BRAY.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

To buy drugs, not deal drugs as such but to buy or he'd drive David BRAY there and David BRAY knew someone in there he could get the sort of cannabis off of and then some would obviously go to his brother allegedly.

Det Sgt

Do you know if Daniel smoked, smoked dope?

POULTON

I don't even remember Daniel ever, 'cause I can't remember him even smoking as such. All he lived for was car and women.

Det Sgt

Right, okay. You said that Daniel lived for his cars.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

I believe at the time he had a BMW, do you know?

POULTON

I never saw him, his car, but I think they had his and hers sort of BM. I think like you said yesterday wasn't it that John had that BMW and I was thinking because he liked his cars, I've got a feeling that Daniel did have one as well.

Uh hum.

POULTON

I think they were 3 series or 5 series, it might have been 5 series.

Det Sgt

Right. What was this phrase about, a number of under age girls he was having sex with and that Hernhill...

POULTON

This is BRAY, this is BRAY, that's the Peabody Estate again.

Det Sgt

So this is BRAY having sex or is this Daniel?

POULTON

Well BRAY was the contact man that introduced Daniel to them.

Det Sgt

Right, so are we thinking that these sisters were fairly young or were you...

POULTON

Well I would presume, that's what I'm wondering 'cause they were young for Daniel and this is, you know young, young as in sort of like under 23 I should think.

Det Sgt

Right, okay.

POULTON

Or under 25.

Det Sgt

Right. During Operation Abelard Chief Superintendent COOK went to see the female staff member that Daniel had sex with who used to work for GOODRIDGE Solicitors at the time of Daniel's murder.

POULTON

Yeah.

Her husband insisted, insisted that he was present and found out that his wife had sex with MORGAN.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

The couple have now split up which has indicated that the husband, the first the husband knew about the incident, it was the first thing the husband knew about...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

The incident, the husband is believed to be left handed.

POULTON

Yeah I can remember this 'cause REECE...

Det Sgt

Where did that bit of information come from?

POULTON

That came from REECE and he was spitting bullets on it. He said well you know what the fucks the matter, they've been back now and got hold of that girl and they're you know. He said they've broken up their, their relationship, he said for what, you know and he was really steaming on about that, there was no need for it, what was the point, what's the matter with him, you know they were quite happy and I think I said well how did the husband find out. (INAUDIBLE) more subtle than that, he said oh 'cause he insisted on being present when his wife was interviewed, but Maggie intimated also that she might have been the one who made the phone call but never followed it up.

Det Sgt

Who...

POULTON

Well that...

Det Sgt

Maggie might of done.

POULTON

No Maggie intimated to me...

Det Sgt

That this woman here...

POULTON

In a separate conversation about this.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

That, that might have been the girl that made a phone call.

Det Sgt

Do you know the name of this woman who?

POULTON

Is it, I don't know if it was Paula or.

Det Sgt

Right, do you know where REECE got this information from?

POULTON

Well I think because, this is like, it's still round Thornton Heath isn't it, it's a small world and everybody knows everybody else and whether she'd rung GOODRIDGE or the husband, 'cause I think the husband knew of REECE as well.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

So, but he'd obviously had, well he was saying that he, it was, it was, on the other hand it could have come via Maggie but I don't know. It had come, that it was genuine that she had been interviewed, well that would be easy to check wouldn't it.

Det Sgt

Right.

But that definitely came from REECE but if the husband, well if the person that interviewed her if she was in fact interviewed, would know if the husband insisted on being present. **Det Sgt** Right so she used to work for GOODRIDGE's solicitors. **POULTON** Yeah. **Det Sgt** At the time. **POULTON** And this is the one that kept according to the story it was at a Christmas party, it was GOODRIDGE's Christmas party. **Det Sgt** Yeah. **POULTON** Was it GOODRIDGE, GOODRIDGE's Christmas party. I think sometimes GOODRIDGE, GOODRIDGE and Southern Investigations used to have a joint Christmas party. **Det Sgt** Right, yeah. **POULTON** It was at one of those parties. **Det Sgt** Yeah. **POULTON** And she had two much too drink and he took her back to the office and gave her one, yeah. **Det Sgt** Took advantage of her. **POULTON** Um.

Right. When did they ever (INAUDIBLE) to do any work (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

I think he uses his sexual organ as a compass.

Det Sgt

Intelligence suggests that Alan and Taffy HOLMES and Daniel had gone jointly to the press with a view to selling a story that revolved around corruption of the brinks-mat squad and that they had paperwork to prove their story. It's believed they were after ten thousand pound...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

For the story.

POULTON

I think that's, that's come from FLYNN on his, I think that's come from FLYNN that.

Det Sgt

So we think this whole rumour about this comes from FLYNN as apposed to...

POULTON

No, no this rumours been long, long, long time before FLYNN.

Det Sgt

So we don't know where this...

POULTON

This is, this was current after the, within weeks of, well within a week of the murder.

Det Sgt

What that, so if that was the week Taffy was still alive then so surely someone would have asked Taffy whether this was true or not.

POULTON

Er, let me get me dates right on this. It was definitely, it was, yeah I don't know because who was it, I'm trying to think on this one, 'cause I'm sure I, I was aware of this fairly soon after the murder it was being said and it come. I can't be specific I think, I don't know he might well of been interviewed might he for all we know. I'm sure the old Tintagel House...

Uh hum.

POULTON

Knew about that, well the way they write statements (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Right I'll carry on.

POULTON

It wouldn't be, lets put it this way for the benefit of the tape. I wouldn't be surprised if it had been arson, (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Right, where would this bit of information of come from would you suggest.

POULTON

(SIGHS).

Det Sgt

Is this a general rumour, would it have come from Jonathan REECE, would it have come from Margaret, would it have come from?

POULTON

Did it come from, I don't know. See like it's sort of suddenly there within the certain confines. (INAUDIBLE) Brian CLARK, is it Brian or Nobbie CLARK as he was known. It was quite close to it happening that's the thing, that as far as I can recall that he'd, that his story about him that. REECE certainly yes.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Because he would of. If it was true he would of known anyway wouldn't he?

Det Sgt

Would he.

POULTON

But don't ask me to be specific. It wasn't like a big closely guarded secret.

It was what.

POULTON

I can't be specific exactly when, I'm sure, I'm sure it was available definitely at the time when I was seeing Thelma WAGSTAFF, before you know so it's got to be around that time. I'm sure CIB knew, I think even LUNDY, I don't know if LUNDY knew.

Det Sgt

And this sum of money, the ten thousand pounds, would...

POULTON

Well the ten thousand bit, 'cause I was, always thought that he was, they'd asked for, well probably said two hundred and fifty thousand but according to FLYNN after he says or maintains that he managed to track down someone that had actually seen...

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

And that they'd been after ten thousand.

Det Sgt

Okay.

Det Cons

Can you think why you didn't mention it to Thelma WAGSTAFF (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

I'm trying to, I'm trying to, it's hard trying to put whether it was after Taff's death this had came or if it was before, I can't say a hundred. I'll tell you what I have got, somewhere at home I've got my affidavit.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

That I made for RUSSELL, JONES and WALKER.

Um.

POULTON

It might be, I don't know if it's mentioned in that. That would be obviously days in that that would put a hook on...

Det Sgt

Um.

Det Cons

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) before or after, yeah. I'm sure yes it was. I'm sure it was 'cause I remember speaking to this big wig liable lawyer up at Lincolns Inn and yeah I'm sure that, yeah I'm sure when that Guardian reporter that got hold of my affidavit from RUSSELL, JONES and WALKER.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

That he also mentioned did, was I aware that they tried to, that these two had tried to sell a story. So it must have been, it wasn't from me, it wasn't solely from REECE, was a bit of, obviously some, something circulating there.

Det Cons

Right.

Det Sgt

Okay. Intelligence suggests that REECE still keeps in contact with Iris MORGAN through a mutual friend and that her son Daniel now, now age 20 is becoming more and more upset by the stories being dug up.

POULTON

Yeah that was from REECE.

Det Sgt

That was from REECE.

'Cause he's sort of raising the point.

Det Sgt

How did that come about?

POULTON

He was just talking and again you know he said well why, you know the same subject comes up, you know why hasn't she ever, why hasn't she ever sort of been more proactive in sort of, what does she. I said have you got any idea what she thinks of Alistair's campaign and he said she's just you know she's just fed up with it all and she...

Det Sgt

What would just like him to just leave it alone?

POULTON

Disappear and finish and because the boys, that's when he said like the boys are getting upset now because they're that much older. I said oh do you see much of her, he said oh yeah, he said we're still on, on good terms. He said I see her now and again, which I thought was odd.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Because she must think well he's a crime suspect so what tells her that he's not the prime suspect in her own mind to feel that comfortable with him, because all the outside things are flashing up this man got off, insufficient evidence. Is this the bloke that did it and the victim's wife who's aware of all this publicity can't not be aware of it. Why is she still feel comfortable for him to go around there...

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

And converse with them if it's true.

Det Sgt

We'll move on. Intelligence indicates that MORGAN was on the brink of divorce prior to his murder. This being due to the fact Daniel had fallen in love with one of them, the married sisters.

Yeah. So that puts you back to the other, yeah. **Det Sgt** Yeah, so it's a little bit confusing because you've got... **POULTON** Are they single girls or married sisters, yeah. **Det Sgt** Are they married sisters, are they under age. **POULTON** Yeah. **Det Sgt** Is this under age... **POULTON** (INAUDIBLE). **Det Sgt** Or shall we, do you think they're... **POULTON** I think under age, very young for him yeah. So how old was Daniel in his eyes, must have been 38, 40. How old is he now, but he was sort of quite a bit younger, a lot younger than his wife let's put it that way. **Det Sgt** Right, okay. So this gives a bit of credence, if we take under age and we just say that's probably... **POULTON** Yeah. **Det Sgt** Meaning young as apposed to under age... **POULTON**

(INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

For us it's like you know 16.

POULTON

I'm surprised they were married to other people the state of them, so it's possible that, yeah you're talking, yeah they would have, could possible they get married, get up the duff then, they actually did use to get married didn't they, so she could be sort of 18, 19, 20 early 20's.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Still be even though being married.

Det Sgt

But it just seems at the time that Daniel seems to be seeing Margaret HARRISON...

POULTON

Ah I don't think if that was still a sexual relationship, 'cause that, I don't know if she, I've got nothing to prove and she's never said to me. All she's done, she's obviously admit, well she's had to admit she's having a sexual relationship with REECE, but she always rather kindly that, but she didn't sort of say that, she's never told me I've continued having it off with Daniel while I was still seeing...

Det Sgt

But they, they were still having some sort of relationship.

POULTON

Because of the meet in the wine bar (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Because of the alleged...

POULTON

But then, but then...

Det Sgt

Meet in the wine bar.

POULTON

But then was that, like I, I'm sort of just surmising is it. Was it a case that people had said today's the day, we've got to know one way or the other, 'cause this date was shortening

before the, that Daniel allegedly was saying that if you don't sort it out and get, no way is my company supporting your illegal activities with policemen on jobs that I haven't sort of authorised I think was the thrust of it.

Det Sgt

Sorry where did that come from...

POULTON

This was from...

Det Sgt

This bit...

POULTON

Yeah this is, right REECE has said, has actually said that MORGAN.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Was really annoyed and no way was he, he's told me this himself probably before REECE, he said that no way was he gonna stand their loss and he was taking steps to divorce his company and say it's nothing to do with my company, it wasn't authorised by me, it was unknown by me, you've lost the money you sort it all out.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Or otherwise was he gonna say I'll go to and tell them about all the Met Police moonlighting to sort of get the, that would have been his work. He could, it would have been quite logically. These motor auctions he could say it him (INAUDIBLE) at least it was my company but I had no control over what this person did as an individual.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

Unauthorised by me, but I think it was getting near a cut off date roundabout that time when they had to pay money in to forestall the court. They had to pay money into...

Is it one of the auction things we're talking about?

POULTON

Yeah to forestall them taking action, like sending the bailiffs in and getting an order for and that so it was, you know that's just supposition here, was this, was this meeting Maggie and him had been giving each other one once before, was this a last ditch effort before that night, have a word with Maggie see if you can make him make sense or come to his senses.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

You know some sob story or something like that or you know if they can come up with the money to keep your and that's how I read it. I don't see it was like an illicit liaison that she was seeing him. I always thought, but as I say it's only supposition, nothing can prove. Was that a last ditch attempt REECE going you know him have a word and tell him to be sensible you know or find out which way the land lies off of him, see if he's dropped his guard and say which way he'll jump whether it's all bullshit or he's gonna fold and make a deal with them.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

Before that meet, you don't know it just seems odd.

Det Sgt

It said at the time Daniel was still married. He was sort of having some sort of relationship with, with Maggie. He was seeing this girl from, from Peabody Estate and he was also allegedly having an affair with...

POULTON

With, yeah.

Det Sgt

With Pauline at the GOODRIDGE solicitors.

POULTON

Yeah, I would, you might find the married person and the single person and the young ones.

Yeah.

POULTON

Are all one and the same, 'cause the wives I would, I would think.

Det Sgt

So what we're saying is that Pauline could be this one person.

POULTON

Pauline is definitely, I believe that 'cause I'm sure that name rings a bell that that's what they said it was Pauline from the office.

Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

That the one that he, that Daniel had given, but then REECE will go on and tell you, he said virtually every matrimonial he dealt with he tried to get in the girls, the wife's pants you know, great news, you know I served the injunction, just brought this bottle of wine round and he said, he actually said once Daniel, he said this to me (INAUDIBLE) Daniel he said once drove, we were driving down the road.

Det Sgt

Um.

POULTON

And I was with Daniel in the car and he points to this house, he said if anything happens to me he said it's probably the bloke that lives there that's done it.

Det Sgt

Okay. Let's try, let's see if we can explore...

POULTON

I don't know if somebody's meant to of upset over repossessing cars.

Det Sgt

Right.

POULTON

'Cause that's the other thing that's always put to me.

Det Sgt

Um

POULTON

That Daniel, that he'd go to repossess a car.

Det Sgt

Is this REECE putting this to you?

POULTON

Yeah but it's come out in general conversation with other people that knew Daniel.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Like the accountant, NEWTON and things like that and people like that are saying and it sounded like, that say I was coming to say that I've got to repossess your car.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

You'd try and say look I know it must, you're gonna feel crap about this.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

There's no way round it, you know you can't drive it 'cause the things been issued now a repossession order and it's not even, you're not insured to drive it 'cause that's in force so you know you can either give me the keys or I just clamp it or lock it up here on the thing, get it dragged off you know, but try and do it in a nice possible way. He said Daniel couldn't. When you think of it he wasn't an enormous bloke as I recall.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

Daniel, but he took great delight in, like it was almost like...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE) pleasure.

POULTON

Power.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

That the power he had he always had to ram it in the persons face, you know like say well I've come for your car give us the fucking, you know keys yeah, it's your fault you should of kept the payments up, but I am, there's a thing (INAUDIBLE) bloke would say oh I've been trying to sort it out with the bank, yeah a load of old bullocks give us the key, you know that was it. Everything he did had to be full on and in the person, it's like he was, like he was taking great delight in winding everybody up you know allegedly, but he, REECE has said that before about this and I said oh where's that, he said oh I can't he said, somewhere he said it was somewhere around West Croydon, Thornton Heath. He said we were just driving down the road and he said just slow down a minute he said, point to this house, he said that house he said if anything ever happens to me he said chances are it's him and I think that was some villain, his pride and joy he'd taken away or he'd done something matrimonial there.

Det Sgt

Okay. The other bit is intelligence suggests that Taffy HOLMES had attempted to use MORGAN to sell a story that the Met Police were investigating an allegation that a Surrey policeman who had disappeared had been killed by his colleagues and buried in a field because he was about to blow the whistle on his colleagues for being involved in a major corruption scandal.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Further intelligence indicates this story has been dismissed as rubbish by REECE but not the fact that HOLMES was attempting to gain cash for the story.

POULTON

Um.

| Det Sgt |
|--|
| Does |
| POULTON |
| (INAUDIBLE). |
| Det Sgt |
| Does that ring any bells. Is this in character for Taffy HOLMES, to sort of paint the picture you painted doesn't ring |
| POULTON |
| What date is that? |
| Det Sgt |
| This is dated 28 th of October 2004. |
| POULTON |
| Um, this might of come out as one of the threads that FLYNN and GILLARD were following up. |
| Det Sgt |
| Various rumours, speculation |
| POULTON |
| Yeah. |
| Det Sgt |
| That |
| POULTON |
| Yeah. |
| Det Sgt |
| That |
| POULTON |
| I would think that. |
| Det Sgt |
| 'Cause it, like I said |

POULTON

'Cause if I'd of, if I'd, if it was, if it was saying that he'd said to me, like REECE had said to me on that...

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON

As apposed to GILLARD and FLYNN I would have dug into and asked a few more questions. That sounds very much like sort of something GILLARD or FLYNN said, do you know anything about it because we're, we're looking at this aspect, so I think that's.

Det Sgt

But like I said it doesn't sort of match the description of...

POULTON

I can't even think of any missing Surrey police and (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Uh hum, I can't thing, but...

POULTON

Remember, I can think of a policeman that buried his wife in a field in Surrey under a five bar gate in the church in the back yeah, in Wallington, Met Police it is so.

Det Sgt

Yeah, as I was saying doesn't...

POULTON

Doesn't ring a bell that.

Det Sgt

Doesn't ring a bell, doesn't really go to the sort of...

POULTON

No, all I can think is that something FLYNN said in conversation when I've had a meeting with him.

(BUZZER SOUNDS).

Det Sgt

Right that's to let us know. The time is now 12.37. We'll stop this interview.

(INTERVIEW CONCLUDED).

Statement Number: Y21f

Date of interview: 16/04/2007 Time commenced: 1341

Time concluded: 1609

Det Sgt

This is an interview with, can I have your full name please?

HASLEM

Derek Gordon HASLEM.

Det Sgt

I am Detective Sergeant Douglas CLARKE, the other officer present is?

Det Cons

DC Ben HALL.

Det Sgt

We are at a covert location, the date is 16th April 2007 and the time is now 1, well that clock's wrong, is 1.41 in the afternoon. We are conducting a statement taking process with Mr HASLEM. I must remind you of your legal rights, that is that you're not under arrest, that you can seek free and independent legal advice and that because you're not under arrest, you can

leave at anytime. Do you understand those, those rights that I've told you?

HASLEM

Yes

Det Sgt

What I want to deal with now is that we have had another session a few months ago and I just, at that time, we were discussing around some opinions that were made about you in relation to Thelma WAGSTAFF, Commander Thelma WAGSTAFF which were an opinion not possibly you know, an opinion about certain things that happened during that period of time in the 80's and also I want to discuss with you, also give an opportunity to, now you've had time to review and reflect on, on the statement taking process anything that you might want to add to, to this matters. So if we start off with the Thelma WAGSTAFF comments, if you'd

like to.

HASLEM

Basically that, that when my last meeting I had with her, conversation, subsequent telephone conversation she said her report was ready and that she couldn't guarantee that the report would, she wouldn't be ordered to re write it, well parts of it.

Det Sgt

Why was that?

HASLEM

From higher above because she said pressures beyond her control and I am of the opinion 'cause I know, the rapport I had with her on things we discussed that remarks subsequently put in there that I was deliberately stirring things.

Det Sgt

Mmm.

HASLEM

They're no relation to the truth, if anything I was reluctant in some respects and I just go away with the thing that there was elements of that to HOLMES' death that suited the Yard to be covered up and nothing I've seen since, information that you showed me, now reinforces that in my mind that there was an element, a cover up to keep that in house and even as far as the inquest where one minute I was gonna be at the inquest which made logical and common sense.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

And the next thing, the thing had been changed and the reason for his death put forward had been altered which I know wasn't the significant cause of his suicide or death and that I suddenly wasn't needed at the inquest anymore and then that statement you showed me which I'm not doubting had my signature, but naivety on my part that isn't the statement that I dictated on that night.

Det Sgt

You're certain of that?

HASLEM

I know it is. I know what I said in my statement and that bears no relation and 'cause of that was subsequently came out in Thelma WAGSTAFF's enquiry that TYRRELL had lied and

her actual words to me, she said, I'm now, I now can prove that DS TYRRELL lied to me about you.

Det Sgt

Okay. You say you're certain that your statement was, that wasn't the statement that?

HASLEM

Oh beyond all, yeah naive I should've read it, but when sat, I was sat across a desk narrower than this and someone's writing down asking you things and I just merely reported back and I didn't hold anything back, I just merely stated what I, the result of what I'd been asked to do by them.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

And that was all mentioned in there but that statement bears no, you know, yeah looks like my signature, possibly is my signature 'cause I signed something that night, as far as I recall but that's, that's not what I said.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

That's a convenient, that's convenient.

Det Sgt

That that's, you're saying that's a convenient statement is it?

HASLEM

For them, yeah. And whether that was, whether that was subsequently done, I, you know I'm not saying my signature's been forged but forged whether it's been copied, 'cause the original statement wouldn't have tied in once the cack hit the fan and they needed a different spin with the enquiry coming up, I don't know, but I got, you know, had it, had I had, had I any belief, yes that is what I said, you know. I was genuinely mistaken but it's not, it's just cod's wallop and that's why I took such exception to it really.

Det Sgt

You were a sort of seasoned detective, I'm just trying to show the other side, but you were a seasoned detective at that time and you took, you handed something that you've just signed without at least giving it a cursory look.

HASLEM

Yeah but then you got to put it in the context of which that statement was taken, the night before that, I'd been up all night without any sleep working on a job operation.

Det Sgt

Hmm.

HASLEM

I've then gone to the Yard in the morning. I took concerns about certain dangers that were being, an informant was being subjected to. Then in the late afternoon I still hadn't had any sleep for at least 24 hours, I get a phone call from C11 saying, can I please contact Taffy HOLMES and pass this message on and then that was subsequently denied that that was every said.

Det Cons

Sorry C11 or 10?

HASLEM

Was C11, I got a message on my bleeper ring this number which I knew was CIB Tintagel House. I rung it, TYRRELL answered and then started this sort of thing, oh Derek you know, you and me have a friend, a mutual friend. He like us joined after 1965, so he's got to do 30 years, do you know who I'm talking about. I actually met Alan HOLMES, he's got 2 children, he lives in Shirley, do you know who we're talking about, and I said, well, I said look I'm too tired to play mind games, if you've got something to say just say it. And he said, Alan HOLMES and he said, I want you to contact him and pass on this message that if he's, if he doesn't, if he doesn't make his, bring himself to Tintagel House or contact us by midday on Sunday, something like that, it was definitely Sunday, he'll be arrested on his own doorstep in front of his children on Monday morning and then I subsequently, I turned to the bloke who and I don't know, 'cause I didn't know who it was, but he just sat there in disbelief and I actually said to (INAUDIBLE) shouldn't you be telling his senior officer, to give him this message, not me. And I turned to the bloke as I finished the phone call, I was sat on the desk there and I said, I said, I've just been asked I said, CIB to contact and told, actually told, disbelief and he said, and his exact words I would recall it was, my God, he said, that's being, that's like being asked to pass on the black spot.

Hmm.

HASLEM

And that was it, I got hold of HOLMES via Tottenham Court Road, he met me outside the Yard, obviously been drinking, gave him that message.

Det Sgt

What makes you say he'd been drinking?

HASLEM

Well you could smell it, I mean.

Det Sgt

But he was a fairly good drinker wasn't he?

HASLEM

Hmm. Accept when he was committing suicide. And then that was a sort of, he was obviously shocked and poleaxed and I said no I actually said to him and I said, well look, I don't know what your relationship is between you and ADAMS I said and this I said, I'm not really interested, I said, but my only advice, I said, I've been asked, I don't know why, to pass this message on, I said I'm merely passing it on and that I think really you should contact one of you senior officers and take advice and said, additionally I said you're just like anybody else, I said, perhaps you should take legal advice before you do anything. And then he said, do you mind if we go to the, what was the pub, The Swan at Crystal Palace. We drove there, he's still, still very shaky and uneasy and when we got there, he walked in, Lionel PEACOCK was the publican, ex job and he was ex Flying Squad, he said, what's up Taffy, 'cause he could see it on his face, he was obviously shocked and he said, I've been told I'm gonna be, you know, gonna doo dah and get you know, nicked on Monday and then he said to Lionel PEACOCK, can you go and get Jean, collect Jean and bring her here and off he went and then he came back with Jean. Then she said, what's up, she could see, then there's this same sort of conversation and I explained and then she, her actual words, I still, it sounds odd but after all these years I still remember and she, words, that fat cunt, or that bastard ADAMS has been the bane of my family for years, she said, I've even paid the bastard out on his own doorstep and I said to her, I said, look, I said, Taffy was sort of, he said, you know, his usual thing, he's a good man and all that, and I said to Jean, I said, do you remember something you said to me at that Indian restaurant in Thornton Heath when my, I was getting threatened and my family

was getting threatened, if anything happened to me that you'd go and, you'd, and she said, yeah, I said, well perhaps it's time that you should do that for him then.

Det Sgt

Hmm.

HASLEM

And he jumped back in, Jean, Jean you can't do that, he's a commander and all this. So from there, and that's when we went so, we've had that, then he said, I said, well my car's at The Warren where I'd left it the night before, when we set off tracking and stuff and he drove to The Warren, he said, do you mind, can you walk in with Jean as opposed to me. I thought it was a bit strange 'cause it wasn't exactly a secret he was seeing her, we had one drink in there and I know I had to, then I had to excuse myself 'cause then I had to ring them to say that I'd passed the message on and the reason was, it wasn't me being shitty or Judasy or anything like that, by which time it had gone so far, I was piggy in the middle. I hadn't done anything.

Det Sgt

Hmm.

HASLEM

Yet I was getting the pressure put on me, for all I know, they could've bugged his car up anyway, so what I actually told them when we met sometime later was a verbatim account slightly more than what I just told you and if you can find anything in that statement, this is what went in that statement that I was gonna be signing, if you can find anything in that statement you show me that bears any account to what I just said, it isn't there, that was just that, and the other thing I rounded it off by saying, I said the, I said, if there is a soft underbelly I said there, I said, it's via Jean. I said if you treat her okay, she's more than fed up with ADAMS and the way, things he sort of done, 'cause she mentioned about how when her husband did get nicked on one occasion, he turned up in sort of manky old tracksuits.

Det Sgt

And what's her husband called, Chip?

HASLEM

Chip BURGESS.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

And, and then I said, when you do deal with him, I said, you know, forget the tough outward exterior I said, 'cause he's very soft and vulnerable underneath all that, I said, and I only emphasise that and then I signed a statement, which I presumed all that had gone in, and the reason I gave them, like I said, the reason I know that I gave it to them verbatim virtually as it had happened because for all I knew that car would be his car or he'd been bugged up or something, so there's no point me leaving things out or anything, 'cause I, and I, how can I get this across. I hadn't done anything wrong and I was being told that the commander of CIB WYNSHIP was, rapidly losing trust in, not trust, was getting annoyed with me because I wouldn't give him the name of Alan HOLMES.

Det Sgt

So what you're basically saying is that, the issue around that statement even though it has your signature on it, as far as you're concerned, didn't represent the facts that you put across?

HASLEM

Not in any shape or form.

Det Sgt

Right and...

HASLEM

And this is, this is the point I'm making about all of this, I, I wouldn't shirk from duty and if and I haven't had a, it's not been a case of Stockholm syndrome or anything like that with REECE, I've been in and amongst him like I was asked to do. I know we can say (INAUDIBLE) and he's never ever put his hands up, which would've been nice, if he had have done. But the point I'm making is, if I'm gonna be required as a witness.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

Either to deny the defence or witness, this is still unresolved.

Det Sgt

Which bits are unresolved?

HASLEM

Well what we just talked about, the statement, I didn't know about that, I mean, this is more retrospective misery and you think what the F, what went on there really.

I'm certain that what we'll do now that you've made this issue abundantly clear to us that we will try to corroborate what you're saying or corroborate in trying to find out, is what we had to in the interview with Thelma WAGSTAFF and.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Sgt

Whoever took the statement.

HASLEM

I know where you're coming from but can, and I'm saying, I'm not just, I'm putting this in because it is, it's, it's worthy of discussion and dissemination.

Det Sgt

Yeah

HASLEM

Because it is unresolved and it would indicate and I'm not being conspiratory or anything, it was a fact in those days the Yard used to like to keep it's dirty washing in house.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

Yeah I had, you know, there wasn't the facilities then and you know if you thought someone was at it you couldn't go to a senior officer and say, I'm worried about, you could say, I don't want to work with somebody possibly.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

And, it was a completely different game.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

You know, you had no, and that's what happened with me in the end, 'cause I felt totally isolated because I even thought about going to an outside force and saying, well this is what's happened.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

But even then, the influence of the Yard still stretched out.

Det Sgt

Hmm.

HASLEM

But the point I, as I say, I can't emphasise this too much, I know it's probably a lot of work, there is a lot of unresolved issues there and I don't know if you would ever get to the truth of, but until those issues are resolved.

Det Sgt

Hmm.

HASLEM

I can't be a very good witness whether you sign me up or they sign me up because I can only honestly say what happened and if that clouds the issue, you know, it's not my intention but at the same time, all the time this unresolved craps about, it, it doesn't help either side.

Det Cons

I don't think that makes you a poor witness though Derek.

HASLEM

No but it would make, if they, if I was, if, the job of any good defence barrister is to cloud the issue, even if you've got damning evidence.

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE) say, Derek, as my colleague's just about to say is, you've said, you've given an explanation of why you think this statement isn't correct, you, you deny, you say it isn't your statement, yes it might be your signature, you know, I think that's, surely to be put, if needs be, in front of a jury, if you're, you're adamant that you didn't say that.

HASLEM

I know I didn't.

Det Sgt

It will be down to the jury to decide.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Sgt

If it came down to it, if we can be able to prove or disprove, interview people who may have had some involvement in this and see, you know, where we can go with it.

HASLEM

See the, retrospective you can say, yes we're looking at the job 20 years ago. Yeah, things did go on that are different.

Det Sgt

Yeah, absolutely, we all appreciate that.

HASLEM

But, at the end of the day, it doesn't take anything, but it still clouds the issue, like ADAMS, you know it's a, for years after, I didn't you know, you go through different stages, he, he effectively terminated my career and don't get me wrong about the sort of bearing a long term grudge, you go, when you go through something like that and it was quite an upheaval, I wouldn't want anybody to go through, but you go through different stages, it's a bit like grief in a way.

Det Sgt

Right.

HASLEM

And in the end you sort of start seeing it from, you kick yourself for being naïve and I thought I was pretty sharp and streetwise, but I didn't take into account in my naivety the lengths the Met police, I'm not saying these days but in those days, would go to paint something as they needed to see it for outside consumption and it was, you know, ADAMS for months, things were ignored that he, and then what they did, famously did then, anybody under the eyeball, a report came out and news and he was exonerated from anything like that, his pet times, David LEOPARD rang me up one Sunday, what did I think, was I upset.

DC HILL

David LEOPARD, you said? **HASLEM**Senior, I think he's the inside.

DC HILL

Senior.

HASLEM

Editor of The Times.

DC HILL

He's a journalist?

HASLEM

Journalist, for The Times, yeah, and he rang me up, how'd he got my number, nobody had my number, buggered off, I was, most people thought I was living in Cornwall and.

DC HILL

But I think, sorry just before we, 'cause I think, we covered, just the reason why we're opening with this discussion is really is a reassurance to reassure you as far as we can.

HASLEM

I know.

Det Cons

Regarding because we're concerned about the notions of good witness, bad witness, it isn't. The investigation has evolved I think massively in 2 decades, whereby it's just about demonstrating integrity, that's why we're tape recording this.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Cons

It's about putting to a jury, putting through a court, the fact that you're not gonna have airtight cases or, or these rather sort of old fashioned concepts, it's about saying, this is what we know, this is what we don't know.

HASLEM

Hmm

Det Cons

Leave it for a court to make a decision.

HASLEM

No I appreciate that, but.

Det Cons

You know and we're sort of just saying.

HASLEM

But where it, but what it comes back to is, and you haven't got the time because to go into this, for you, if we were all to tell our tale, for you to go in this and unravel this and I dunno, perhaps Thelma's a long time out of the job now, she might, I think she's still up.

Det Sgt

Yeah, what will happen is, counsel will review what we've got.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Sgt

And make a decision.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Sgt

If they want us to do more work on this matter, I mean, well if he says that it should go in front of the jury as it stands we'll do that.

HASLEM

Hmm, but you, it, it any, any counsel, defence counsel and I used to prosecute things, I used to do my legal aid as I was defending, 'cause that was the only way, I would rip, I would rip into mine, I would make great, I'd make a great meal out of me, basically, unless I'd lied and the only way I could lie say, well I, oh I initially was of the opinion that Ray ADAMS was crooked but all these other enquiries that exonerated him so I must accept that he was pure as the driven snow and he wasn't involved in insurance or he wasn't later involved with Duncan HALLAHAN, he didn't, he didn't block me getting a job, he didn't do this, he didn't do that, I can't say that can they and then once they, once, the more I went down that thing, the more

ADAMS would sound sinister in his connections and things like that and, but someone could even say well, yeah perhaps he did go and try and flog a story.

Det Cons

Yeah, Derek, the 3 of us are not prosecutors are we and we're not defence solicitors. We, it's not myself and Doug's job to construct a case, it's our job to.

HASLEM

I've had to put facts before.

Det Cons

To take your version of events.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

Which is what we're doing, so don't worry.

HASLEM

Yeah. I know but I'm taking a stage further.

Det Cons

Don't worry about what's gonna happen.

HASLEM

I do.

Det Cons

Well don't worry about that.

HASLEM

I do, I do because.

Det Cons

Well.

HASLEM

I've been there, I know, perhaps and it's not anyway being rude to you 2.

Det Sgt

No, no please.

HASLEM

But you are from a different generation police officers and lovely or nice as it is, and it's not insulting in anyway, your naivety of how, I know it might be different now, but the naivety of what the lengths the job would go to in those days to cover up shit.

Det Sgt

Hmm. But we've moved on since then.

HASLEM

I know you've moved on.

Det Sgt

I want to say that for the benefit of the tape, we have moved on.

HASLEM

Yeah. But we're talking about matters that were affected by that mindset then.

Det Cons

Which are fully recognised, they are fully recognised. The objective of this process is not to hide problems.

HASLEM

No.

Det Cons

And it's not to, to, to overstate issues which shouldn't be overstated, it is just simply to say what you know, so if there is a discrepancy in the statement then we've got to clarify that and that's the whole point of the process.

HASLEM

Equally you've got to accept it's just not me 'cause I'm having family as well and you know, if I was sitting where you are regardless of your set up and you've got a brief, you've got something to tape, you got something you got to take home at the end of the day, otherwise you'll get a bollocking, you're not really, be good salesman if you're sat there and accepted what I know, some of the possible outcomes of this. Enough said.

Det Sgt

So we've dealt with that. That's point one. Point 2 was, is there anything now that you've had a chance to reflect on, on the sessions that we've had before that you'd like to add or clarify, is there any questions that you have of me that you want to be answered?

HASLEM

Well, the only, the only other thing that's, that sort of shook my confidence.

Det Sgt

Please.

HASLEM

Was, I was made party to, fairly soon after that interview that he'd been turned over.

Det Sgt

Who?

HASLEM

John REECE had been turned over.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

On a warrant and his computers taken.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

Emphasis had been put on the...

Det Sgt

Financial?

HASLEM

...financial side and the possibility it might have obtained a mortgage, I would like to.

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE)

HASLEM

I would like, without his, without his partner knowing, I would like to clarify that, but when I was asked what is there anything that would perhaps tip the opposite way or make her willing to perhaps give information that she's previously held back on.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

I did mention one scenario perhaps if he'd have re-mortgaged the property that she's got grounds for equity and without her knowledge.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

Obviously, I know for a fact from speaking to her that she would take a dim view of that, you know, it's just, you know, 'cause I don't know, 'cause I wasn't there, but the way it was put over to me and that there was 2 WDC's waiting to talk to her about the MORGAN thing.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

Just seemed a bit clumsy. Didn't seem a slick operation though.

Det Sgt

Police came in there?

HASLEM

I thought, the way things were going, seemed more like a fishing exercise gone wrong. Which in a way could've imploded a bit on me you know.

Det Sgt

How could it have imploded on you?

HASLEM

Well if they think that I'd been talking, because I'd had this conversation consistently I'd said to her, from the time she sold her house, I said, 'cause I was aware what was going on with the sort of smoking mirrors things around pure energy and I got on alright with that and then I said whatever you do you've got to make sure your equity in that house, your, your money is

sort of ring fenced, safeguarded because that's all you've got isn't it so and she said, yeah, yeah, yeah, she said, I've always thought of that and I've spoken to a sol, I think she'd spoken to a solicitor again and then crash bang wallop, you know, weeks from that conversation. **Det Sgt** Derek. **HASLEM** Hmm. **Det Sgt** Let me try and put your mind at ease on that situation. There must have been some form of evidence to have got warrants for them to have gone round there to, to have arrested John REECE. **HASLEM** Hmm. **Det Sgt** Before. **HASLEM** Well. **Det Sgt** Mortgage fraud. **HASLEM** And I think VAT fraud as well. **Det Sgt** VAT fraud, I know that the matter is still ongoing and it would be wrong of me to... **HASLEM** Yeah. **Det Sgt** ...give you anymore details, but needless to say, there must be something.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Is there anything else that could possibly, that you reflected or that you'd like to add, any concerns, like I say, that you want me to discuss at this stage?

HASLEM

Not other details, just, you know, just, as I was saying, I just left there, on that last day I just left and I was just totally pissed off that, you know.

Det Sgt

This was the, I spoke to Mr COOK about this, DCS COOK and he wants to reiterate that those were opinions in the late 80's. We do take what you have to say very seriously and we wouldn't be here interviewing you at this present time, so can you put your mind at ease that what is said by one person's opinion isn't taken by...

HASLEM

See, when we go, when we deal with those opinions, one of those officers that gave an opinion was also a Free Mason, who is also named I believe by Bernie DAVIS' successor and it was hook, I know it sounds funny, it was, it suited their purpose to make, to destroy a bit of character assassination, the same as, the same as a, the informer that I'd used, did it really take 2 DS's, a DI, a DCI, God knows how many DC's to pummel their way into a doctor's surgery, at the opening hours...

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

...and demand that a doctor sign a statement saying that Raymond GREY was a drug using person who couldn't distinguish between fact and fiction and the truth and lies and that was when that was shortly after HOLMES' thing, 'cause that was the way you dealt with things, if you, if you can and it suited their purpose. I, I went out, I went out under mental debility, which I thought, well, crikey no way I want to stay in this, said, where do you want to go, where do you want to work. I don't want to stay here, you know, one day saying, ends up in my drawer, 'cause that was the way it was or saying things up in a locker or.

Det Sgt

Hmm.

HASLEM

I just wanted out and at the time, at the time I went out, I knew, I thought well, yeah in a way I'm playing into their hands but I don't really care anymore, but it would've suited their purposes if some adverse psychiatric report had come out but what do you do.

Det Sgt

Hmm. So Derek, is there anything, I know, new from our last session to now, has there been any?

HASLEM

I've not had any contact with him since, him being REECE, since oh, Maggie, since I think a couple of days after they were searched and arrested.

Det Sgt

Hmm.

HASLEM

So I've kept it that way, I thought, oh.

Det Sgt

It was all sorted.

HASLEM

If he wants to make contact, he can make contact but I'm not seeking it out, so.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

Hoping to put some clear water.

Det Sgt

Is there anything new you want to add to what was said the last, from our last...

HASLEM

Dunno, can't really remember...

Det Sgt

...sessions?

HASLEM

...it all but.

I know there was a fair bit that we'd gone through and I'm certain that we will, just anything that sort of springs to mind. I mean, we've dealt with the issue about, about the statement and my colleague has, has tried to explain to you that we, a new open, we've moved on, we've opened this and we just present what we can and can't find and it will be down to a jury to decide.

HASLEM

Yeah. But just, what I've said already that, unless there can be some closure on that or but it's, it's, it's hard, not it's hard, it's probably tantamount to asking for any investigation the size of the one you're already involved in.

Det Sgt

That's alright, you're gonna find it very difficult 'cause we'll be getting out, there are gonna be 3 or 4 people who were, were involved in that statement, 2.

HASLEM

One's dead.

Det Sgt

There you go.

HASLEM

BANKS is dead. But he wasn't on that statement.

Det Sgt

And you can say there were 2, there was you and 2 others in a room.

HASLEM

There would be one person, perhaps should be worthy of interview, could throw some light on that and that would be WYNSHIP, 'cause he was in command, at the helm, he was the Commander CIB. I'm sure his career's moved on enough he must be near retirement and he would be able give the inside track on what was asked of his firm in the light of that enquiry and the other one's still on the (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Of course. Okay. It will be reviewed by counsel, they've noted your comments and if required to I'm sure my colleague and I would only be too willing to investigate the matter more

thoroughly. So I'll take it there's nothing else you want to add at this stage? What I'm gonna do is now turn off these tapes, have a short break.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Sgt

And then I'll go through a few bits and pieces.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Sgt

The time is now by my watch 2.12pm.

(INTERVIEW CONCLUDED).

Statement Number: Y21g

Date of interview: 17/04/2007 Time commenced: 1055

Time concluded: 1126

Det Sgt

I'm interviewing, could I have your full name please, full name when you've stopped eating?

HASLEM

Derek Gordon HASLEM.

Det Sgt

I'm Detective Sergeant Douglas CLARKE, the other officer present is?

Det Cons

DC Ben HALL.

Det Sgt

And we're at a covert location, the date is 17th April 2007, the time by my watch is now 10.55 in the morning. We are in a statement taking process. I must remind you of your legal rights, that is that you're not under arrest, that you can have free and independent legal advice and

that you can leave at anytime. Do you understand these rights Derek?

HASLEM

Yes.

Det Sgt

Yesterday we were, we went through, just have a, some, a couple of issues and now I want to read you some sensitive material taken from, this is a transcript or probe material which was on Operation 2 Bridges and this relates to, we've got a pseudonym of Avalon AVON which relates to Jonathon REECE and this matter coincides with Jonathon REECE trying to pervert the course of justice with Alec LAYTON, trying to persuade Kevin LEONARD to change his statement and like I said, I did touch on this yesterday, this relates to advice within the law and commercial officers. I'll find the bits I need. Do, do you know the sort of, what I'm going on about, is there any point me reading this to you, 'cause I know when I asked you yesterday about it?

HASLEM

Well not totally I must admit but, sort of.

Did, did Jonathon REECE ever mention to you about?

HASLEM

I distinctly remember a conversation around people, LAYTON getting people to change their statements because he also used to try and do the same within Duncan HALLAHAN and who was the other one, officer, (INAUDIBLE) Panorama program.

Det Sgt

Yes, (INAUDIBLE).

HASLEM

BUTLAND.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

BUTLAND, so that was his, that was his sort of forte so to speak.

Det Sgt

Right I'll read this extract, this first one comes from one dated 5th July 1999, during that period of time around July 1999, were you still in close contact with Jonathon REECE, as in, may be not close contact but you were seeing him regularly?

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Right okay. This was about 10.28, it says that, AVON says, the coup that the Met had, the Met had was to get Kevin LEONARD on their side. AVON, AVON is Jonathon REECE.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Sgt

It just makes it easier, says that, three and half million pounds was spent on the enquiry and if he could be convinced that there was no backlash, if he admitted that he, that is LEONARD, told lies. AVON states that LEONARD who used to be Jonathon REECE's friend, that makes it easier for you, made 2 statements whilst in prison and a third after leaving prison, in which

he made allegations that REECE had paid, had paid 3 policemen. Jonathon REECE then states that the case was dismissed 'cause there was no evidence. Jonathon REECE then states that his bail conditions were unfair and malicious.

HASLEM

His, what was that bit?

Det Sgt

His conditions.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Of bail.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Were unfair and malicious. Do you know anything about that incident that they're talking about?

HASLEM

I don't actually know, only that's it's come up in conversation sort of around then from time to time, it's sort of, you know that's the thing I was carrying away from that was that.

Det Sgt

'Cause this was around the time that, if I can just, that Jonathon REECE was talking about notice for the suspected that Metropolitan Police and they were suspected by Hampshire Police. Does that sort of give a bit of a clue?

HASLEM

The Hamp, the Hampshire enquiry was over by then wasn't it?

Det Sgt

This is just taken out of.

HASLEM

(INAUDIBLE) 'cause this was, this is the probe thing isn't it?

Yeah.

HASLEM

Er, I'm a bit lost here at the moment.

Det Sgt

You're a bit lost, okay.

HASLEM

Where are we going?

Det Sgt

I'm just seeing if you, was there any conversation from Jonathon REECE at that time in relation to trying to pervert the course of justice with Kevin LEONARD.

HASLEM

Not, never the word pervert the course of justice.

Det Sgt

No, no I didn't think he would use that.

HASLEM

But obviously there was conversation and 'cause I did, I think, see his (INAUDIBLE) there, 'cause this stuff, sort of, report back afterwards but the general thrust was that he thought there was a need, I think, 'cause there was their own civil case going wasn't there, against the solicitors and malicious prosecution against the police.

Det Sgt

Yeah, yeah.

HASLEM

And I do recall a conversation but what date it was or where it took place.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

Specific about, you know, obviously it would strengthen his case. 'Cause that was what he maintained that, that I'm certain that, that LENNON had been offered a deal on his tax.

| Det Sgt |
|---|
| Yeah. |
| HASLEM |
| Thing and that's why they got him to make a false statement. |
| Det Sgt |
| Why the police got him to make a false statement? |
| HASLEM |
| Use pressure. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| HASLEM |
| Put pressure to bear that if they could help him out on his tax problem. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| HASLEM |
| If he helped them out and that LENNON was just being creative and he never, that's the way he actually put it, he, he, he didn't sort of say that LENNON was being malicious. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| HASLEM |
| He, he resented him at the same time. I think he could see where perhaps why the person would, with LENNON would've done it. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right okay. |
| HASLEM |
| So I can't actually say that he ever said to my knowledge that. |
| Det Sgt |
| Alright, he might not have used the words perverted but. |

HASLEM

No.

Det Sgt

Assist.

HASLEM

Or even that (INAUDIBLE) never gave the impression that he took LENNON's evidence seriously and that it needed to be changed then.

Det Sgt

Right. Okay. This is I think another bit of probe material relating to the 18th August 1999 about around sort of 2 o'clock and this is on this occasion this is Alec LAYTON saying.

HASLEM

Is this again in the office?

Det Sgt

Again.

HASLEM

Is there any indication if I'm there on this probe?

Det Sgt

No, no if you were on the probe I'd let you know.

HASLEM

Right.

Det Sgt

It's Jonathon REECE speaking and he says, about Kevin LEONARD, Alec LAYTON's says, says he's got an affidavit he's, he's draft one that deals with all the fucking bits of this, of these, all the motives and possibilities, which doesn't take us very far does it. Um, he, he has put it in there, he has asked Philip WHITE to get the Action and get the message books, says that the police officers keep pestering him.

HASLEM

Who LAYTON is saying this?

Det Sgt

He's mentioning about Kevin LEONARD, saying about this affidavit that he's drafted on and draft another.

HASLEM

And who's drafted it, LAYTON insists he did it.

Det Sgt

Well, Kevin LEONARD's um.

HASLEM

I can't.

Det Sgt

No, that doesn't ring a bell?

HASLEM

It doesn't me.

Det Sgt

No. Okay. Jonathon REECE mentions Alan JONE, Alan JONES and CAMPBELL, he appears to be looking at a manual then LAYTON says, right, Kevin LEONARD tomorrow morning and then Jonathon REECE says, might as well and then carries on and says, he says, you can't go there as LEONARD will die if he sees Jonathon REECE. Jonathon REECE says LAYTON will be better off going on his own. They discuss what they want to prove off LEONARD. Jonathon REECE says that LAYTON should go on the pretext of being instructed by LAWSON's solicitors who are instructed by Jonathon REECE on legal aid.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Sgt

Jonathon REECE tells LAYTON to deny knowing him, which is Jonathon REECE but can say he knows Laurie BUCKLE.

HASLEM

BUCKNALL.

Det Sgt

BUCKNALL?

Ex DI Flying Squad DI, ended up as a DCI who was set up in Croydon.

Det Sgt

Okay.

HASLEM

He was then working Virginia Road, Norbury then, or lived and he was then working, after he'd retired.

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE)

HASLEM

Did a bit of private eye work.

Det Sgt

Did he work for Southern Investigations?

HASLEM

Possibly he did, done something for them, sort of, may well, REECE had been to Laurie BUCKNALL's longest leaving doo in history, went on for 24 hours.

Det Sgt

Right okay. Jonathon REECE tells him to say that he's an outside clerk, don't say that he's a private investigator, meaning, LAYTON's occupation. LAYTON is told to deny knowing TYNE.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE)

HASLEM

TYRRELL?

Det Sgt

No it could be, it could actually be under a pseudonym dud. AVON says, or Jonathon REECE says, tell LEONARD that he, that he can be put under pressure and to say that JONES and CAMPBELL, do you know who JONES and CAMPBELL are?

HASLEM Duggie CAMPBELL and Alan JONES. Det Sgt Right okay. HASLEM Original DI, Detectives. Det Sgt

Threatened LEONARD with a long time in prison, LAYTON to reiterate the same theme.

HASLEM

Hmm. That's obviously what they were working on then to...

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

...water down any statement that LENNON would been at the.

Det Sgt

Okay, do you know what LEONARD's association with?

HASLEM

Don't think it was nothing, I think he was just a company accountant wasn't he?

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

Or one of the company accountants.

Det Sgt

Okay. LAYTON says, tell you what, tell you what, that's fucking opening it up for you to have a go at the Old Bill again with a new bit of evidence like that, mentions Paul BRIDGES. Do you know Paul BRIDGES?

HASLEM

Paul BRIDGES, name rings a bell but I don't know why.

Det Sgt

Getting 85 thousand and another 11 thousand interest, discussing offering LEONARD a couple of grand to put it on paper, mentioned that LEONARD is not to be trusted, mentions Alec LAYTON and being careful in case LEONARD went to the police and then Jonathon REECE and LAYTON won't have, won't have to shout at each other as they're sitting in the same cell.

HASLEM

No.

Det Sgt

Do you know about any of?

HASLEM

No.

Det Sgt

Do you know if Jonathon REECE ever did offer Kevin LEONARD any money to change his statement?

HASLEM

Would be possible I would think, he'd try and do it for nothing initially, hence LAYTON.

Det Sgt

Right. There's a bit about you. Mention Derek HASLEM contacting Jonathon REECE and told him that MORGAN was not the target. Jonathon REECE was, he says that CAMPBEL and JONES ignored this and Jonathon REECE complained that he was never told.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Sgt

Do you know what that's about?

HASLEM

There was some, yeah that, I think that originally come from Bill, Bill what's his name, the other accountant, Bill?

Det Sgt

NEWTON.

HASLEM

Bill NEWTON, I might, but then Bill NEWTON's a bit of a piss head and he'd sort of, he mentioned he wanted to meet I think at the Queen Vic, it's a, it's a (INAUDIBLE) yeah.

Det Sgt

Queen Vic?

HASLEM

Yeah, Queen Vic literally.

Det Sgt

I was gonna say, what on Eastenders.

HASLEM

And he had said that, so 'cause he had said it to me, I ran it by him in there.

Det Sgt

Hmm.

HASLEM

Probably that's why, to see what the reaction he said then.

Det Sgt

Okay. Um.

HASLEM

But you can, you can assume that, that that's his forte LAYTON's getting witnesses to change...

Det Sgt

Change to.

HASLEM

...statements, 'cause there's a bit of a track record for helping people, sort of find alibis and get out of some things.

Det Sgt

Alright um, this is another.

HASLEM

Incidentally.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

Until, I would think about 6 months ago, LAYTON still had all of REECE's case papers in, to do with the trials.

Det Sgt

Oh right okay.

HASLEM

So that would underpin that 'cause I said to REECE because when they had the fall out here, this fall out relate (INAUDIBLE) Pure Energy thing and I said, oh has he still got all your bloody case papers then, 'cause there was talk them that GILLARD was writing another book, so to stir it up a bit. I said, well you know, for all you know, I said, he could be giving GILLARD access to all you case papers.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

And he then made arrangements, I think LAYTON delivered them back and they were in his garage at a new address.

Det Sgt

What is your situation, I think I may have asked you this in relation to Jonathon REECE and, and Alec LAYTON at the moment, how would you describe?

HASLEM

Well REECE I've spoken to about a couple of weeks before I went on holiday, 'cause I thought well no I'm not, I'll let him, you know, 'cause if he's, if he has got this impression that I'm compromised, he'll be expecting me to ring, so let him make the, make the running. LAYTON, he's an odd ball, he's, he's, how can you put it? His brother committed suicide, he's a schizophrenic and I see elements in LAYTON's behaviour that have made me wonder sometimes that he was totally mentalist so 'cause he sort of, he can go from mild and things to quite violent and.

Det Sgt

Aggressive?

HASLEM

Like I saw it in his son, his young son Thomas. Another occasion he punched his daughter, young daughter Sophie in the face. I didn't witness that, but that was related. I think REECE told me that had happened in front of someone else that he knew and so LAYTON, that's right when I said, I said to REECE, when he told me he'd dropped the papers back off, he said he wasn't there, but Maggie had opened the door and he was all dishevelled and unshaven, but there's a common, let's put it this way, REECE says that he, he, he plays down that he's seen him and he doesn't trust him anymore 'cause basically.

Det Sgt

Doesn't trust seeing him?

HASLEM

Doesn't trust LAYTON because LAYTON sold his Pure Energy thing up the.

Det Sgt

Right okay.

HASLEM

Moved out, asking the times that he. See LAYTON tapped into his computers, LAYTON was giving information to GILLARD, there'd been this massive falling out and it well.

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE)

HASLEM

I tell you what it, I tell you what it generated it, is when REECE said to me, 'cause they wanted a none executive board for the Pure Energy, so I've had to play, I had to go along with all these things. I said, I'm gonna make you the security manager, he said, for Pure Energy (INAUDIBLE) obviously and I thought, well that's alright and LAYTON took, took exception to this. Why I don't know because he wasn't that positions that were gonna pay out and initially I said to LAYTON in the conversation and Keith PEDDER, LAYTON had, NICHOLL, Rachel NICHOLL murder, funny. We've been having a meal up in Sheffield and I said, how about all this Pure Energy and I said, well, I said, to me us here I said I think it's all smoke and mirrors, I said, it's I said, it's been generated via someone with a record of a conman, a struck off solicitor, a fake PHD and all them, I said, oh no, no, no he's doing, no he's gonna do really well or something and then they came round and that was the irony of it all because LAYTON then had to come back.

Det Sgt

We're slowly stepping off the point.

HASLEM

Alright.

Det Sgt

How would you describe your relationship with them at the moment?

HASLEM

Well, non existence with LAYTON.

Det Sgt

Right, just the point.

HASLEM

He turned up outside my address about 5 months ago.

Det Sgt

Any particular reason, was he armed?

HASLEM

No, 'cause I was outside there with my son 'cause I had some timber delivered for him and we were just loading his car, he said, oh someone's gonna ask us away in a minute and I stepped out, going onto the driveway and I saw this and then he said, oh he's moving and that stopped and I went to the end of the drive, walked to the end of the driveway and it was him, whereupon he said, get down, in a great rate of knots down the road. The thing that went through my mind was he was trying to get a picture of me or other hand was he trying to see if I'd got an open Broadband connection of something like that, 'cause he tapped into my computer. I've known that for ages.

Det Sgt

How did you know that he's tapped into your computer?

HASLEM

Because there was, there was talk, picked up that, documents...

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

| that I'd been, I used to handwrite them then. |
|---|
| Det Sgt |
| Right. |
| HASLEM |
| |
| Certain person said, could you give them to me on disc. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| HASLEM |
| And I think the last, the 2 that I put on disc |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| HASLEM |
| was taken off the computer by LAYTON. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right. Would these be contact sheets, 'cause this is our sensitive? |
| HASLEM |
| These were just reports of. |
| Det Sgt |
| Reports like yeah, contact sheets. And how, how long ago was? |
| HASLEM |
| That was last year ago. |
| Det Sgt |
| So it was about a year ago. |
| HASLEM |
| Hmm. |
| Det Sgt |
| So since then? |
| HASLEM |

That's the only contact I had with him and actually since I've played it on.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

(INAUDIBLE) on this bit.

Det Sgt

It doesn't matter, you can.

HASLEM

Yeah, we played it off because obviously it was the only way, I might be compromised, but.

Det Sgt

Yeah, exactly.

HASLEM

I've built this thing up earlier on over a period of a year and I used to drop the things I had if I was out for a drink with REECE and I'd say, I'd say, oh you know, he was talking to about LAYTON, 'cause he, you know he was, at that time, that was a definite fall out following that Sunday Times thing and I said, oh you want to wind him up, I said, you want to tell him that, that I never really retired, I'm due, I never left the police, I'm due to retire soon, that'll stir it up, like that, to wind him up.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

And he, he said, and anyway, and that's it, he'd, LAYTON had bugged into his computer as well and I said well I said, I've had a computer expert I said, I got a computer and I said, it's definitely been compromised, it's had a, a key stroke virus put on it.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

And, so I said look yours will be the same 'cause he, LAYTON done this to the computers at, at Pure Energy. So I said, anyway, I said, if he has, I said, I know it's him, I said, I've put some stuff on there I said, that knowing what he's like, he won't be able to resist making it

known or try to flog it or, and I said, once I know that, I said, 'cause there's only one copy of that, that's on my computer and the only way he could've, I said, and then he's gonna be up to his arse in misuse of a computer. So, that was the way it was fobbed off so I'm not sure if REECE fully, but then he's had conversations with me since this and, and.

Det Sgt

You, you sure.

HASLEM

And, and he's telling me, not, not misinformation, but he's, you know, when you've been around someone as long as that, you know when, when to be honest. I don't know, I don't think he, I think he, I don't think he's 100 percent certain that is the case, that those documents might have been a wind up, that.

Det Sgt

Okay, so there's a bit of a.

HASLEM

LAYTON was desperate, this is the problem, LAYTON was desperate. He was a, he's an impulsive person, what he did because he was up to his nuts in debt.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

And he thought he was gonna by giving this story to the insight team on The Times, that he was gonna get a lot of work on other things from The Times, 'cause he was really strapped for cash. He'd asked, his wife would ask John REECE to lend them 40 grand at Pure Energy when she was working there as office manager.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

And I think LAYTON was driven by cash, but at the same time, I don't, this is just my perception and feeling of it, there is some link between those 2, though they may argue and fall out.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

There's like there's this cohesion there that wouldn't belong in a similar situation, it's like, you know, they share a common something or other.

Det Sgt

Okay. Is there any point me reading anymore about this stuff about Kevin LAY, um, Jonathon REECE, Kevin LAYTON.

HASLEM

LENNON, I don't know, 'til you sort of.

Det Sgt

Right.

HASLEM

Best plough through it just in case there's anything in there that.

Det Sgt

Okay then, that rings the memory. Okay, this is on the same, the 18th August 1999, LAYTON speaks, LAYTON and AVALON talk about LAYTON's son, LAYTON and AVALON, AVALON being Jonathon REECE, talk about the MORGAN murder and LAYTON preparing an affidavit, they discuss Maggie lying at the original inquest. Do you know anything about that?

HASLEM

That is.

Det Sgt

In respect of her, of her affair with Jonathon REECE and this being used and later by the police to arrest and charge Jonathon REECE?

HASLEM

No.

Det Sgt

No.

HASLEM

I'm not, I'm not.

Det Sgt

Right okay, and then Jonathon REECE later says in conversation says that, Robin MILES is a senior investigator, tax office, who's investigating Kevin LENNON for VAT fraud and that this is still at Croydon and then further conversation of Jonathon, Jonathon REECE's actions at court against WHITE and the deficiencies of the police evidence against Jonathon, Jonathon REECE for the MORGAN murder enquiry. Does that...

HASLEM

No.

Det Sgt

...ring any bells. Right. Also on the same page.

HASLEM

When you say, mention about his son, are you talking about REECE's son or LAYTON's son?

Det Sgt

LAYTON's son, Tom. Um, again they speak about, Jonathon REECE says about Alec going to see Kevin LAYTON, was that.

HASLEM

LENNON, LENNON.

Det Sgt

Kevin LEONARD, yeah.

HASLEM

Now that, see that would be the bill, that's his MO, he was seeing them all you know.

Det Sgt

Right, the following day on the 19th of, of August, Jonathon REECE says Alec LAYTON went down to see Kevin LEONARD this morning, you know he's one of, he's, it was one of LAWSON's requests, quite responsive, he did, he won't, he wasn't, was a business (INAUDIBLE) justice you know, he wanted to be satisfied he wanted some guarantees that he's not going to be called to court. He says, I do not want to go to court and Alec was saying, mumbles, I was in the Old Bailey, I know this and I know, and you know we found out through our own efforts that you were put up, put under immense amount of pressure by JONES and CAMPBELL and Hampshire especially JONES and CAMPBELL and he, he was nodding in agreement. He says, that he can, he can put something in writing to me from, from the solicitors saying that I won't go to court, he says, well we can't say that, he's, he's, he's said, well you know, 'cause Alec LAYTON said, look we, it's just a quote, things, it's an

insurance claim, now that the solicitor's fucked up and he knows that Paul GOODRIDGE got paid out, 'cause he does work for Paul GOODRIDGE's cousin. He says he knows, knows I am and the solicitor's fucked up, he showed him the letter and the 70 thousand pounds that was paid into court and he said, look at the quantum thing he said, I'd love to help, he says, I do not want to go to court, he says, we can't guarantee either of that. He says, we'll guarantee as much as we can, er, you can and give me a letter and I will respond to it. He listened to Alec, to what Alec was saying. Alec, you know, he was asking Alec what was going on, what the court case, what the court case and everything, so it's not, you know, Alec was saying, look you're not, you're not asking you to go against the Old Bill, you're not asking to retract anything you say, you know, whatever or feel, if you cannot he said, his misses was there, he said, does John REECE that we, we are and Kevin LEONARD turned and, around and said, I know John REECE, he's been a private detective for years, it will take him about 30 milliseconds to find out where we are. Of course he knows, he turned around and John REECE knows I am working for, for some of his family, well it's not my fucking, you know, the cousins, you know the GOODRIDGE's and all that. So Alec LAYTON said to him, look John REECE doesn't, doesn't bear you any acid, animosity. Obviously he was fucking pissed off in what you said, but he knows why you said it, he knows why, you were a single parent, you had a young, young kid, you're in prison. He said, I think he, he even helped you out of prison, didn't he. He said yeah, he did, he helped me lots and he said, he doesn't bear any animosity I mean, it's fucking years ago, he said, what he wants to do, this is a final straw, he never got his day in court, but hmm, 'cause he told the Old Bill, Hampshire Old Bill, that he would not go to court. It's them as well as you know, he says, how much is he after, and Alec, well somewhere between 200 and half a million. Oh Kevin says, oh Kevin's eyes all fucking lit up like that, them a bit smirk came across his face. He's saying, give me something in writing from the solicitors, let me know what you know, I will have, I'll have a meet, I will just go to meet Alec today, I mean a few pints. Jonathon REECE continues, speak to Tony, just, just to let, let you know Alec LAYTON went around to see Kevin LENNON this morning and got a very, very good response, he wants, hold on, see if I am, if I'm repeating that, I'm repeating that, that's the same thing again. 2, 3, I'll read it anyhow, he wants to say he doesn't want to go to court under any circumstances, he doesn't want to go to court, he says, can he have a letter saying that I will not be called to court, he says, he cannot do that, he's, he's not a stupid man, he explained to him, he told me, we are arguing about quantum, he showed him, he, I, he showed him your letter that you paid money into, into court etc. We told him it's not, you know, digging up the Old Bill or anything like that, we're not fighting the police, we're fighting an insurance claim and that's all this is and we're really responsive for all that. Alec's saying to look after him, we know why. John REECE appreciates that but

the reason you done it, doesn't appreciate deeds but he appreciates why you did it and that you were under immense pressure.

HASLEM

See that, that's, that I've, I've heard, that's (INAUDIBLE) even mention, like, it comes up on the (INAUDIBLE) when they refer to LENNON that he, this thing that he'd been told by REECE that he got someone to bump his partner off. He's always said, yeah they, you know, he was forced to make that statement, possibly brought to bear in the end.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

Because he attacks things he was paid to.

Det Sgt

Right. So, that you know then?

HASLEM

Well, other than that it's come up quite frequently yeah, that was not, not so much LAYTON's. I wasn't really aware that LAYTON had been trying to, but then it wouldn't surprise me 'cause he was doing lots of follow up stuff on REECE's things, and in return REECE was supplying him with clients out of...

Det Sgt

Okay. I'm now gonna to terminate this interview and it's 11.26.

(INTERVIEW CONCLUDED).

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Date of interview: 17/04/2007 Time commenced: 1140

Time concluded: 1625

Det Sgt

The time is now 11.40, on the same day, same, same location, same officers, we're

interviewing Derek HASLEM, during that short break, Derek had a cigarette and we tried to

get him some refreshments but the coffee's out at the moment. Is that correct Derek?

HASLEM

That's correct.

Det Sgt

I now want to carry on with, yesterday we were discussing a meeting with, at the...

HASLEM

Prince of Wales.

Det Sgt

...Princes of Wales public house and I've managed to help your memory. I've got a statement

for Michael, Michael Raymond CROFTS and he says, just to help you along, on Tuesday the

10th of 1987, I was stationed at Carter Street Police Station. He says on the Wednesday, sorry

on Wednesday I attended the post mortem examination of MORGAN together with Detective

Superintendent CAMPBELL and ex Detective Sergeant FILLERY and John REECE and

John REECE was also present at the examination which took place at Lewisham Mortuary.

Why was John REECE at this, do you know why?

HASLEM

I dunno, the first I, only, the only thing I can presume is that, for identification.

Det Sgt

Yeah, okay.

HASLEM

Yeah I think that was the reason why they (INAUDIBLE) but it hardly sort showed, 'cause the

axe would've been moved so the post mortem was carried out.

Det Sgt

Hmm. He says, on Thursday 12th of March 1987, together with DS FILLERY, I attended the office of Southern Investigations at Thornton Heath. I record that we arrived at the premises at about 11 o'clock that day. We removed a number of files after being, after searching MORGAN's desk, the files were placed in a bag and then, then he took them away in his own private vehicle. I would suggest that's DS FILLERY.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Sgt

Previous to, to this, I went to the Prince of Wales public house, Thornton Heath, with DS FILLERY, that's a bit early to be going to the PH. So that must have been sometime in the morning.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Sgt

John REECE was, was going to meet a friend that he would bring, that he would bring to the pub. Inside the premises I later, I met a man who I later learnt to be Paul GOODRIDGE. He was in the bar with a female whom I didn't know and cannot, cannot describe.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Sgt

Seems a bit odd. Also in the premises were with Jonathon REECE was, with it says, also inside the premises with Jonathon REECE and Detective Constable Derek HASLEM, who I knew from Addington Police Station. Having stayed for one or 2 drinks I left with DS FILLERY as he had to be at Greenwich Magistrates Court at 2 o'clock. In relation to the files dah, dah, dah, dah, that's the bit.

HASLEM

I can't remember, 'cause that must have been really close to when it happened, mustn't it?

Det Sgt

Very close, about 2 days afterwards.

I can't really recall that, but I do know, it wasn't, the Prince of Wales was a pub that was used quite a bit, but the other thing, you have to, you've got to remember here that Sid FILLERY was a senior Free Mason, Michael CROFTS was a, a junior one.

Det Sgt

Okay, hold on, hold that thought. This is from your own statement dated the 10th of the 4th 1987. I've been asked to make a statement regarding my association with Daniel MORGAN and Jonathon REECE. I believe I only met Daniel MORGAN on 2 occasions, we can forget that. I believe at one time I was drinking at a public house local to Addington Police Station, I was unable to remember however which public house or exact date I, I will, I remember I was in the company of other police officers, however, I, I would be guessing to which officers they were. I remember meeting MORGAN, REECE and Michael GOODRIDGE joined us. Now that's not.

HASLEM

One of those was definitely Martin LLOYD.

Det Sgt

Right. We'll get some information about Martin LLOYD for you. During the conversation, no that's not what I want, oh right, here's what I want. The next time I saw Jonathon REECE I believe I was in the Prince of Wales public house, Thornton Heath. I was in the company of other officers, police officers; this was following the murder of Daniel MORGAN. I offered my condolences to be polite, so you must have been with Jonathon REECE and he acknowledged and he appeared very upset due to the actions of the press following the murder, he intimated that they were exerting pressure on him to give him, to give background information. I found that hard to believe because Jonathon REECE used to deal with the press all the time, I mean, that was part of.

HASLEM

I don't, yeah, I know where you're coming from there, but his relation, that later relationship with the press grew at that time. He wasn't, he didn't really see the press as a friend, it was only in later years when he realised how much money was to be earned out of police gazettes and the News of the World and his relationship with the press.

Det Sgt

So what are you trying to say, this hardy, this hardy private eye who's, did a bit of bailiff work and stuff of that nature, was having a problem with the press, feeling hard done by?

Yeah, yeah.

Det Sgt

I find.

HASLEM

Er, no what, what, yeah in his later relationships with the press.

Det Sgt

Yeah but even so this is a hardened private investigator coming against.

HASLEM

No 'cause he told um, what's her name, from The Mirror. I've got her number still, what's her name.

Det Sgt

ALAZEBY.

HASLEM

Um. (LONG PAUSE). It comes with old age you see.

Det Sgt

Okay, I'll keep reading while you're trying to find out. I sympathised with him and left shortly afterwards, I believed on this occasion he was joined by a man introduced to me before as Paul GOODRIDGE. I'm unable to add any other further details regarding Jonathon REECE or Danny MORGAN. However, I have spoken with DC CROFTS regarding other matters and they may be of interest to the Murder Squad, but are of a sensitive nature and concerned with the current enquiries I'm engaged with, whilst attached to SO17 at ET.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Sgt

What does that, what was that, was that the GREY stuff at that time?

HASLEM

Yeah. Silvia JONES, see Silvia JONES was working on The Mirror at that time and Silvia JONES, she hated, when I met Silvia JONES and she mentioned REECE's name and she's and I said, oh, I get the impression you don't like him and she said, no, she said, 'cause when I

worked for The Mirror, she said, I went to interview him re: the MORGAN murder and he was quite vitriolic and told her to fuck off in no uncertain turns.

Det Sgt

So my question to you is, is that all you can add about that meeting?

HASLEM

The only time I can actually remember meeting Paul GOODRIDGE was in the pub next to Addington Police Station. He'd been up there with REECE and he introduced himself I think, I think he was explaining away that he was.

Det Sgt

Can you, can you tell me what you were doing in the pub that day or was it?

HASLEM

I think it was after work.

Det Sgt

No it can't be.

HASLEM

No. I'm just trying to think like, I've only ever met this great lump once, 'cause I remember why 'cause he explained that he was a bodyguard to the stars or something.

Det Sgt

Who was?

HASLEM

Paul GOODRIDGE.

Det Sgt

Oh was he.

HASLEM

And that.

Det Sgt

Well it must have meant something 'cause you've written it down here in this statement of yours.

Hmm. Unless he was there at the Prince of Wales.

Det Sgt

Hmm, (INAUDIBLE).

HASLEM

I don't know.

Det Sgt

It just seems odd that you've got it down in your statement, if it was.

HASLEM

If I put it in a statement it must be right but.

Det Sgt

So what you're basically saying it was accidental meeting and you thought because you'd met him, you were just going to put this into a statement of evidence?

HASLEM

Well they wanted a statement, wanted any, Duggie CAMPBELL said he wanted a statement from anybody that knew him. I presume that was what that statement was around.

Det Sgt

Okay and you, you can't remember the female?

HASLEM

To be honest no. So, I know I've obviously put that, it's right back, I've only really got one memory as I say. I don't think that was at the Prince of Wales and meeting GOODRIDGE.

Det Sgt

Uh huh. So, we can't, so we can't take this matter anymore forward?

HASLEM

But that, as far as, I was gonna say that Mickey CROFT things, it could have been a conflict of interest there.

Det Sgt

Can, can you explain to me, um, with Paul GOODRIDGE, did you know him socially or was it just, as part of?

No it was just that he, he was in, he turned up. See the only recollection or it might be the first time, I might have met him twice, I can't really recall a second time but the first I met him he was in company of John REECE.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

It was in a pub next to Addington and a few of us had gone in there after work and he was, I think he'd been to Addington on a job and GOODRIDGE turned up there, well he was there with him and he said, oh this is, 'cause I thought, you know he looked a, he looked a bit of a villainous lump.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

And he's, oh this is a relative of mine, Paul GOODRIDGE is a, he's a bodyguard to famous people, does bodyguard and things like that and as I say, a bit, he had no conversation. He was like something out of a, a lump of flesh really, sort of a bit dull.

Det Sgt

Right.

HASLEM

Long fair hair I think.

Det Sgt

You mention also about your other sensitive work. Is Raymond GREY still alive at that present, as far as you know?

HASLEM

I dunno, might have, he's sort of medical condition wasn't that brilliant 'cause he had, I think there was talk he was on, um, pancreatic cancer.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

I'd be surprised if he was still alive.

Det Sgt

So you've had no, you've had no real contact with him since, since that time?

HASLEM

Last contact I ever had with Raymond GREY was when that bloke from The Guardian, that got hold of my stuff on Russell Jones and Walker and approached me, the, er, report that died of alcoholic poisoning and I believe he went to see Raymond GREY and I think that's how he found out about, it was him that reporter that told me about how they'd all gone piling into Raymond GREY's GP to get him.

Det Sgt

Hmm.

HASLEM

To shut up, after Taffy's suicide or whatever to give to change his statement, or the doctor to make a statement, I would say that GREY couldn't be relied upon, he was an inveterate liar and a drug user and no reliance could be put on anything he said.

Det Sgt

Okay.

HASLEM

Despite the fact he set up accomplice for us to arrest him.

Det Sgt

Yeah, I think. Right, can you go now and explore, I know that we touched on this before, but if we get some more detail, the relationship between Daniel MORGAN and Taffy HOLMES.

HASLEM

Well really like I've told you, that initially, sort of, back, back then, 'cause REECE at one time, he was talking about their relationship as well and he was, he produced all these receipts and said, look, he said, he said, this is, this is what that mumping Welsh bastard was, 'cause although he's Welsh himself he prefers to be Northern, was costing, you know, the company and Daniel was wining and dining him and up this wine bar at West Norwood and in turn Taffy was doing checks for him on the systems at Tottenham Court Road, like company checks and things like that.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

Det Cons

Right as I remember, from, from the last meeting, the evidence of the checks there's no direct evidence that you can produce, it was?

HASLEM

No.

Det Cons

So it was, it was rumour?

HASLEM

Basically that, that yeah.

Det Cons

(INAUDIBLE) used last time.

HASLEM

That, that was coming from REECE, if you analyse it but it wasn't just that he told me about the relationship 'cause um, I know from HOLMES in conversation that he, he did know him, but this is really where you've got to go, you've got to get hold of Martin LLOYD, presuming he's still alive 'cause he was really close to Taffy HOLMES and he was all, he was in and around there at that time, I'm not saying with the bad lads 'cause Martin was one of these DC's that, er.

Det Sgt

Did, sorry to interrupt you.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Sgt

Does Martin HOLMES pay any sort of relationship, does he know, he, he.

HASLEM

Martin LLOYD.

Det Sgt

LLOYD he had a good working relationship with Taffy HOLMES?

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| Do | you know if he knew. |
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| Не | knew. |
| Det | t Sgt |
| Daı | niel MORGAN? |
| HA | SLEM |
| Не | knew him socially from fishing and things like as well. |
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| Yea | ah, he knew Daniel MORGAN as well. |
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| don | this is what I'm saying, LLOYD, Martin LLOYD could probably, I don't think he'd ever, I a't think he's ever come in part into this enquiry but I would think he'd be an interesting son to speak to, because he knew Taffy HOLMES through work. |
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| chi | d socially like sort of going fishing and things like that and I think one time er, they had ldren, but they lived quite close to each other as well. So it would be, it would be worth suing Martin for a bit of background. |
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So just to clarify regarding MORGAN and HOLMES, they went drinking together. I just want to make absolutely certain...

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Cons

...'cause we're sort of reaching the stage where we need to start writing a statement...

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Cons

...regarding this and I just want to make sure we've not missed anything.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

That you know from Jonathon REECE that they went drinking together.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

And that your interpretation of that was um, MORGAN, paying for drinks to get information out of HOLMES?

HASLEM

Right this is, this is what REECE sort of told me, but I had seen them in er, like at Christmas doo's and things like that, I had seen Alan in his company and Martin may have mentioned er, about it, but I wasn't aware from, how can you put this, I wasn't aware from what Taffy HOLMES told me, 'cause he can part-mentalise his life a bit, I wasn't, I wasn't aware and I still, I think, I couldn't say this 100 percent, I wasn't aware that the relationship was as close, yeah 'cause then like Alan HOLMES was gonna tell me if it's true, that he was doing company checks on, for Daniel MORGAN. The only thing I would know about Taffy HOLMES is if anything involved a pound note he would be there with his hand out, you know, so.

Det Sgt

Okay, why do you say that?

HASLEM

'Cause that was the nature of the beast really. He was a, he was a, in effect a detective but because.

Det Sgt

You're sort of intimating that he was crooked?

HASLEM

Well, yeah. For the want of a better word. He was known for it, round at, even round at Addington, Addington, he was just.

Det Sgt

What, what do you mean?

HASLEM

He was a mumping drunk that was what he was known as, knows a publican.

Det Sgt

Okay, let's sort of clarify that, so mumping, I, for the benefit of the tapes is, something that used to go on traditionally, 'cause even in my young hay day, for the Christmas doo's, they used to um, CID officers used to go round and acquire let's say.

HASLEM

Donations.

Det Sgt

Donations, exactly.

HASLEM

Collectable donations.

Det Sgt

Um. Not that that would affect their licences or so I was told.

HASLEM

Um.

Det Sgt

But, but you seem to suggest that.

HASLEM

No he was, he was, he, his whole existence in an office, he contributed nothing to any investigation.

Det Sgt

A bit of a gofer then?

HASLEM

He was just there, he was one of these people with his hand out, like he had the connections with a local butcher at Addington, so he'd be getting the Chief Superintendent's meat, the Detective Chief Superintendent's joint, anybody who wanted a barrel of beer at half the price he'd normally pay, he'd um, he'd be there, he was like a.

Det Sgt

What a.

HASLEM

He was a gra, grazer, grazer really.

Det Sgt

Right so he was.

HASLEM

First class.

Det Sgt

So he was a first class person who would, can acquire stuff, he'd be out mumping.

HASLEM

In his forte.

Det Sgt

Right.

HASLEM

Also, because he was connected you see, I, knew like this.

Det Sgt

Because he was.

Chum Ray ADAMS and things like that.

Det Sgt

But you see, this is, you say you're, you're going back to this chum Ray ADAMS but he'd never once explained how they had this relationship.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Sgt

The relationship as far as I, as far as I know it and what you've said is, um, Ray ADAMS, we, we can't explain why Taffy was so loyal to him, we don't know that he worked in, on, you know he was his governor but we had this sudden bonding loyalty out of nowhere.

HASLEM

Yeah. The thing is, you have to, HOLMES is a complex character, he loved being in the police, he loved being in the CID but I don't know, this is, this is making me sound disingenuous but.

Det Sgt

No, no.

HASLEM

But I'm only saying as it is.

Det Sgt

Yeah, if he was that.

HASLEM

If I was looking to do a job and I wanted.

Det Sgt

You would pick him?

HASLEM

(INAUDIBLE) you wouldn't have in a million years, 'cause there was even a rumour one time he, he's own blokes threatened to almost willing him to die. At Winchester Crown Court, when he was there again he was the gofer on the job and they didn't really, he wasn't a reliable person giving evidence, he'd go off on a tangent and start prevaricating and waffling on unnecessary and digging holes for everybody else and.

Det Sgt

But for your own personal knowledge, as far as, these are just bits of rumour and hearsay that, that you've heard over the time or did hear over the time?

HASLEM

Yeah over a period of time, you know, and from working in an office with him and.

Det Sgt

So, how come you became, the bearer of doom for someone, 'cause it's not like with my colleague here, we have a working relationship, did you have a working relationship with Taffy HOLMES?

HASLEM

We had a social relationship you know like, sometimes we almost come to blows in the pub, he used to talk so much bollocks, er, I'll give you an example.

Det Sgt

Yes go on then.

HASLEM

Yeah, this is Alan HOLMES right, looked the part, broken nose, rough, (INAUDIBLE) Welsh man.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

In the Addington, pub next to Addington nick, with Mickey CROFTS in actual fact, 'cause they partnered up together.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

Er, or Mickey was lumbered with him, he was no great shakes, anyway, they, Mickey noticed that there was a bloke in the bar there who was wanted on warrant, whereupon he said to Alan, come on, we'll have him, we've only got to walk him next door, whereupon a brawl broke out outside the pub in the car park with Mickey CROFTS rolling all over the bonnet of his car.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

While Taffy stood idly by and Mickey CROFTS you know, he came back spitting bullets and asked him (INAUDIBLE), and that, and that was HOLMES, he was all, you know, once he was having a go at me and I sort of laid, I told him he's, you know, what I really thought of him that he's a lazy bastard.

Det Sgt

What was he having a go at you for?

HASLEM

Well he was talking about work record. I was priding myself on the work record, how much we, you know, what I did and he was going on about something and he just said something and I said, well you know, you ought to retract that and I said, you and me will walk out in the car park and then he just backed down then, but.

Det Sgt

Okay. If we can go back to this relationship with, with MORGAN. As far as you know it, you're under the belief that MORGAN um, used to use the services of Taffy HOLMES, they got on socially um, and from what you were given from REECE seems to suggest that, er Taffy HOLMES would provide services to help MORGAN in his employment as a private eye?

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Have I summary, have I.

HASLEM

See there's, because there's con, it is a contradiction in loyalties there, er, not my part of it, you know, just think, so I'd, I'd see them together and I can remember HOLMES sort of being quite shocked after the murder of...

Det Sgt

Hmm.

...thing. Whether he went to his funeral, I can't recall, 'cause I didn't go to the, the funeral either because I didn't really know him but, but, where was I going here, er.

Det Sgt

You were trying to explain the relationship between both of them.

HASLEM

Yeah, so when I, in them, it was just in conversation with REECE once, we were talking 'cause he was talking about HOLMES and thing as well and I wasn't aware according to REECE's spin on it, how close, according to REECE, how close he was, was saying they were, I was just, I was just.

Det Cons

So at the time.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

When MORGAN was alive, you weren't aware how close they were?

HASLEM

No, I'd seen them.

Det Cons

But you'd become, you become aware of that through conversations...

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

...you had with Jonathon REECE.

HASLEM

'Cause I think like a Christmas doo's, in conversation.

Det Cons

Is that accurate that Derek?

HASLEM

Hmm.

| Det Cons | |
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| That at the time. | |
| HASLEM | |
| I was un. | |
| Det Cons | |
| Things that you actually witnessed. | |
| HASLEM | |
| Yeah. | |
| Det Cons | |
| You couldn't say more than just a social relationship? | |
| HASLEM | |
| Yeah. | |
| Det Cons | |
| And then through your. | |
| HASLEM | |
| Not depth that. | |
| Det Cons | |
| Yes. | |
| HASLEM | |
| REECE had said. | |
| Det Cons | |
| And that later on, through conversations with Jonathon REECE. | |
| HASLEM | |
| Hmm. | |
| Det Cons | |
| And the production of various receipts. | |
| HASLEM | |
| | |

Hmm.

Det Cons

You have subsequently learnt that they went out?

HASLEM

He led me to belief.

Det Cons

He led you to belief that they went out drinking?

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Cons

Did he give any sort of figure on how many times, how many?

HASLEM

Quite regularly and he'd pull out, but then see his receipts didn't have HOLMES' name on them, it was just and it wasn't, it was, it wasn't even like a practice or, it was just in kind of casual conversation and he was, because he was (INAUDIBLE) 'cause I don't think REECE had much time for HOLMES anyway.

Det Cons

Why was that, why was that?

HASLEM

Well, similar sort of reason 'cause er, I think perhaps because anybody that knew, again I can only presume that anybody who was a friend of MORGAN's wasn't on his A list so to speak. See he had his, he had his pet detectives, REECE and people he obviously used and er, MORGAN had the thing, the thing MORGAN had in common with Alan HOLMES was the Welshness thing you see, both men of the valleys weren't they so.

Det Cons

Is there anything else that you'd like to say about that relationship?

HASLEM

Well, what I was gonna say earlier, the contradiction in it, from looking at it again from outside so to speak, is that on one hand, from what I've heard, I know things that REECE said, that you get the impression that MORGAN wasn't a great lover of police officers.

Det Cons

And why was that?

HASLEM

Well certainly not corrupt ones, so let's put it that way. But MORGAN didn't like the way; the direction that er, REECE was taking the business, whereby there was a reliance on police officers supplying information and things like that.

Det Cons

And where have you got that from?

HASLEM

Well that's actually come from REECE.

Det Cons

So this is what REECE has told you?

HASLEM

Hmm, that REECE, that's what I heard and then from, you know when it was being discussed and like NEWTON's been there, sort of reinforced these sort of things have come out in conversation, that really though it was a partnership, it was a divided partnership, 'cause REECE was wanting to take the company one way and MORGAN was quite happy earning the money off the legitimate side but then REECE could start to see other possibilities and sort of security side er, local government contracts, newspapers and things like that and so really was obviously you know, was animosity there between them, but that's what I'm saying, he wouldn't, he, he would've, he wouldn't have liked, he wouldn't have liked MORGAN, he had no reason to like HOLMES rather, because if he was a friend of MORGAN's, he would not like him anyway so. But then why would, that's a contradiction again then why MORGAN didn't like corrupt policemen, yet you're led to believe that.

Det Sgt

Yeah, he was using.

HASLEM

HOLMES, providing him with confidential information. You know.

Det Sgt

Right. And finally of this segment, I've got here in 2002, you're, you were visited by an enquiry team.

| Hmm. |
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| Det Sgt |
| And made comments that REECE stated that the VIEN brothers were going to The Golder Lion and not Paul GOODRIDGE. |
| HASLEM |
| Hmm. |
| Det Sgt |
| What can you tell me about that, which? |
| HASLEM |
| That come out in conversation where he said, you know, any of that. |
| Det Sgt |
| It came out in conversation? |
| HASLEM |
| Yeah with REECE. |
| Det Sgt |
| With REECE. |
| HASLEM |
| And he was saying that 'cause, this magic figure, that there was 10 thousand pound needed to stop the action going into court. |
| Det Sgt |
| Which action's this? |
| HASLEM |
| Well this was the car auctions, civil action and the loss of the money from the night safe. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| HASLEM |
| And that. |
| Det Sgt |
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HASLEM What the night safe job? **Det Sgt** Yeah. **HASLEM** Yeah, yeah. **Det Sgt** Okay, we'll, we'll come back to that in a minute. Go on with this stuff about the VIAN brothers. **HASLEM** So and he said that they were gonna put the 10 thousand pound up to pay him, 'cause MORGAN was saying it's not gonna ruin my company, it's not coming out of my company. **Det Sgt** They being? **HASLEM** The VIAN's, that's what he, as he said it. And that the MORGAN's was, was, you know, you've got, you've got my company into this, you can get yourself out, I'm not paying for your cock ups and things that I didn't agree with in the first place. **Det Sgt** Uh huh. **HASLEM** It's up to you to get yourself out of it and one of the things to stop it they needed was, I think 10 thousand pound paid into court. **Det Sgt** Right. **HASLEM**

To forestall the action on, like, perhaps the company having it's assets frozen.

Det Sgt

Sorry, stop you there, did Jonathon REECE ever mention about that to you, about?

Uh huh.

HASLEM

Er, and that's what he told me, that it, it was, it was the VIAN's were gonna.

Det Sgt

Can you remember when, where and when that was?

HASLEM

Might have been in a pub, might have been in the office.

Det Sgt

So if I can get some more details about this, can, do you think that would refresh your memory?

HASLEM

Possibly. See I wouldn't even know what a VIAN looked like, so.

Det Sgt

You don't know what a VIAN looked like, that's excellent news.

HASLEM

Never met them so.

Det Sgt

You've never met them at all?

HASLEM

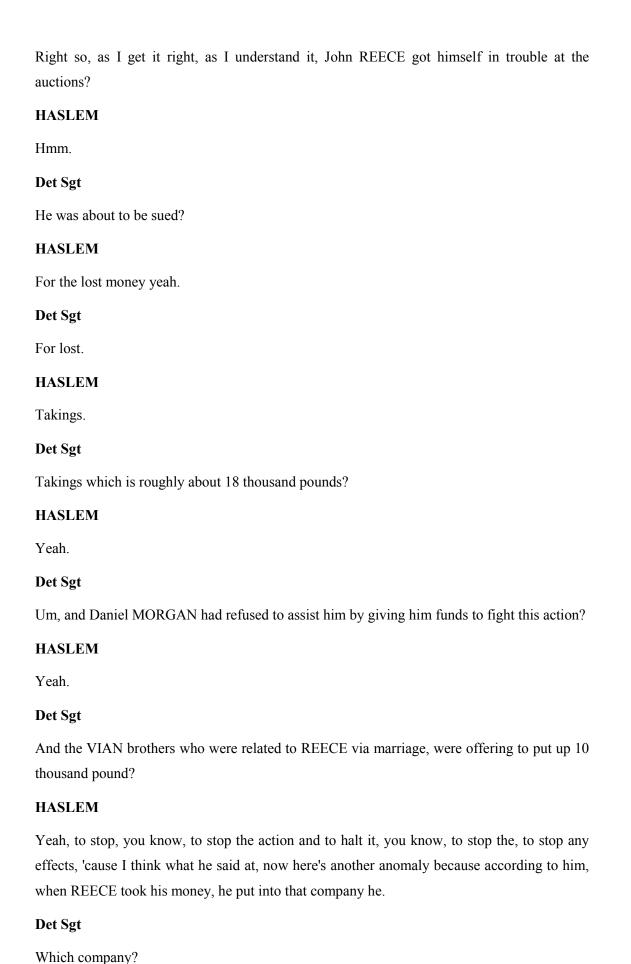
No. Not to my knowledge, I might have been at places with, when he's been, well you know, he's, and he's not bothered to introduce them, but I know of them but I don't, quite honestly, well when I say I don't know what they look like, I probably have seen a picture at sometime, 'cause they were always quite active in what they did weren't they so.

Det Sgt

And what was their relationship with REECE?

HASLEM

Through marriage wasn't it, they were, were they his wife's brothers or cousins.



HASLEM

Into Southern Investigations what he was initially, when it was, when they started, when he joined MORGAN in the business it was his money that he put in I think he got some.

Det Sgt

Whose business was it originally?

HASLEM

MORGAN.

Det Sgt

Right so why did he take REECE along?

HASLEM

MORGAN worked for Madigan's and I think REECE had worked for Madigan's.

Det Sgt

Okay.

HASLEM

And I think MORGAN formed a company er, you can check with Companies House anyway and then REECE went in with him and he said, REECE always maintained that he, he put, his money he put in got the company going or saved the company.

Det Sgt

Right okay.

HASLEM

'Cause I was questioning him, I said, about key man Insurance, you know and that was one of the things (INAUDIBLE) I always used to go, who's financially to benefit from MORGAN's death and the one that kept always coming up was the, the, put forward by REECE was that the only person that could've benefited financially from MORGAN's death was his wife. MORGAN's wife and that the insurance and that was repeated to me independently by Bill NEWTON that the insurance on her husband had been increased in the year prior to his death, substantially. REECE denied any sort of key man insurance being in place.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

And that it, it had, in actual fact, the death had hindered the business in, being in light, it had an adverse effect on the business both from the, obviously consequently the allegations and also the fact that he, you know MORGAN's part of the business, his contacts and money wasn't coming in again, or still coming in.

Det Sgt

Did Jonathon REECE mention anything else about the VIAN brothers to you, other than you, you knew, technically you had from your police background some knowledge that they were busy, meaning that they were

HASLEM

Actively, well a higher level.

Det Cons

Criminals.

HASLEM

Crime than.

Det Sgt

Higher level would you?

HASLEM

High levels of crime.

Det Sgt

Right okay. Did Jonathon REECE ever mention again, I mean?

HASLEM

Er.

Det Sgt

Surely there must have been quite a lot of conversation like, what have those boys been up to?

HASLEM

No I've had conversation about them from Maggie obviously 'cause on one of his visits and I told you that before, one of his visits home, from prison, but basically when the divorce went through.

Det Sgt

Yeah. Did he sort of cut ties with that side of the firm?

HASLEM

Well I think there was a bit of a falling out at that time.

Det Sgt

Do you know why?

HASLEM

Because of the wife, I think they were loyal to their sister/cousin, whatever it was.

Det Sgt

Yeah okay.

HASLEM

And er, so I don't think it was, sort of, hello mate, have a pint, pat on the back sort of relationship but it obviously started to turn sour.

Det Sgt

Then why were they quite willing to give, give Jonathon REECE 10 grand, I mean 10 thousand pound in those days?

HASLEM

Probably if you think of it logically, it wasn't for him anyway, because he's, he's got 2 young children, a mortgage and a wife.

Det Sgt

Right.

HASLEM

And his world's about to go tit's up and in those sort of families the loyalty, you know, probably it wouldn't have been so much personally to help him out but to, to preserve the sister/cousin whatever she was. Sort of um, status and.

Det Sgt

Do you know if he got that 10 thousand pound from them?

HASLEM

Don't know, it's never, never mentioned it again and, anytime you tried to turn the conversation it, it gets changed so. He's a hard person to speak to because he jumps around a lot when you're speaking to him and sometimes, you know, you.

Like I said, so this is the conversation. What's this thing about, have you ever been to The Golden Lion?

HASLEM

Once I think.

Det Sgt

Right, he says the VIAN brothers were going to The Golden Lion and not GOODRIDGE. Why would GOODRIDGE be going to, 'cause, isn't GOODRIDGE supposed to be the accountant?

HASLEM

Hmm, oh no, well no I don't think, not GOODRIDGE the solicitor.

Det Sgt

Oh right.

HASLEM

This is a GOODRIDGE the other, the blonde one, the bodyguard one.

Det Sgt

Right. Okay, so we, we've clarified that, so it's.

HASLEM

The one he went and met later in The Boulers Bar, on the night of the murder.

Det Sgt

Right, so we're talking about the other GOODRIDGE?

HASLEM

We're talking about the bodyguard.

Det Sgt

Bodyguard GOODRIDGE.

HASLEM

Hmm, not, not the solicitor.

Det Sgt

And, why would he go and meet Paul GOOD, that GOODRIDGE?

Well this is what he said afterwards, he'd left the pub.

Det Sgt

Yeah go on.

HASLEM

And I know he used to use The Boulers Bar and I think it was local to um, to where GOODRIDGE or was it, no but it was a pub they used and he, he definitely said and I think he said it in his official statement as well, (INAUDIBLE) on the night of the, when he was murdered.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

He said, I was drinking with Paul GOODRIDGE in The Boulers Bar.

Det Sgt

Right.

HASLEM

And so he was there.

Det Sgt

Right, but in reality, you're saying that he told you that he was, he was actually with the VIAN brothers?

HASLEM

Subsequently.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

He said that, it came out in conversation and that the VIAN's had obviously put that money up and they were gonna come over and give, give MORGAN the 10 thousand.

Det Sgt

On that particular night, instead of meeting with GOODRIDGE?

I don't know what the Intel logs but, this, that was about a year or 2 years ago I think he said that, might be right.

Det Sgt

Uh huh. What I'm gonna do is I'll terminate this interview now, the time is 12.17.

(INTERVIEW CONCLUDED).

Statement Number: Y21i

Date of interview: 18/04/2007 Time commenced: 1201

Time concluded: 1736

Det Sgt

This interview is being tape recorded. This is a continuing interview with; can I have your

full name please?

HASLEM

Derek Gordon HASLEM.

Det Sgt

The date is the 18th April 2007; the time by my watch is now 12.01. Um I'm Detective

Sergeant Douglas CLARKE, the other person is?

Det Cons

Detective Constable Ben HALL.

Det Sgt

We're in a covert location. Derek I must remind you that you are not under arrest, that you

can have free and independent legal advice and that you can leave at any time, do you

understand those rights that I've told you?

HASLEM

I understand.

Det Sgt

And you're quite happy to go ahead?

HASLEM

Hmm, yes.

Det Sgt

That was yes for the benefit of the tape.

HASLEM

Yes.

Um, yesterday we were doing personal description forms of various people that you know. I'd like to continue that today um and I'd like to continue with um police officers that have, you've been involved with. Can I start with Superintendent Andy COOK, of a description of, have you ever met him, that's, that's probably an easier way to start off with?

HASLEM

That's your boss innit?

Det Sgt

No.

HASLEM

No. Andy COOK doesn't ring a bell.

Det Sgt

Doesn't ring a bell, okay, not a problem. Superintendent JARRETT?

HASLEM

Yes I met him. Describe, what how I describe?

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

Slim build.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

Looks like he likes his recreational sport.

Det Sgt

Have you, have you met him recently or is this back in the 80's?

HASLEM

Back in, 9, about 1996 I think.

Det Sgt

Right. (PAUSE) Um, slim, recreational, anything else about him that you can recall?

| Det Sgt |
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| Feature wise yes. |
| HASLEM |
| Um. |
| Det Sgt |
| Height, 6'? |
| HASLEM |
| About, yeah round about 5'11", 6' I think. |
| Det Sgt |
| Balding? |
| HASLEM |
| Thinning yeah, well sparse as I recall it, sort of, lightish brown hair I think. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| HASLEM |
| Sort of neatly trimmed. |
| Det Sgt |
| Age roughly? |
| HASLEM |
| Hmm, I should think about early 40's. |
| Det Sgt |
| Well presented? |
| HASLEM |
| Um, never saw him in a suit. He was always sort of casually dressed. |
| Det Sgt |
| Okay. But. |
| HASLEM |

Like feature wise?

| Tidy. |
|--|
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. |
| HASLEM |
| And groomed. |
| Det Sgt |
| Of what you would expect of a policeman of that rank? |
| HASLEM |
| I wouldn't know. |
| Det Sgt |
| But what, I mean. |
| HASLEM |
| I wouldn't like to say these days. |
| Det Sgt |
| Well. Most Superintendents, even casually do look fairly smart don't they? |
| HASLEM |
| Um, dropped off the sartorial scales of what they used to be though. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah. Things do move on, we're more casually based now a days. Okay, moving on, Chief Super Duggie CAMPBELL? |
| HASLEM |
| Oh, long time ago. |
| Det Sgt |
| Have you met? |
| HASLEM |
| Yeah I used to work with him. |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah okay. |

| HASLEM |
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| Slim build, craggy sort of face. |
| Det Sgt |
| Uh huh. |
| HASLEM |
| Looked a bit of a drinker. |
| Det Sgt |
| What makes you say that? |
| HASLEM |
| Well he sort of had a sort of, that sort of face, you know sort of, he has some pin pricky veins in his face, dark hair, he had then, like the first time, brown, when he was a DS. |
| Det Sgt |
| Uh huh. |
| HASLEM |
| Then he went grey, not overweight, and used to have a very expressive, used to screw his face up when he was talking. |
| Det Sgt |
| Uh huh. Accent? |
| HASLEM |
| I'd call it border Scots really. |
| Det Sgt |
| Um. |
| HASLEM |
| Border Scottish accent and quite clipped. |
| Det Sgt |
| Okay. |
| HASLEM |
| Rolled his R's. |

| Det Sgt |
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| Facial hair? |
| HASLEM |
| None, that I recall. |
| Det Sgt |
| Demeanour? |
| HASLEM |
| Sort of ordinary really. |
| Det Sgt |
| Anything else about him that, what was he like to work for? |
| HASLEM |
| I knew him from Croydon. I think we did a night duty together once and we had a murder on it, which we sorted by the time that we went off duty and he, but I think he liked, he liked a drop of Scotch and I think he had a daughter who went to um, a private catholic school in Croydon and then, she, I think she went off the rails or she formed a relationship with somebody that he didn't really want |
| Det Sgt |
| Uh huh. |
| HASLEM |
| her to have a relationship with. I think this was at the time that murder enquiry was going on and I think he had a lot of things on his mind at the time and I think he was drinking a bit, self medicating in that way but. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right. |
| HASLEM |
| But I always found him a very nice bloke; he was quite proficient, as you would. |
| Det Sgt |
| Uh huh. |

I think he was a first class DS then.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

So um, you know, as regards, he was, sort of a DS, he was, he had his finger on the pulse.

Det Sgt

Okay.

HASLEM

Good working officer.

Det Sgt

Right. Okay and right moving on, any peculiarities about him, anything that he did which would sort of stand him out in the crowd?

HASLEM

Well apart from I think in his latter years he, he appeared to have a propensity sometimes for drinking too much and losing the plot and falling over in places so, I understand it from John REECE once he, when he came to have a, a chat with him, in The Victory public house, he, I think he collapsed and I've got a feeling that, what's the other accountant we talked about, he verified that as well.

Det Sgt

Bill NEWTON?

HASLEM

Bill NEWTON, which was rather ironic, Bill NEWTON has, had a propensity at the end of the day for the same thing.

(SOUND OF BLEEPING)

Det Sgt

For the benefit of the tape that's just my pager going on quite loudly. Um, okay. Moving on swiftly, dah, dah, dah, dah, DS THURRELL, is that what you said?

HASLEM

TURRELL.

| Det Sgt |
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| TURRELL yeah. |
| HASLEM |
| About my sort of age group possibly was a bit older than, not very tall, um rather unmemorable really. |
| Det Sgt |
| Is that it? |
| HASLEM |
| Yeah. Not. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right okay. Brian WORTH, do you know Brian WORTH? |
| HASLEM |
| Brian WORTH, I've met him once, um dapper man. |
| Det Sgt |
| Uh huh. |
| HASLEM |
| Well dressed, didn't really resemble a policeman looked more like a, sort of chief exec of some company. |
| Det Sgt |
| Oh right. |
| HASLEM |
| Expensive suits, manicured hands. |
| Det Sgt |
| Is that |
| HASLEM |

Det Sgt

Was that unusual, but he was of a third rank wasn't he?

I think he had glasses, I think he wore black glasses.

HASLEM

Hmm. Grey hair, not that tall.

Det Sgt

Okay, not that tall.

HASLEM

That's when he was head of Special Ops I think then.

Det Sgt

Okay, LUNDI?

HASLEM

Never met him, well never introduced to him, er, er, I think I have been somewhere sometime when he was there but it would only be about once but.

Det Sgt

Okay. Um, I know that you didn't work on the Crime Squad at Catford but did you know any of the staff?

HASLEM

Well only in as much that the ones that were deputed to help Bill BURNETT, myself.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

But then they were just like, what's, all um, Crime Squad sort of faces.

Det Sgt

Right okay, what, what about the governor you met in the pub, his name alludes me at the moment?

HASLEM

The governor.

Det Sgt

The DI, who, who you mentioned, his name will come back to me, you, you said that you went into the public house with PC LUNDI.

LUNNISS, oh I know who you mean, that was at Tottenham Court Road.

Det Sgt

Yes, exactly.

HASLEM

What's his name, he wasn't to do with the Catford lot.

Det Sgt

Oh right okay.

HASLEM

He was a Tottenham Court Road DI.

Det Sgt

Can you remember his name, his name alludes me at the moment.

HASLEM

Obviously been in the papers somewhere but he was the one that sort of started, he's sort of like the conversation, oh what you doing up here, dah, dah, dah, what's, what, what is the job you're doing, oh it's a drugs job, well what you doing, what you doing a drugs job up here for, blah, blah, blah.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

LUNNISS sort of went on and that's when he went. He started expanding forth about Ray ADAMS, 'cause I think LUNNISS said, oh well, we can't do the drugs 'cause there might be a senior officer quite high up involved and it might sort of, could prejudice the operation. He didn't say what the details of the job was, whereupon this one launched into this...

Det Sgt

Did, did.

HASLEM

...oh fucking ADAMS again, yeah.

Det Sgt

So, did you, can you have a personal description, can you remember what he's like?

HASLEM

He was sort of, I think he might have had a suit on, I can't be sure, sort of neat, typical sort of DI type of that era sort of you know, squad type DI so.

Det Sgt

What squad tie, suit?

HASLEM

No, not the tie but sort of, just well dressed, you know sort of well groomed.

Det Sgt

Okay. Are there any other people that, that you've come into contact with around that era that I haven't mentioned, that you can think of?

HASLEM

Well loads but I can't, you know, in what, you know, sig, in what significance, you know?

Det Sgt

In relation to people that you've mentioned.

HASLEM

There is a Chief Superintendent at Croydon 4 Area, what was his name.

Det Sgt

Did you men, did you mention.

HASLEM

You didn't ask about him.

Det Sgt

Did I ask about him?

HASLEM

No you didn't. What was his name, Bernie, Bern

Det Sgt

But if we haven't mentioned him.

Yeah. But he, he was the other, yeah, because he's mentioned in the other interviews when I said that we had to take the tapes up and he listened to them, Bernie DAVIS.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

And then there was the other one you men, that's meant to have said I was trying to lead him up the garden path on some murder, which I didn't, but he was like, what was his name, mate of Bernie's?

Det Sgt

Okay, well I think this section is completed 'cause we've, we've done.

HASLEM

There are sort of other, but you know, without knowing what's significant, I can sit here all day and.

Det Sgt

Describe people to me willy nilly. I just need people that you've mentioned just so that, as I said, we can get some sort of description for them. Um, um, I just want to try and build up a picture of people like the Crime Squad, but you say that they're just Crime Squad types and didn't really know. I've accepted that, um, were there any other officers at the time that you worked closely with?

HASLEM

Bill BURNETT. He was the one I was working, Bill BURNETT.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

He, there again I've worked with him before at Croydon.

Det Sgt

Right.

And I think he was brought in because of, I think one of the reasons was because of Gerry LUNNISS. Because of um, Gerry LUNNISS didn't have a lot of experience and as I say he'd only been given to me because...

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

...I presume nobody wanted to work with him and he was they had to give me somebody and he was a bit dismissive of their work as well.

Det Sgt

Okay, so how would you describe Bill BURNETT at that time, is that William BURNETT?

HASLEM

Yeah, Scottish.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

About 5', about 5'10".

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

Medium sort of build, dark hair, strong Scottish accent.

Det Sgt

Age around that time?

HASLEM

I think he's about same age as me.

Det Sgt

That would've been sort of?

HASLEM

In that, I'd say he'd have been about 30, 36, 37.

| Complexion? |
|--|
| HASLEM |
| Um sort of. |
| Det Sgt |
| Pale? |
| HASLEM |
| Not pale sort of, healthy complexion. |
| Det Sgt |
| Um, facial hair? |
| HASLEM |
| No. |
| Det Sgt |
| Moustache no? |
| HASLEM |
| Not that I recall. |
| Det Sgt |
| Personality? |
| HASLEM |
| Quite easy, easy to get on with, sensible, you know he's sort of like old school really, he knew how things should be done properly and did them properly and loyal. |
| Det Sgt |
| Uh huh. Demeanour, dress? |
| HASLEM |
| As I say, well I did, I did think at one time and I'm possibly right and Bill would be very loyal. |
| Det Sgt |
| Uh huh. |
| HASLEM |

I did one wonder at some stage as the job progressed if he had been, I might, I might be coming to the totally wrong conclusion.

Det Sgt

Yeah.

HASLEM

My feelings were that part of the reason being put with us was to over, not just oversee what we were doing, in case it impacted.

Det Sgt

Onto someone else?

HASLEM

Onto someone else yeah.

Det Sgt

What rank was he?

HASLEM

He was a DS.

Det Sgt

Did he ever give you that impression?

HASLEM

Only in one respect and I, and I say I could be totally wrong here, but really he was like the main connection from them on between myself, LUNNISS and Tottenham Court Road and to an extent he tended to exclude LUNNISS a bit from things.

Det Sgt

But LUNNISS was, 'cause you were a detective then of...

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Sgt

... of loyal, of quite some standing.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Whereas Gerry LUNNISS was just a PC, was he not on the Crime Squad?

HASLEM

Yeah, well I think, yeah, in.

Det Sgt

Not that I'm being dismissive.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Sgt

By that, I'm just, but.

HASLEM

Give Bill his due I think, Bill was aware, you know 'cause the way certain things were happening and it's like this business with GREY when he turned round in one of his interviews and said, oh you've got ex number of photographs, surveillance photographs of him and um how and Bill, I mean, he went back and counted them. I think there was about 7 hours, something like that and it weren't a lucky guess and he then mentioned this name of this Godfather to one of his children...

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

...who acted as a go-between in sort of inter crime family feuds and things and was also meant to have done things for elements of the government, opening safes and things but, he. What I was saying is, when the job started progressing and we started tracking this stuff.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

And, even allowing for tracking stuff wasn't as sophisticated in those days what it is, I think we lost 2 loads, 2 loads and each time was just danger because my man was acting as a gobetween, he was delivering to B and K and whereupon it was put in different containers to what he'd been given it.

Det Sgt

Uh huh.

HASLEM

With the trackers in and after the second load went missing and I was getting a, oh yeah, and I just said up at C11 one day, 'cause they said oh well it's, that's bad luck again isn't it, you know, and I said, well the danger I can see is I said is summer. Now sort of how amphet factories work people don't hang around in them long, what they do is they tend to spend a bit of time outside usually in the country somewhere, where it's boring and I said, someone one day, I said, we keep losing these containers with the trackers in, I said, somebody, just like out in boredom one day, stood outside there with Stanley knife cutting one up, are gonna suddenly find this gizmo in the bottom of it and I said that's gonna put my informant at risk.

Det Sgt

Hmm.

HASLEM

And they sort of played all that down. Then I got a phone call from his wife within about 2 weeks of this, might even have been less and said that he's been picked up by some East End heavies, one of which she thought had a gun and taken off somewhere in the back of a Mercedes.

Det Sgt

And you relate this back to Bill BURNETT, do you?

HASLEM

Yeah. And that went, hit Tottenham Court Road and I got a phone call saying that he'd been delivered back home alive but shaken up and he confirmed that he hadn't so, but he just played it off you know, and said, well you know, nothing to do with me, this is exactly what had happened, someone had opened one of these containers 'cause they produced a tracker in his face in the back of this car.

Det Sgt

Oh right.

HASLEM

And um and I think there was some talk that it might have, I don't, one of these East End ones are pikey.

Okay. Can I.

HASLEM

But what happened then, this is probably the, so then he was instructed a big tale I think, for me to tell him to go up to Tottenham Court Road via East Croydon Station, what train to get and he'd be covered with armed surveillance on him all the way up there and they said they'd treat it as a training exercise as well, whereupon he was interviewed at Tottenham Court Road about all this (SOUND OF ELASTIC BAND PINGING) and then there was this plan then to...

Det Sgt

Derek.

HASLEM

...deflect, to deflect away from him, in other words to set someone else up, a guy he got it off is a likely source of mine.

Det Sgt

Okay.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Can I

HASLEM

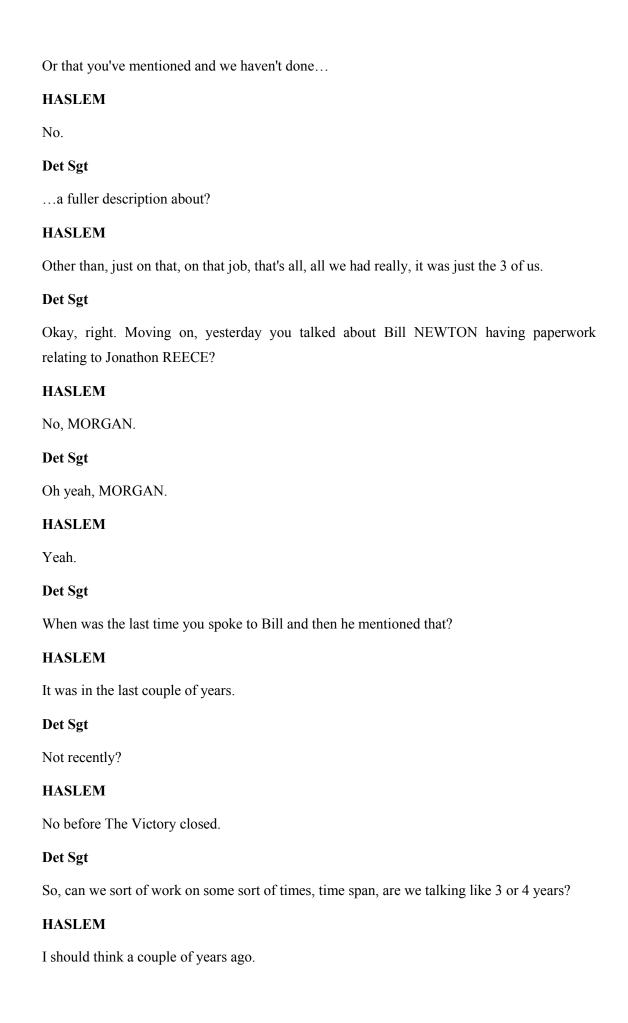
But what the point I'm making there is, when this operation, this is (INAUDIBLE) operation, I was left at this sort of, little operation command centre which was just looking after 2 different radios in the bowels of Croydon Police Station and um, I just got the impression that something was going on that I shouldn't be, they didn't want me to be privy to.

Det Sgt

Okay. Moving on swiftly Derek, as we, as we must, you mentioned that I'm, I'm gonna, we, are there any, is there anyone else I should ask that was involved with you around that time who comes into, that we haven't mentioned?

HASLEM

No.



Det Cons

2?

HASLEM

2 and a half. Was in the summer.

Det Sgt

So it's in the summer?

HASLEM

It's in the summer, I'd say about 2 years ago, 3 years at the most.

Det Sgt

2 or possibly 3 years.

HASLEM

He had mentioned it to me before that on another, you know, way back.

Det Sgt

And what, and did he mention what sort of paperwork it was, was it like because he was the company accountant.

HASLEM

Yeah, he just said.

Det Sgt

Or was it just.

HASLEM

He said, oh well, Dan, he referred to it as, he said, he said, 'cause I've, they never came and seen, saw me he said, 'cause and he said, I had Daniel's papers, he said, I've got loads of his paperwork and stuff, he said, and they never, and then he said but they did come and see me, he said, they didn't ask and I said, well, didn't you tell them, so he said, why should I tell them, you know, that was his sort of attitude.

Det Sgt

Okay. Right, press there. Um, I'm now gonna stop the interview, the time is now 12, 12.25.

TAPE TURNED OFF

Det Cons

The time is 12.37 and the date remains the same. This is a continuation of a taped interview with; can you just state your full name?

HASLEM

Derek Gordon HASLEM.

Det Cons

And the officers remain the same, um, what I'm gonna do now Derek, sorry I can just confirm in the break we had some refreshments and nothing untoward happened or was discussed?

HASLMET

That's correct.

Det Cons

Um, I am going to start now um, discussing the construction of the statement um, obviously as you're aware the purpose of um the interviews thus far have been to complete this statement um, primarily as part of an investigation into the murder of Daniel MORGAN and um related events to that and I've used the transcripts to construct a statement which I'd like to review with you now and we'll continue to do this on tape, so that if there's any, any areas which you wish to clarify that can be recorded (INAUDIBLE) purposes. So, I'm just gonna read a paragraph and then if you can say you're happy with that or areas which you'd like to discuss. Is that okay?

HASLEM

That's okay, yeah.

Det Cons

Okay. Between the 22nd January 2007 and 26th January 2007 and the 16th April 2007 and the 20th April 2007, I was interviewed as a witness by officers from the Metropolitan Police Serious Crime Directorate. As part of these interviews I was to, asked to discuss certain incidents in the deployment which occurred during and after my career as a police officer with the Metropolitan Police. (INAUDIBLE) statement is to provide a chronology of such events. Are you happy with that so far?

HASLEM

Yeah, obviously when you say the 20th.

Det Cons

Yeah.

HASLEM

The date hasn't (INAUDIBLE) yet.

Det Cons

This will be signed on.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

If you're happy with it.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

This will be signed on Friday. I joined the Metropolitan Police on August 6th 1973 and after my initial training at Hendon Training School, I was posted to Croydon, where I served for approximately 2 years until probation was finished. I then went straight on to be a TDC working on the Crime Squad at Wallington and I was then posted to Tooting after completion of my initial CID course in 1976. Is that okay Derek?

HASLEM

That's correct.

Det Cons

I would like to discuss an incident which occurred in 1978 when I was working in the CID office in Tooting. It is relevant as it explains my change in rank from Detective Constable back to Police Constable. Um, I had been for a meal and a drink in the evening and when I got back to the office there was a phone call from a guy we later arrested.

HASLEM

There was a phone call to?

Det Cons

A guy we later arrested.

HASLEM

No.

Det Cons

Okay, that's what you said on the tapes.

HASLEM

Sorry what, what really, it was an informant who didn't give his name but I believe it to be the licensee of The Bedford public house, but I could be wrong.

Det Cons

So what would you like me to write there then?

HASLEM

I had, the phones, the CID, one of the phones in the CID office went, I answered it and um I think they asked for Mickey GOBBLE 'cause it was his case and um, I said he wasn't there, could I help and they said, there's a person that you lot or something of those words in effect, you want for a robbery.

Det Cons

Hmm.

HASLEM

Is, been in the pub or is in The Bedford public house now. This, one I can't be precise but to that effect.

Det Cons

So, I answered a phone call in the CI, CID office, in relation to the location...

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

...of someone who was wanted?

HASLEM

Yeah, I think I then tried to get some uniform assistance but I don't thing anybody was available and as a result, any car, 'cause the night duty CID car was out, the only car available was the Detective Chief Superintendent's Hillman HUNTER.

Det Cons

So if I just go on and um, so I've got, I answered the phone in the CID office in relation to the location of a man who was wanted. I needed to take a car out and the only vehicle available

was the Detective Chief Superintendent's, so I booked that out and I went to Balham. When I looked there was hardly any petrol left in the car and I've been brought up so that you never take a car back empty. I was driving (INAUDIBLE) so I could fill it up but unfortunately on my way, a drunk bloke stepped out into the road in front of my vehicle, my car hit him and he died. Are you happy with that?

HASLEM

That's correct.

Det Cons

I was lucky that someone saw what happened, who said that, if I'd not hit the man, that he would have. I had to call traffic to, in your words, call my own execution because they would've sussed that I'd been over the limit. I was suspended that weekend for 2 days.

HASLEM

Hmm, well, when I said su, I might have, if that could be put that, I had no alternative but to call for traffic assistance due to the nature of the accident.

Det Cons

Okay, hang on.

HASLEM

And when.

Det Cons

I had no alternative to call traffic due to the nature of the accident.

HASLEM

And in fact that it involved a police car and upon a police officer on duty, myself. (LONG PAUSE) And I was also aware that I might be on the limit or just over regarding alcohol in my blood stream.

(LONG PAUSE)

Det Cons

I had no alternative but to call traffic due to the nature of the accident involving a police officer on duty and that I may have consumed too much alcohol. Are you happy with that?

That's correct.

Det Cons

I was suspended that weekend for 2 days. Is that correct?

HASLEM

That's correct.

Det Cons

I ended up in Horseferry Road Magistrates Court for death by dangerous driving as a result of being over the legal limit, but the witness said exactly the same, that if I had not um hit the bloke, then he would have hit him. He said, that the dead man had not given me any chance and that the vehicle I was driving was being driven perfectly normal, not at high speed or impaired in anyway. I think they had to put that charge on so that it was not them saying they'd quashed that. There was a rumour flying around that this bloke was meant to have been an information for Operation (INAUDIBLE) but I think that basically he was just an alcoholic, 'cause his blood alcohol was really high. I got a 60 pound fine and a years ban.

HASLEM

Yeah, the case was, the case of causing death by dangerous driving was dismissed by the Stipendiary Magistrate and I later appeared on another date at court to plead guilty to the excess alcohol.

Det Cons

So I ended up at Horseferry Road Magistrates Court for death by dangerous driving but this case was dismissed.

HASLEM

Yeah, with criticism of the Met Police would've been (INAUDIBLE) in the first place.

Det Cons

That's great.

HASLEM

By the Stipendiary Magistrate. His actual words were, I don't hold my court room as a laundry.

(LONG PAUSE)

Det Cons

So I later pleaded guilty to driving over the legal limit.

HASLEM

That's correct. I was fined 60 pound and banned from driving for one year.

(LONG PAUSE)

Det Cons

Um, after court I had a discipline board. I had done the right thing and called traffic and I had not tried to cover it up or run away from the car or do anything stupid. They posted me back to uniform (INAUDIBLE) on Z division. I stayed there and worked on the Crime Squad and Beat Creams 'til 1985/1986.

HASLEM

That's correct.

Det Cons

About this time I was working with a DS who'd I'd known called Bill BURNETT. Could you just confirm how you spell his name please?

HASLEM

I think it's B.U.R.N.E.T.T I think.

Det Cons

And another officer, PC Gerry LUNNIS. And that's L.U.N.I.S?

HASLEM

LUNNISS, L.U.

Det Cons

Or double N.

HASLEM

I think might it be double N.

Det Sgt

It is double N.

Det Cons

Okay, I had one drugs informant (INAUDIBLE) and he let it known in passing that (INAUDIBLE) person (INAUDIBLE) for a drugs related murder on Catford's ground.

HASLEM

No, what er, a registered, one of my registered drugs informants informed me that an associate of his, Raymond GREY, was heavily involved in drugs and other serious crimes relating to it.

Det Cons

I'll cover that bit later.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

I was just wanted to clarify.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

About the murder.

HASLEM

And that he, well, well the informant, my one told me that there was a good possibly if, if GREY was arrested that he could um, pin down the whereabouts of a man wanted for a drugs related murder on Catford's ground.

Det Cons

So that information came from GREY, not the?

HASLEM

No, it came from a different informant, GREY was the one.

Det Cons

No but the information about HUMPHREYS came from GREY?

HASLEM

Where, his whereabouts eventually.

Yeah. **HASLEM** Yeah. But also this informant knew that HUMPHREYS 'cause he was known to him as well, he was aware that he was wanted for it. **Det Cons** So who actually told you about this person wanted for murder, GREY? **HASLEM** For, an unregistered informant (INAUDIBLE). **Det Cons** Told, which is why I noted, is that not what I noted? **HASLEM** Um. **Det Cons** One of my informants who is very reliable let it be known in passing the whereabouts of a person who was being sort for a drugs related murder. **HASLEM** No. **Det Cons** Who, who told you? **HASLEM** No, no, so you get it completely correct, my informant told me that the associate GREY of his...

Det Cons

Hmm.

HASLEM

...was aware of the whereabouts of HUMPHREYS.

Det Cons

Oh so informant number one.

Hmm, told me that. **Det Cons** Didn't know where this bloke was? **HASLEM** No, but other than he was aware that he was seeing him regularly and was involved in a similar crimes that HUMPHREYS was. **Det Cons** Okay, so one of my most trusted informants who's very reliable. What would you like me to say? Informed me that an associate called Raymond GREY knew the whereabouts... **HASLEM** Hmm. **Det Cons** ...of a persons who's being sort for a drugs related murder of Catford's grounds. **HASLEM** That's right. **Det Cons** Okay. The circumstances of this murder was whereby a drugs guy had come to do a meet and a handover and that he had been ripped off of the drugs and the money and kicked out of a Mini where he pulled his fucking seatbelt and the car then continued up the road. **HASLEM** Well pushed out of a Mini I suppose. **Det Cons** Pushed out? **HASLEM** Hmm.

(PAUSE)

He was decapitated on a bollard about 150 yards up the road. That murder had been outstanding for about 18 months and the suspect was a guy by the name of HUMPHREYS, who was also a known drugs guy.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Cons

So yes Derek?

HASLEM

That's right. Or drugs dealer.

Det Cons

Dealer?

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

If you're not happy with any of the words, just.

HASLEM

Oh right.

Det Cons

Just you know, as I'm sure you're aware, just let me know. Um, on the transcripts there Det Sgt asked you if it had an operation name and you said, not so, the way I've, I've, I've noted this in your statement is I cannot remember if the use of this informant had an Operation name.

HASLEM

Not at that stage, I don't think.

Det Cons

I then further note, we had 2 objectives to secure the arrest of HUMPHREYS and the other to investigate the manufacture of Amphetamines.

HASLEM

That's right.

Det Cons

And then in brackets I've noted, I was sort of trying to get back into the CID, if I could've brought off this Amphetamine operation it would've helped. They've said, forgiveness is divine but it was not force policy though.

HASLEM

At the time.

Det Cons

Everybody knows, are you quite happy with that?

HASLEM

I suppose you could say it was superfluous but. Include it if you want.

Det Cons

I think the um, I think, I think as much context is, is helpful.

HASLEM

Hmm, yeah.

Det Cons

But obviously I want you to be um...

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

...to be happy with it.

HASLEM

Actual as I say, the actual objective that the information was that there's 2 Amphetamine factories had been set up for the manufacture of and supply of Amphetamine drugs, 'cause that was like the kick off of the.

Det Cons

Well let me read this and see if you're happy with it. The latter objective centred on a firm which we thought was East End based, that was setting up 2 or 3 Amphetamine factories to manufacture Amphetamine. In order to get the inroad into that company, we needed to arrest another person by the name of Raymond GREY, who was also actively involved in drugs

lower down the food chain and he was an associate of a guy by the name of John CRITTERTON.

HASLEM

That's correct.

Det Cons

Okay. Um, I then noted that you said John CRITTERTON was a sort of millionaire pikey, a term that I think we need to clarify, who had a caravan sale showroom in West Wickham.

HASLEM

Should have said travelling extraction, politically correct I suppose.

Det Cons

Um.

HASLEM

For the travelling fraternity.

Det Cons

So, so what word would you like to use there?

HASLEM

A gypsy/leading member of the travelling community. Got, if it goes to court, it might raise a few eyebrows, the word pikey. I do know of a dog handler who was.

Det Cons

John CRITTERTON was a sort of a millionaire gypsy member/London traveller's community, who had a caravan sale showroom in West Wickham. He also had numerous business interests and owned a dog track and a large house in Farnborough in Kent.

HASLEM

That's right.

Det Cons

Okay. The operation resulted in the arrest of Raymond GREY and another guy, about 3 and a half kilos of uncut Amphetamine. This came so pure that it had to be close to the source of manufacture. I managed to turn GREY around as an informant and he didn't know the other informant.

That's correct.

Det Cons

Did he not know him or didn't know of the existence of him?

HASLEM

Well he didn't know him, but he did know of his involvement.

Det Cons

Didn't know him, just.

HASLEM

Or participation.

Det Cons

So I then had a position where I had 2 people in the same organisation that were acting as informants who were able to provide a bigger picture.

HASLEM

Yeah, unknown to each other, well I'm, perhaps the informants are known to each other.

Det Cons

In parallel Bill BURDETT and myself.

HASLEM

BURNETT.

Det Cons

BURNETT sorry, got the information about the whereabouts of HUMPHREYS. We didn't want to be up front with that because of the other part of the drugs job that was going on, so we got the Catford Crime Squad (which I think included Sid FILLERY) to make his arrest.

HASLEM

That's correct.

Det Cons

He eventually got tried and I think he got off on appeal, which I think got reduced to manslaughter. I think he wriggled from that one as well.

HASLEM

Yeah. As I understand it.

Det Cons

Then the job went on and we were debriefing GREY, which we did on tape. There were 5 tapes in all because he was so connected. He had good quality information on the RICHARDSON's. There was an operation at that time called The Collection Plan and the thrust of basis of that was to identify organised crime in London especially in relation to drugs. It's sort of bleed them dry financially by intercepting their drug shipments and then effectively make them bankrupt and then arrest them for, I believe, conspiracy.

HASLEM

Correct.

Det Cons

The RICHARDSON's weren't significant at that time (in as much as they were heavily involved in organised crime) but they were a magnet for up and coming other criminals who saw them as a sort of mini Godfathers because of their reputation. Frankie FRASER and people like that.

HASLEM

That's correct.

Det Cons

Through the debrief he also told us that 2 officers, one who he identified as Ray ADAMS and the other who he did not identify. He thought the unknown one was a Detective Chief Inspector who mixed with CRITTERTON and was corrupt. He'd actually been at a dog track when this guy was present and he said he was high up. He said he had his millions with him, minions with him, is that millions or minions?

HASLEM

Minions.

Det Cons

That was an error on the typo, minions with him and all sorts of jumping around and putting on bets. CRITTERTON was giving the betting money, was giving him the betting money. He was then giving it to his DC's and DS's and they were running off and putting these bets on (allegedly). Is that correct?

HASLEM

Yeah.

He then went on to name Commander Ray ADAMS who was head of (what was then) C11. He said that he was corrupt and that when he'd been on the Regional Crime Squad um they had had a plan to do a bank robbery in the Purley Coulsdon area and it was all mapped up. There was obviously an informant in on it and they'd been disrupted before the robbery took place and it was dealt with as a conspiracy to steal scrap metal.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Cons

But in actual fact it was a robbery that had been planned. He then went on to say he knew ADAMS was corrupt and things like that. Is that correct?

HASLEM

That's correct.

Det Cons

So I had to go on and see Bernie DAVIS.

HASLEM

Hold on, that should be. I can clarify something here because, the officer that visited he, as I recall from the tape, visited him at South Norwood, well when he was signing on for bail, 'cause he got bail, and happened to be at the station when he came in to sign bail from the Regional Crime Squad team was a DS, who later became a DI, who asked him if he wanted to sort of pay his way out of it, was Terry BABBAGE.

Det Cons

Sorry, just run through that again, Derek.

HASLEM

Yeah, he'd, I dunno, 'cause you left it out, he identified on that tape and mentioned the name of an officer from the Regional Crime Squad team...

(PAUSE)

HASLEM

...that had arrested them.

(PAUSE)

Det Cons

Yeah.

HASLEM

As being present deliberately, well in his words, deliberately present when he signed on for bail at South Norwood Police Station in relation to the, his bail conditions for that charge.

(PAUSE)

HASLEM

Who took him...

Det Cons

Yeah.

HASLEM

...to one side and asked him if he was prepared to buy his way out of it (PAUSE) which I, reading between the lines, which I shouldn't do really but I, I think that would've perhaps, they might have been on bail for conspiracy to rob but it was subsequently reduced to conspiracy to handle stolen scrap metal. But the officer he identified and I believe is on that tape is Terry BABBAGE who was a DS and later became a DI and a uniformed Inspector at Twickenham or Teddington.

Det Cons

You mentioned an officer from the Regional Crime Squad team that had arrested and been present when he signed on for bail at the South Norwood Police Station, took him to one side and asked him if he was prepared to buy his way out of it. This officer was Terry BABBAGE.

HASLEM

Yeah. And he replied that he didn't have the fin, he didn't have that kind of money. He didn't have that kind of money to do that and BABBAGE informed him that one of the other ones in the team had and that he would be getting a result.

(PAUSE)

And as I recall, BABBAGE told him that he was making the offer on behalf of Ray ADAMS.

(LONG PAUSE)

Det Cons

Okay. So to continue, so I had to go and see Bernie DAVIS.

HASLEM

No. We got to get this right. As a result, when the, the liaison officer from Tottenham Court Road, because part of it, so we, we have to get this right, so we might have to go (INAUDIBLE) and sort of serve a purpose, part of the reason of us debriefing GREY also, not only just to the drugs side was also any information he could give on the RICHARDSON's operation, the collection in relation to his relationship with the RICHARDSON's because he was visiting them. Because of that, any of those tapes, the tapes were reviewed via a DC or a DS from Tottenham Court Road.

Det Cons

'Cause um, the way that it was explained, um when we discussed this before was that Bernie DAVIS.

HASLEM

Hmm, but this is what had happened. So as a result, the DC or DS came down from Tottenham Court Road and he listened to that tape and as soon as he heard the words Ray ADAMS mentioned on it he rushed off and made a phone call and then at a later stage um, we were (INAUDIBLE), we were, we were told that the, we'd have to, Bernie DAVIS would have to hear the tape (INAUDIBLE).

Det Cons

I mean, can you, we've gonna stop for lunch in a minute, can you just clarify that it was at Tottenham Court Road (INAUDIBLE) DAVIS, 'cause when this was discussed before.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Cons

You very clearly said it was the other way round.

HASLEM

No.

Det Cons

Bernie DAVIS was informed first, then he said, in your words.

HASLEM

No, no.

Det Cons

He said, I'm gonna have to ring Tottenham Court Road about this.

HASLEM

Yeah, no. See I, if that's the way I, the actual honest, you know, 'cause you got to, you're going back over this. The actual sequence of events was, that we told when he came down and he listened to this tape from Tottenham Court Road and he then rang MELLINS, DI MELLINS and said what the informant had said on the tape and that's when, then MELLINS and some others came down to see Bernie DAVIS. See where the Bernie DAVIS comes in, this is where this has come from, this is where the mistake's occurred, when, when GREY in his initial tapes said there was a senior police officer that he couldn't identify at the dog track.

Det Cons

Hmm.

HASLEM

That's when we had to take that, that tape to Bernie DAVIS because he was wanting the job handed over to the drugs squad and I said, well there is this, this is the information here that it could be compromised because there's a suspicion there might be a drugs, senior drugs squad officer is known to one of the participants. So that was the Bernie DAVIS interaction on that one, but the Ray ADAMS reference to BABBAGE, when BABBAGE was mentioned and Ray ADAMS was mentioned by GREY, that was subsequent, that was the last tape and I didn't take that of my own volition to Bernie DAVIS, that was, 'cause I knew what shit that would, that was gonna stir up but the guy from Tottenham Court Road had to review the debriefing tapes, he jumped on it, the ADAMS thing and rang MELLINS.

Det Cons

Okay.

HASLEM

So that is, that is important that that's.

Well, we'll review that after lunch um, just to work out the precise ordering for the tapes. Um, I think we'll stop now for lunch and we'll go back over that afterwards.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

But if you still think about that as well.

HASLEM

That is right, I don't need to re think that I know that.

Det Cons

That's fine, okay. Um, the time is 13.07 and I'm stopping the tapes.

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Det Cons

Right this interview is being tape recorded, the time is 10.47 and the date is the 19th April

2007. We are currently in a covert location and we are interviewing, can you state your full

name please?

HASLEM

Derek Gordon HASLEM.

Det Cons

There are 2 police officers present in the room. I am Detective Constable Benjamin HALL,

and the other officer present is?

Det Sgt

Detective Sergeant Douglas CLARKE.

Det Cons

This is um, a continuation of a long process of statement taking/witness interviewing with

Derek and this is currently day 4 of a day 5 processing at the moment. Where we ended

yesterday was building a, a statement and for the purposes of this enquiry and um, I skipped

over something yesterday that I'd like to revisit with you Derek, namely um, a

rumour/allegations of senior police officers being involved in a drugs importation from

Miami and as you noted on the tape yesterday, there was some significance surrounding an

informant of LONDI, so if I just recap on the paragraph before and then if you could lead into

that, surrounding the significance of, of that. Okay, the Brinks Matt Squad had spent some

time in Miami with things to do with Brinks Matt money and there was this story that there

was going to be 100 million pounds worth of Cocaine pumped into this country via Miami

and its progress would be monitored all the way. There was senior officers at the Yard that

were named and a senior customs official and they were gonna watch the backs of this job.

By this I mean, if outside interest was shown into the police, if it's true, conducting a

smuggling operation then they'd be tipped off and warned at an early stage, allowing them to

avoid arrest. I'm sure HOLMES mentioned this rumour but not the names. Someone else, but

I don't know who it was at Tottenham Court Road gave me the names of LONDI, ADAMS

and Brian WORTH, who was strangely had a special ops at the time. And then from the

transcripts you say, it becomes odd because one of LONDI's registered informants was Roy GARDENER.

HASLEM

GARNER.

Det Cons

GARNER.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

If I just read you what you've said before um, okay. He was arrested in the region of 100 million pounds worth of Cocaine with an American guy by the name of KLANSKI, out of Miami. KLANSKI was taken to a police station in Yorkshire in an informant's/snout suite. And I think after 3 weeks he disappeared. He walked out of there, obviously had got a set of keys and unlocked himself and disappeared into the ether and left GARDENER to stand trial.

HASLEM

GARNER.

Det Cons

GARNER sorry. There was talk at the time who KLANSKI was in fact imbedded and he was something to do with the Drugs, American Drugs Enforcement Agency and that there was a deal that he walked. He's never been seen or heard of since. GARDENER was definitely registered from LONDI's, he used to sign LONDI's informants and cop the money and give LONDI the 90 percent and keep the rest for himself. This was a bit of a rumour like police work in a way, you sort of start off with a rumour and speculation, then you have to supply the evidence. It's a bit scientific, you've got to prove your science. If we just run through or sort of clarify sections of that, about the significance and all that.

HASLEM

Well, I'm not sure if it was 100 million but it's, it certainly was a substantial, going into, well I think at least 50 million pounds worth of Cocaine. It was not long after this, it was said now, I think in a year or 18 months and it just struck me at the time that GARNER who I knew to be, 'cause it was a matter of public record, had been a registered informant of LONDI and LONDI had a chequered career of all intense and purposes a very successful Flying Squad

officer, a senior officer and it just seemed, coupled with KLANSKI walking out, it just seemed coincidental.

Det Cons

Coincidental to what?

HASLEM

Well the other rumour regarding, you know, what the, the possibility, what the story of HOLMES and MORGAN had been attempting to sell.

Det Cons

Can you just clarify the coincidence; I'm not too sure...

HASLEM

Well you're...

Det Cons

...if I'm getting it.

HASLEM

...talking about an import of a high value load of Cocaine from America from Miami into the UK, allegedly being overseen by senior officers and a senior customs official, one of those names previously mentioned was that of Tony LONDI and then a person gets arrested, or one of whom was arrested and transpires to be LONDI's registered informant Roy GARNER.

Det Cons

Oh so it's Roy GARNER, so um, just to clarify for, for the statement, it seemed coincidental through the drugs importation from the United States that and then, what would you like me to put there?

HASLEM

What I just said really that, you know, that their, one of the participants of the 2 participants arrested, turned out to be Roy GARNER, who's a registered informant of Tony LONDI.

Det Cons

It seemed coincidental through the drugs importation from the United States, that one of the participants arrested had links to.

Well it wasn't links; he was officially a registered informant of Tony LONDI, Superintendent, Detective Superintendent on the Flying Squad. (LONG PAUSE) Who also happened to be quite a close friend of Ray ADAMS, so.

(LONG PAUSE)

Det Cons

Okay, do you want to say anything else Derek or?

HASLEM

Well what we got in there?

Det Cons

Well explanation of the police involved, followed by the Roy GARNER/KLANSKI affair and then it, it's concluded with this event, was a bit of rumour like police work in a way. It seemed coincidental that drugs importation from the United States that one of the participants arrested was an official informant of LONDI.

HASLEM

Well registered informant. I believe, I believe he was sentenced to 30 years. It's quite a substantial sentence which would verify the vast amount of Cocaine that was involved.

(PAUSE)

Det Cons

If we just move onto the um, second statement now. Um, this second statement will cover events following the previously discussed conversation with Dave WOODS of the Metropolitan Police. The way that I'm gonna open the statement is um, following a meeting in the late '90's with Dave WOODS of the Metropolitan Police, I began to covertly monitor the activities of Southern Investigations and it's staff, namely Jonathon REECE.

HASLEM

At the request of.

Det Cons

Right following the meeting. At his request. (LONG PAUSE) Okay, I think we ought to um, just before we open this, discuss some of the arrangements during that period, because I'm

sure you'll, you'll be asked about it um in court. Um, what was your motivation for, for helping Dave WOODS?

HASLEM

What, hmm?

Det Cons

I mean your.

HASLEM

Basically there was a lot of unfinished business there wasn't there and um and I thought that if there's anything I can do to help, you know, ultimately it could be to my own sort of advantage sort of, in as much that, it would clear, it could possibly clear things up as to what had happened, what had been around my situation.

Det Cons

So in the late 90's were you of the opinion that there was a link between Ray ADAMS and Daniel MORGAN?

HASLEM

Well it's a possibility wasn't it, you know. I was, I was not privy, as regards access, to things, um, I used to, you'd follow it 'cause every, it would keep rearing it's head in the papers every now and again as did ADAMS and things, and there was that possibility there. I certainly didn't undertake to help him out of any revenge as regards the, you know, what I, or could be interpreted as what Ray ADAMS had done to me, even when he told me that Ray ADAMS had been instrumental in um, blocking a job I could've possibly got. 'Cause I'd gone, you know, I was, I'd gone through all that and it was just unfinished business really, you know, I don't like jigsaws with the last 2 bits missing so, if there was anything I could do, legally, to help or further, you know, like the investigation, well why not, you know.

Det Cons

So I did fulfil this role because there was unfinished business. It was a possibility that there was a link between Ray ADAMS and the death of Taffy HOLMES.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Cons

And I think it's also appropriate just to clarify um, financial arrangements. Did you receive lifestyle payments during this time or?

HASLEM

I, I didn't, all I received was any out of pocket expenses and then about 5 or 6 years later, I, I received a payment but in no way did that payment reflect the hours that had been put in.

Det Cons

No it's fine, it's just the sort of thing that we should clarify from the start.

HASLEM

In actual fact, I've just sent them a bill now, not for this, but for (INAUDIBLE).

Det Cons

So during the start of, of my activities I would receive out of pocket expenses.

HASLEM

Yeah. If I incurred mileage or purchase of meals or drinks, that would be reimbursed and that was the arrangement. Initially that, those payments would be handed over for, by Dave WOODS. So it was purely a voluntarily thing, not done for reward.

(PAUSE)

Det Cons

And towards the end, you said that you were paid more than just lifestyle?

HASLEM

No, about 6 years later, 'cause I, I'd had to, you know, it wasn't just a case of, it wasn't just a case of walking in, I had to physically engineer it or re-establish contact.

Det Cons

Oh, it's alright, I'm just.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

Making sure that it's clear, so that someone who picks this up.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Can, can understand the.

HASLEM

Some of the things I've been asked to do bordered on not only the dangerous but.

Det Cons

So about 6 years later, you were saying about a change in payment.

HASLEM

Yeah, I was told that, I think I was told that a payment would be, I was due a payment and um, I went down and collected that.

Det Cons

So about 6 years later I received a larger payment.

HASLEM

Well, a payment then.

Det Cons

Okay. We've covered much of the corrupting help of Southern Investigations and such like, so I'm just gonna scroll down. (LONG PAUSE) So we ended yesterday within your association with Jonathon REECE talking about um business checks that Taffy, Alan Taffy HOLMES may have done during his time on the Brinks Matt Squad.

HASLEM

Yeah, I think 'cause there was a convers, there was a conversation at one time I had with him and I was somewhat surprised when he was saying that HOLMES, HOLMES had helped out the company in as much, how can you put it, um, naivety perhaps I mean at the time, and that's where, what on earth could he do to sort of um, and that's when he volunteered the information that he was doing company checks. He could do a bunch of company checks for Daniel quickly on the system, Brinks Matt system, like a dummy recovery system but then that wasn't exact. I think the only advantage that could've been there because you can equally you can, if you're registered you can do company checks yourself but (INAUDIBLE) obviously they cost you money to do, so I think that's probably what the saving was, if it in fact happened.

Det Cons

Um, you mentioned um, the Free Masonry, so I'll just quickly cover that before we start building the statement. Um, REECE was a Free Mason at FILLERY's lodge and not Taffy's.

HASLEM

No.

Det Cons

He used to go to other lodge meetings at another place with Duncan HALLAHAN, who I think were at the same lodge with several others at Norbury. I was a Free Mason at HOLMES' lodge. I never stopped being one but my official, my last official meeting with my mother lodge was when I was summoned by the lodge secretary, a corrupt ex Met policeman who's working for Barclays Bank.

HASLEM

Who was at that time.

Det Cons

Yeah. He, you say he was a police officer at the time?

HASLEM

Yeah, he was a DC, he's ex DCI. Can't think.

Det Cons

So he was a corrupt policeman?

HASLEM

Yeah, well.

Det Cons

Who now, who now worked, allegedly corrupt policeman, he was now, who now works for Barclays.

HASLEM

He had recently still worked for Barclay Card Investigations at the Old Bailey office, not the court, just in the.

(PAUSE)

Det Cons

He invited me to attend a lodge meeting, following HOLMES' suicide.

No it wasn't a lodge, it was a lodge committee meeting.

Det Sgt

And the defence?

HASLEM

Well a lodge meeting, sort of there was all members there, but it was a committee meeting just to sort of, meeting between sort of, what is the word, officers of the lodge.

Det Cons

Who invited me to attend a lodge committee meeting, which only involved officers, following HOLMES' suicide, who was master of the lodge at that time, to explain all the in's and out's about him and Ray ADAMS and things like that.

HASLEM

And police investigation.

Det Cons

I replied that I hadn't been in the Free Masons as long as him and that it does say, you shouldn't do anything to interact with your family or your work. I said if you can explain why you want me to come down for a formal lodge meeting and explain, in your words, to a butcher, baker and a candlestick maker, about confidential Metropolitan Police business, I think you're exceeding your brief. He said, well if that's your decision, if you come to the lodge you'll be shown that people will turn their backs on you. You'll make it unhappy for the rest of the lodge members.

HASLEM

And cause dishearten.

(PAUSE)

Det Cons

I never bothered to go back, is that correct?

HASLEM

That's right.

Can I just ask, how, is there anything else that you want to say about Free Masonry, about anything you've heard during Free Masonry meetings or?

HASLEM

Well, intrinsically there's nothing wrong with Free Masonry, however in relation to police involvement with it.

Det Sgt

Weren't you a lodge member?

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Sgt

Oh right, okay.

HASLEM

I say, the, the problem arises, like if you only had, bit like the roads here, if you only had 2 plumbers, 2 butchers, 2 lawyers, 2 bus drivers, 2 policemen, that you find when you visited at some lodges there were lodges that were predominately, the membership sort of weighed heavy on the side of the police and barristers and solicitors for some unknown reason. And actual lodges where they were all policemen. There was even one at the Yard, used to meet.

Det Cons

Okay, um.

HASLEM

But personally people who involve themselves in Free Masonry and um, use it solely for the charitable spirit, which it was meant, I've got no problem with.

Det Cons

So Mr WOODS asked you to ingratiate yourself within this um.

HASLEM

Not ingratiate, to.

Det Cons

Well associate within.

To see if I could um, how can you put it, gain REECE's confidence and sort of become one of his friends and confidant.

Det Cons

This was in about '96, '97, so the past decade.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

Have you been associating (INAUDIBLE)?

HASLEM

I hadn't had any real contact, ah, see 'cause his first period in, he'd been in prison hadn't he and then I hadn't really spoken to him um, I should think for at least a year, following that, in fact, when I'd done the service thing for him.

Det Cons

So after the handwritten statement thing.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Cons

You then. Did that bit, did that come before the meeting?

HASLEM

Well I didn't have any, I didn't have any need to have contact with him, you see.

Det Cons

And did that precede the meeting with Dave WOODS?

HASLEM

Yeah, yeah that was before it.

Det Cons

Um, so could you just explain, if you just give me a synopsis of the 10 years...

HASLEM

Well basically.

...of keys events.

HASLEM

I should think that would have been about 1991.

Det Sgt

(COUPHS)

HASLEM

1991.

Det Cons

What are the circumstances?

HASLEM

When I did that service for them, sort of away, it might have been 19, yeah, 1990, 1991 and then I sort of didn't hear any contact as such. He used to sometimes ring me in that period and usually it was sort of along the lines of, do you know an officer's such, you know, such and such a name, what do you know about him. Things like that and that sort of thing every so often, not a, you know, not a weekly, monthly basis but it's about once every 3 months he'd ring me up.

Det Cons

So between '91 and '97 you would ring.

HASLEM

'96. I think I started.

(LONG PAUSE)

Det Cons

Um, I used to speak with REECE sporadically.

HASLEM

Yeah occasionally he'd ring me up and sort of ask how things were with me and then do you remember a police officer by such and such a name do you anything about him.

Det Cons

Hmm

(PAUSE)

HASLEM

But usually looking for filth on somebody you know.

Det Cons

I used to occasionally speak with REECE when he used to ring me to inquire about police officers

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Cons

Okay, um, so tell what happened after '96, following the meeting with Mr WOODS?

HASLEM

Well I had to scheme me way back in his, you know, sort of um, work my way back in there.

Det Cons

So, just summarise how, how that happened?

HASLEM

Well by accidentally bumping into him.

Det Cons

So you orchestrated an accidental...

HASLEM

Well yeah, yeah.

Det Cons

...or apparently accidental (INAUDIBLE)?

HASLEM

Just happened to end up somewhere where I thought he might be, oh what are you doing here? And then that was the difficult thing building on it.

Det Cons

In 1996 I met with, if you, I'm trying to get this in your words, so if you just dictate to me.

HASLEM

I had to orchestrate, sort of like a meeting, a situation where I could appear to be bumping into him as opposed by chance, as opposed to being planned.

(PAUSE)

Det Cons

I had to orchestrate a situation where I appeared to bump into him by chance.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Cons

I met with REECE.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

Tell me what happened after that?

HASLEM

10 years.

Det Cons

Well if you just give me, I mean, if you just summarise how often you used to meet...

HASLEM

Well, I sort of...

Det Cons

...and then keep to the events.

HASLEM

...built on that and then there was, I was, well I built, I built on that. Obviously I had to create; I was given a semi legend that I had to build on as regarding what, who I was working for, what I was doing.

Det Cons

And what was, what was that legend?

HASLEM

Basically the legend was that I was working as a security manager for, an, well I was never, I never told them or gave them a name, but they would've assumed it was something like Life, Human Life Sciences.

Det Cons

So created a legend that was a security manager and although I never gave a company name, there was an implication it was for Human Life Science.

HASLEM

If they thought about it, yeah. 'Cause that was easy to build round because one of the reasons being that 1) anybody who worked for that company had quite a close association with Special Branch and police contact, 2) nobody was ever officially acknowledged as working for that company.

Det Cons

Okay, we've got, which was easy to build around due to liaison with the police, namely Special Branch.

HASLEM

Yeah and.

(PAUSE)

Det Cons

And the fact.

HASLEM

That anybody working for that company because of the security dangers in relation to Animal Rights Activists and bomb attacks and physical attacks, nobody was ever officially acknowledged as working for that company i.e. the phone number was very hard to get hold of and if anybody did get hold of it and rang up and asked to speak to someone, they, they would've got through but they wouldn't have been, got any information to us.

Det Cons

Okay. So, summarise or explain over 10 years. (SOUND OF MOBILE PHONE) For the benefit of the tape, Derek's phone is going.

Hello, can I call you back; I'm in the middle of something at the moment Lindsey. Right bye.

Det Cons

The um, phone call is now finished. Further then 10 years after where (INAUDIBLE) REECE.

HASLEM

Well it started off with sort of fortnightly, then we were sort of getting down to once a week at least.

(PAUSE)

Det Cons

Which later became weekly.

HASLEM

Yeah.

Det Cons

Okay. Um, was this a business relationship or a friendship or?

HASLEM

No it was a ruddy task I'd been given to do.

Det Cons

Oh okay it was being, you know, I'm saying when you met REECE was it, were you meeting him under the guise of.

HASLEM

What I've said. I was there to be, befriend him.

Det Cons

But why, why did he think that you were meeting him, did he think that you were his friend or did he think that?

HASLEM

Well he thought I was his friend, you know, yeah and obviously the part of the legend about contact with, having access to certain things I should think was instrumental in wetting his appetite.

Det Cons

Okay. Um, so carry on talking about this 10 year period.

HASLEM

Yeah, during which time we built a relation, well gave me the opportunity of loads, draw conversations always done in such a way that sometimes if he said something that was apparently of value as regards background intelligence, sometimes I'd have to not pursue it, follow it up for fear of it looking as though obviously I was trying to draw him, you know (INAUDIBLE) and then you see the other thing was, was also this unsolved misery you know. It gave him opportunities that, he saw me as a, a fellow victim I suppose, well that's the way I put it over, you know, so gain his confidence and then I did nothing to dispel it. There was still this rumour flying around that that, the accident we're talking about, the fatal car accident I'd, I'd taken out a Operation Countryman informant and he said, nudge, nudge, wink, wink and I let him think, you know, what he wanted to think really. And use those, as was, it's made my (INAUDIBLE) harder since the first.

Det Cons

He saw me as a fellow victim and he believed that the fatal car crash had been orchestrated to remove a Countryman informant.

HASLEM

Yeah, he even said, he said, I've, I've heard that you arranged to, it was arranged for you to meet that bloke up the road, flash your lights at him and he'd cross the road and, you know, God knows (INAUDIBLE) Metropolitan Police rumour control.

Det Cons

Can I just um talk to you about a particular section that um, that you said in interviews, at various times lead the conversation? I didn't raise the subject of the murder.

HASLEM

Yeah, well when it was appropriate.

Det Cons

And then.

HASLEM

Or if he raised the subject, then obviously we'd have.

And then sit back and see the response and I said, well, in relation to his wife (PAUSE) how comes she's never been closely interviewed, her brothers made or her brothers made all the fuss, why isn't she outraged about.

HASLEM

Not her mother. Her brother-in-law.

Det Cons

Her brothers.

HASLEM

Her brother, her brother-in-law. Alistair not the mother-in-law.

Det Cons

So, his mother and his brother.

HASLEM

Her mother-in-law and her brother-in-law really.

Det Cons

Why isn't she outraged about the husband having an axe buried in his head? He said that, he still kept in touch with them, he said, that she found it rather distressing, that it kept getting dragged up because it should have been over, it had an effect, it reopened all the wounds for them.

HASLEM

Hmm.

Det Cons

Is that right?

HASLEM

Well, that's what, yeah.

Det Cons

And then you go on to say, there's another thing, it was always referred to as a HP murder with the local scallywags in South London. This was either because it was a hit there, was meant to have been paid for afterwards or because it was paid for out of insurance money.

Paid for in yeah, paid for in, 'cause it was actually paid for in 2 stages, which could give the inference that perhaps some insurance money was involved.

Det Cons

So in this statement I don't want to include any information that you provided um to the DPS, but I would like to clarify um, pertinent pieces of information that REECE gave you about, the murder, just take that, um chronologically from the statement. So, we've covered discussions about um, Daniel MORGAN's widow, um, could you talk though the other pertinent points.

HASLEM

Well there's quite a few where they've not been got covered there about the widow.

Det Cons

Well you asked, why has she not been outraged.

HASLEM

Yeah and well, I also asked was he still in contact with her and to my surprise.

Det Cons

Hmm.

HASLEM

Because bearing in mind some years have gone by and this has really been dragged up in the papers, outraged Alistair, outraged mother-in-law, but the very person, the wife, she didn't seem to be very vocal or very pushy as regards what had happened and it, and I sort of, and I said, what, you, you actually still talk to her, even though, in her mind you are someone that was arrested as a suspect for it, interviewed and remain a suspect, that, that you, still have a sort of relation, you know, a friendly relationship with her and he verified that this was the case. That she, she had no animosity against him and then she also elaborated this and I can't, and that's only repeating what he said that the marriage was virtually on the brink of collapse at the time of the murder and that she had um some young, a young lad, or a couple of young lads which she'd have round there when Daniel wasn't there and equally that he'd, he was involved over his head. He was in love with some young girl he'd met via Dave, what's his name.

Det Cons

So, if I just um, bring the paragraph.

Det Sgt

Can I, can I just stop you there, this wouldn't have been Margaret HARRISON, just so I'll clarify?

HASLEM

What?

Det Sgt

That, this girl that apparently Daniel was supposed to be in love with, wasn't Margaret HARRISON?

HASLEM

No, no, no, this was a much younger.

Det Sgt

How old was Margaret at that time?

HASLEM

Um 19, at the time of the murder, '87, she's a year older than or, just 6 months older than me, so doing the Maths, so, 8, when was the murder?

Det Sgt

'87.

HASLEM

'87.

Det Sgt

That's, I'm just clarifying that we weren't speaking about her.

HASLEM

Wouldn't have been her, no.

Det Sgt

Right okay.

Det Cons

Right if I just read out this from the transcripts, um, the task, um, the tasking was also to find out about the relationship of Daniel MORGAN's widow and with REECE. She had been the other fly in the ointment. She'd always been the least vocal about his murder and she allegedly got the insurance when he died. I don't think they had key man insurance on him from REECE's point of view. There was another avenue why there was lots of red Herrings

going around. REECE mentioned about that she had toy-boys and their marriage was on the point of breaking up because of his nobbing, your words.

HASLEM

No say, well, the rumours or this version re. the toy-boys was given to me by John REECE. As was the very occasion that he still had an amicable relationship with his ex mate partner's widow.

Det Cons

So REECE mentioned um that she had toy-boys and their marriage was on the point of breaking up because of his, the word you used was nobbing.

HASLEM

His continuing affairs and apparently REECE's words, he'd really fallen for this younger girl. What was one of the sis, 2 sisters or something and that was from the West Norwood area.

(PAUSE)

Det Cons

With the younger of the 2 sisters in the West. (PAUSE) Is there anything else you'd like to say about MORGAN's widow?

HASLEM

Well I've never met her, my only information that I've ever received about her has either come from REECE or Mr NEWTON. He's sometimes talked about and Maggie's mentioned this at some stage. I think she confirmed that John still got on alright with MORGAN's widow.

(LONG PAUSE)

Det Cons

Okay let's move onto other pieces of information about um, um, that you believe about information intelligence on the murder. What I've got to do is clarify in absolute terms that REECE and in any answers, that he's never confessed...

HASLEM

Hmm.

...to you. Did REECE ever give any implication in the time that you knew him that he was responsible?

HASLEM

No he didn't. In all the time I've been in and around him, in, in various situations, sometimes when his guard was raised, more often than not when it was lowered and not once has he ever intimated that he had any involvement in MORGAN's murder, directly or indirectly. (PAUSE) However, he would freely admit that he wasn't that bothered what happened because he didn't get on with him, 'cause I asked him once, I said, well if the roles were reversed and I was you, I said my own private detective company and my partner had been murdered, it was impacted on me and my business regarding allegations, I said I would have made it my business to try and find out who was involved and he just shrugged his shoulders.

Det Sgt

Do you think this was a blessing in disguise or did he think it was a blessing in disguise?

HASLEM

Well that's the way, you know, he'd had. Bearing in mind, he'd, he'd been in prison and he'd been interviewed, he'd been charged, he'd been accused, all he'd gone through, I dunno, we just sort of, you know, sort of normality of people sort of thing.

Det Sgt

Just think.

HASLEM

You'd, you'd, you'd, yeah you'd be outraged like, you know, you know. I got banged up for something, accused of something I didn't do but he was quite open and honest and I took it as honest that he, he really wasn't that concerned or, oh my God, I thought it was Sid FILLERY out there.

Det Cons

Sorry, just for the benefit of the tape, in fact I'll stop the tape now, it is 11.28 on the...

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Det Sgt

This interview is being tape-recorded. I'm interviewing, can I have your full name please?

POULTON

Derek Gordon POULTON.

Det Sgt

We are at a covert location. The date is the 20th of April 2004. This process is a continuing process of statement taking from Derek. I am Detective Sergeant Douglas CLARKE. The

other person present is.

Det Cons

Detective Constable Ben HALL.

Det Sgt

The time by my watch is now quarter past nine in the morning. Derek I must remind you of your legal rights which is that you're not under arrest, you're free to leave at any time and that

you can have free and independent legal advice. Do your understand the rights that I have

told you?

POULTON

Yes.

Det Sgt

Do you wish to take up any of those rights?

POULTON

Not at present no.

Det Sgt

Yesterday we were going through a process whereby I was reading through some transcripts

and I made an operational decision that to make the process easy as we already done, I've

already read to you your statements, that you would read the transcripts and then you can

make any corrections or additional or add any parts that you feel that you would appear to

want to add. We will come to that in a moment 'cause I have two other items that I'd like to include in relation to your statement taking process. Are you quite happy...

POULTON

Yes.

Det Sgt

With what I've said so far. Right the first thing I'd like to deal with is going through your intelligence is that you've mentioned that, that Jonathan REECE mentioned to you that Margaret HARRISON had an affair with him before, that Margaret HARRISON had an affair with Daniel MORGAN before his demise.

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Is that correct?

POULTON

Yes, well she told me and how, exact time frame of when she had this affair I can't be exact but also and it was also in another conversation REECE made reference of the fact that she used to go out with Daniel.

Det Sgt

When you say they went out...

POULTON

Well had an affair or involved with him.

Det Sgt

If I'm also correct she lied about this affair to the initial inquiry is that right?

POULTON

I think deep in my memory banks I think there was some reference that she may have omitted to...

Det Sgt

Omitted the (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Say that she had a, being in a sexual relationship with Daniel MORGAN.

Det Sgt

Am I also correct that, that Jonathan REECE also had an affair with Margaret HARRISON well before they became a couple, that this was roughly both seeing Margaret roughly around the same time or?

POULTON

I believe there may have been an overlap because and when I actually questioned her how she ended up with John REECE and as I've mentioned before she expressed it that he just wore her down with sort of phone calls, visits to the office and I think the odd bunch of flowers. She said in the end it was easier to say yes I'll go out with you than keep saying no.

Det Sgt

Right, okay. We'll just add that to your statement. The next bit I want to just go over is that we discussed about a meeting that you had, well you were in attendance at The Prince of Wales PH pub on the 12th of March 1987 whereby the other persons present were a GOODRIDGE, an unknown female, DC Michael CROFT and did I say Jonathan REECE, Jonathan REECE. I did read some details about DC CROFT's statement and also read your statement saying that you were in the PH at that time.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

However you don't recall.

POULTON

I've got no real recollection of that and the actual time of day seems a bit odd as well because you know had it sort of been midday or lunch time.

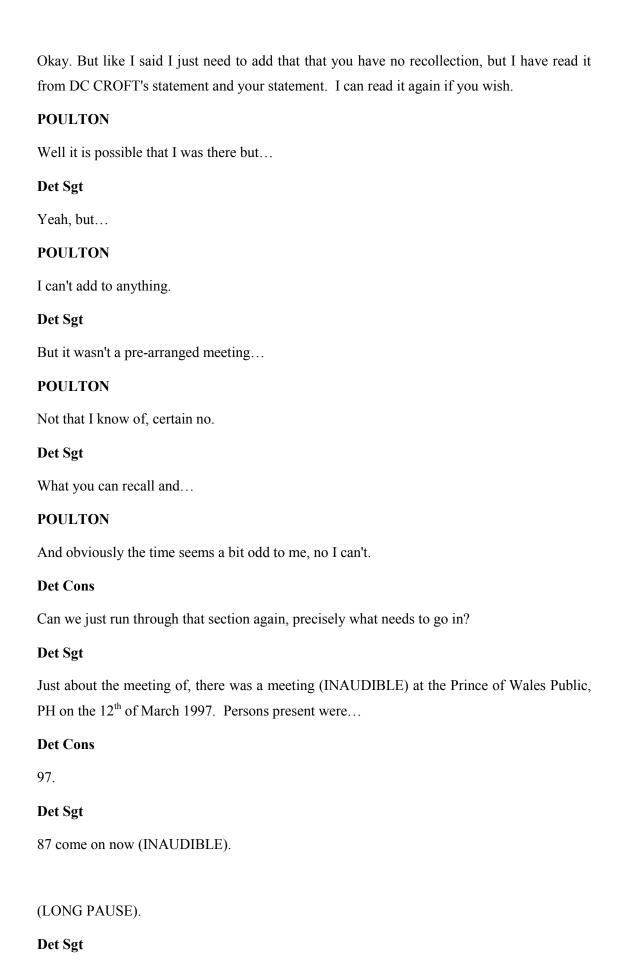
Det Sgt

Uh hum.

POULTON

That's the only thing that strike, that sounds odd about it. Michael CROFT I knew quite well or very well, 'cause he's a member of our lodge and sort of friends with Alan HOLMES, but I can't, I've got no definite recollection of that alleged meeting, the only recollection I've got is the meeting when GOODRIDGE, I first met GOODRIDGE which is the pub next to Addington Police Station which I've already outlined.

Det Sgt



| Persons present were. |
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| (LONG PAUSE). |
| Det Cons |
| Yeah. |
| Det Sgt |
| Derek POULTON. |
| Det Cons |
| Yeah. |
| Det Sgt |
| Jonathan REECE. |
| Det Cons |
| Yeah. |
| Det Sgt |
| I think it's Michael GOODRIDGE. |
| Det Cons |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| Michael GOODRIDGE. |
| Det Sgt |
| Sorry Paul GOODRIDGE, an unknown female. |
| Det Cons |
| Uh hum. |
| Det Sgt |
| Sid FILLARY. |
| Det Cons |
| Uh hum. |

Det Sgt

| Did I say Jonathan REECE? | |
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| Det Cons | |
| Yeah. Just to clarify you don't recall this. | |
| POULTON | |
| What, no. | |
| Det Cons | |
| I'm just trying to | |
| POULTON | |
| See we don't know what day that was that relates to that date. | |
| Det Sgt | |
| All I can tell you it was the 12 th of, the 12 th of March, Thursday the 12 th of March even. | |
| POULTON | |
| Thursday. | |
| Det Sgt | |
| Yeah. | |
| POULTON | |
| That's the other thing that seems odd about that is if it was half past (INAUDIBLE), we FILLARY never used to get into the, was he still in the police then? | ell Sid |
| Det Sgt | |
| Yeah. | |
| POULTON | |
| (INAUDIBLE). | |
| Det Sgt | |
| Yeah, well it was only two days after the murder. | |
| POULTON | |
| Oh that's right, yeah. | |
| Det Sgt | |
| Derek I can assist, 'cause you | |

POULTON

I just think that the time seems so odd.

Det Sgt

Yeah, you say it in your own statement.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

And you're statement's dated 10th of March, about 10th of April 87 you say the next time I saw John REECE was I believe in the Prince of Wales Public House, Thornton Heath when I was in the company of other police officers. This was following the murder of Daniel MORGAN. I offered my condolences to be polite and he acknowledged and he and acknowledgement. He appeared to be very upset about the actions of the press following the murder. I believe on that occasion I was joined or introduced to Paul GOODRIDGE. I was unable to give further details, however I did speak with DC CROFT regarding other matters.

POULTON

Um, see you know I don't doubt it, but all I'm saying is I, you know...

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

It's more than twenty years ago and I can't...

Det Sgt

Yeah, yeah.

POULTON

Actually.

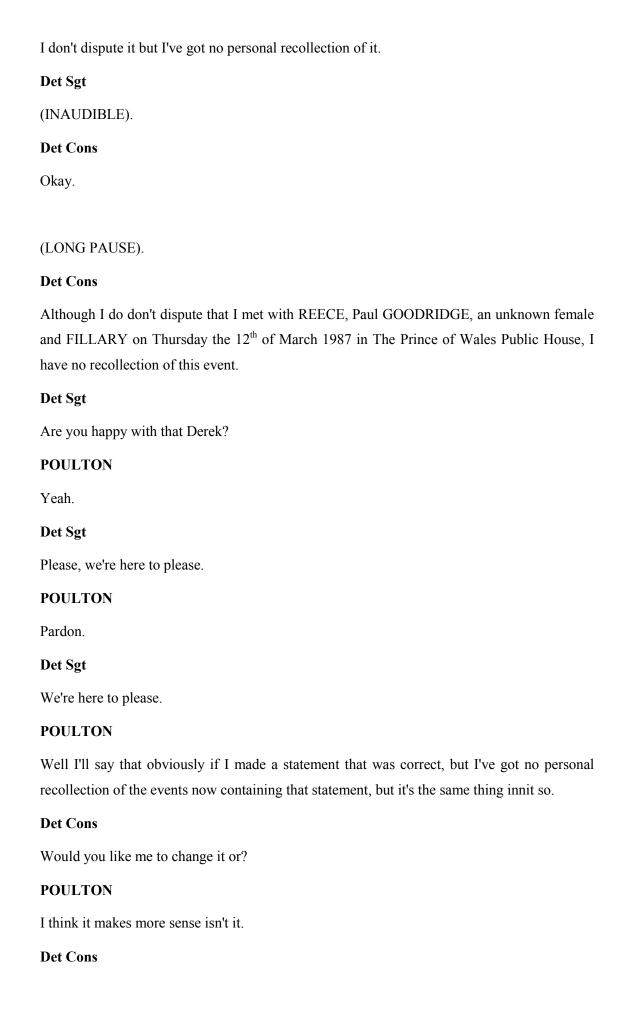
Det Cons

So what would, what phraseology should I use in this. I have no recollection or...

Det Sgt

Yeah.

POULTON



| Okay. If you dictate what you would like me to write. |
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| POULTON |
| Yeah. Although I don't dispute the fact that I made a statement and the contents. |
| Det Sgt |
| Ah, ah, he's good but he's not that quick. |
| POULTON |
| Um. |
| Det Cons |
| The fact that I made a statement, yeah. |
| POULTON |
| In relation to this meeting at The Prince of Wales Public House. |
| Det Cons |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| But twenty years later. |
| Det Cons |
| So where I met, shall I mention the people. |
| POULTON |
| Where I met various people mentioned Paul GOODRIDGE, Michael CROFT, Sid FILLARY, John REECE. |
| Det Cons |
| Hang on. |
| |
| (LONG PAUSE). |
| Det Cons |
| What was CROFT's first name? |
| POULTON |
| Michael. |
| |

Det Cons

Although I do not dispute the fact that I made a statement in relation to a meeting on Thursday the 12th of March 1987 at The Prince of Wales Public House where I met REECE, Paul GOODRIDGE, an unknown female, FILLARY and Michael CROFT, yeah.

POULTON

Twenty years later I have no recollection on those events other than what's outlined in my statement.

(LONG PAUSE).

Det Cons

Okay.

Det Sgt

And the final bit that I'd like to add is from your intelligence you said that REECE had told you that on the night of the murder that he'd arranged to meet the VIAN brothers in The Golden Lion Pub, Golden Lion PH as oppose to Paul GOODRIDGE and the VIAN brothers had agreed to lend him ten thousand pounds to lodge at court.

POULTON

Yes I can recall him telling me that.

Det Sgt

And this bit about the VIAN brothers had required the cash from drugs, did he tell you that as well or is that supposition?

POULTON

No he, he knew that I knew but it wasn't a thing we ever discussed much round them, the only sort of reference he had sort of ever made officially is when he told me that one of them had been jailed and that he was, prior to his trial he was also being accused of being involved in a conspiracy to murder the victim living in Spain. Other than that he's never really discussed their criminality.

Det Sgt

So on that particularly day did he actually mention that money had actually come from drugs?

POULTON

Pardon.

Det Sgt

Did REECE actually mention that the money that they'd been given had come from drugs itself or was it just assumed between both of you combined?

POULTON

Was assumed between the both of us I think to be fair to the bloke, he might of said it but.

Det Sgt

So that was an (INAUDIBLE)...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

That the money had come from drugs.

Det Cons

Derek what would you like me to write in relation to that (INAUDIBLE) indication?

Det Sgt

I'd like the bit in about the, that he'd arranged to meet the VIANNE brothers as opposed to Paul GOODRIDGE and the other bit you can...

POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

Put however you like really or you can put it all.

Det Cons

I'll read to you what I've got so far Derek and then you can ask me to.

POULTON

Read the bit before that so (INAUDIBLE).

Det Cons

Between 1999 to 2000 I had various discussions with Jonathan REECE about the murder of Daniel MORGAN. I put it to him that he had a motivation for his death because they're company was being sued for the loss of about seventeen to eighteen thousands pounds stolen in the robbery. He replied that Daniel MORGAN did not stand to lose any money because

the VIAN brothers had agreed to give him the required ten thousand pounds for paying into the High Court to stall the freezing of the company assets. REECE said...

POULTON

Well, oh what I presume, in an action which I presume would have been to freeze the company assets.

(LONG PAUSE).

POULTON

Which I took to believe.

Det Cons

Paying it into the High Court in an action which I presume, Derek.

POULTON

Presumed or thought to be to freeze the company assets until the money was recovered from the car auction company.

(LONG PAUSE).

Det Cons

To stall what I presumed to be the freezing of the company assets.

POULTON

Yeah

Det Cons

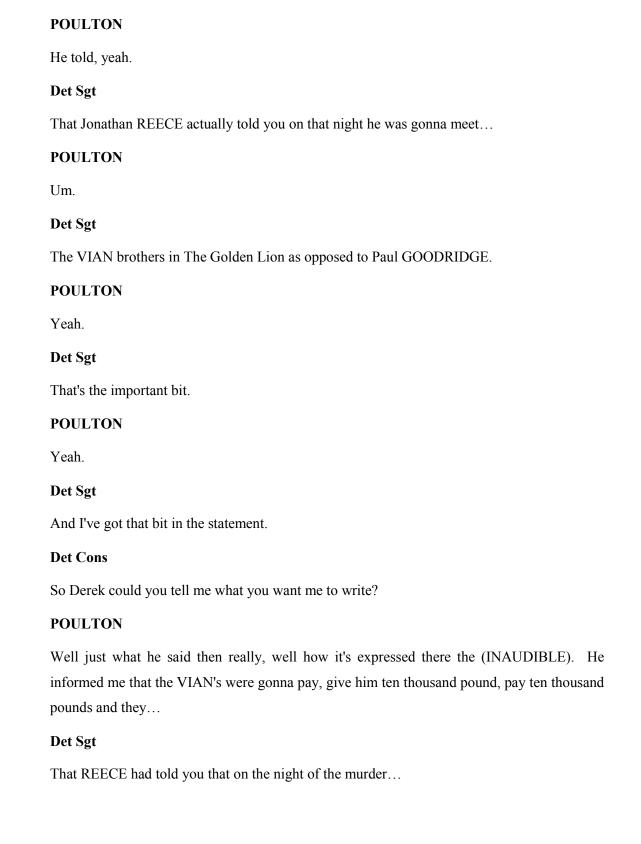
REECE said that the VIAN's were going to take the money to The Golden Lion Public House on the night of the...

POULTON

Well hold on we'll put, to get it in context and he said (INAUDIBLE) sort of made (INAUDIBLE) you know it wasn't going to happen, Daniel wasn't going to lose any money from his side of the company, but then...

Det Sgt

Yeah that's fine, I know you've got that bit, the emphasis I've not, or the emphasis.



POULTON

Um.

Det Sgt

But the important issue here is that...

| POULTON |
|--|
| Yeah. |
| Det Sgt |
| That he had, he had arranged to meet the VIAN brothers. |
| POULTON |
| Yeah. |
| Det Sgt |
| In The Golden Lion Pub not Paul GOODRIDGE. |
| POULTON |
| Paul GOODRIDGE. |
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| (LONG PAUSE). |
| Det Cons |
| REECE said that he'd arranged to meet the VIAN's in The Golden Lion Public House on the |
| night of the murder and not Paul GOODRIDGE. |
| Det Sgt |
| And then you should add the bit in about the VIAN brothers agreed to lend REECE the ten thousand pounds. |
| Det Cons |
| That's in the statement (INAUDIBLE) which Derek's (INAUDIBLE). |
| Det Sgt |
| Superb. |
| Det Cons |
| Are you happy with that Derek? |
| POULTON |
| Yeah, Mr COOK will be won't he. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right Derek those are all the points I'd like to add, we're now gonna move over to, in relation |

to the statements that you, you that are in existence...

| POULTON | |
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| Yeah. | |
| Det Sgt | |
| That I read on our last occasion. | |
| POULTON | |
| Yeah. | |
| Det Sgt | |
| You've now looked at the transcripts, this is now your opportunity to either agree or add any other features. I believe you've got some notes. I'm now going to give you the opportunity to read through your notes and my colleague here will endeavour to put | |
| POULTON | |
| Yeah. | |
| Det Sgt | |
| These changes, add them in in relation to, if you can sort of give the (INAUDIBLE) of the statement which we did yesterday first. | |
| POULTON | |
| Yeah. | |
| Det Sgt | |
| That we did originally and then agreement and then addictions or addictions and agreement. | |
| POULTON | |
| Yeah. | |
| Det Sgt | |
| It's that okay. | |
| POULTON | |
| That would be the best way do these three (INAUDIBLE). Do you want me to say which one it is? | |
| Det Sgt | |
| Yes, date of, date of statement, but we've read through that one. If there's anything else that you want to add. | |

POULTON

| I know you've read it over but I've not read these three through myself yet 'cause I didn't hav | <i>r</i> e |
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| time reading through the other seven. | |



Right, okay.

POULTON

So if you want to start with the ones you, I know it's repetition (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Massively.

POULTON

Or do you wanna end up...

Det Sgt

Well (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Will end up with these and deal with the (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Will end up with those and we'll do...

POULTON

Right.

Det Sgt

The rest.

POULTON

So this is in relation to the statement or record of interview by me dated the 23rd of January 207 that commenced at 15.26pm and concluded at 16.10pm.

Det Sgt

If you let...

POULTON

With Det Cons and Det Sgt.

Det Sgt

And it relates to which actual statement though.

Det Cons

Just give me the times again please Derek.

POULTON

It's...

Det Cons

(INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

The time commenced 15.26pm and concluded at 16.10pm.

(LONG PAUSE).

POULTON

That's the only reference on it really and it's a duration of interview is 44 minutes.

Det Sgt

(INAUDIBLE) I would of told you what date that that statement relates to, somewhere in there will be a date of, it will relate to a statement.

POULTON

It's dated, it's in relation to a statement made by me on the 17th of July 1987,

Det Sgt

Feel free Derek.

POULTON

All right, page two of this statement. INGRAM is correct, Superintendent BANKS was the Superintendent on the inquiry that subsequently committed suicide.

Det Cons

Derek can you tell me what you want to...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Cons

What you want me to write and that would be a lot easier.

POULTON

Right let me see.

Det Sgt

Is the context of (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Yeah Det Sgt said to me on page two, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine.

Det Cons

If it's just, if it's just a type error on the transcript I don't think that's a major...

POULTON

Well no it's...

Det Cons

Because the original statement will, unless the...

POULTON

I know, I know but there's also things in reading through these that I've got recollections that need changing, will need adding. Well the point, if you go to page two, if you can pull that up, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine where POULTON (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Have we got (INAUDIBLE) on that?

POULTON

No.

Det Cons

The times at the top left hand corner.

POULTON

0.56, (INAUDIBLE).

Det Sgt

Yeah go on, if you explain what it is and we'll...

POULTON

And I'm asked by Det Cons, Ray, Roy INGRAM to which I reply no it wasn't INGRAM he was the one that committed suicide.

Det Sgt

Why don't you just give us your explanation for around that area and then we can just add it...

POULTON

Well it's...

Det Sgt

As...

POULTON

I say, basically I say INGRAM was the one that committed suicide, but it wasn't, in fact it was Superintendent BANK's committed suicide, if that makes it easier.

Det Cons

So I made an error, Derek.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Cons

I made an error.

POULTON

Well I referred to INGRAM, Superintendent INGRAM as committing suicide. I should have said Superintendent BANKS.

(LONG PAUSE).

POULTON

And that's the bottom that's 10.08.

(LONG PAUSE).

POULTON

And Det Cons the paragraph I think probably within the next week Alan spoke to me and the conversation was along the lines of would I be prepared to meet Ray ADAMS. I told him that I would have to think about it and in the event I reported the approach to Detective Superintendent BANKS. I have not meet Ray ADAMS, what I would like to add to that I informed Superintendent BANKS that ADAMS, ADAMS, Ray ADAMS wished to meet me and I informed him I would be prepared to do this.

Det Cons

Hang on. (INAUDIBLE) 10.08 I would like to add that I informed BANKS that ADAM wished to meet.

POULTON

Superintendent BANKS that ADAMS wished to meet me.

Det Cons

Uh hum.

POULTON

And I informed him I would be prepared to do this.

Det Cons

Hang on, I informed him that I...

(LONG PAUSE).

Det Cons

Uh hum.

POULTON

With a wire if he wished.

(LONG PAUSE).

POULTON

Right, no follow up was taken, action was taken in relation to this which I've always thought to be strange bearing in mind the circumstances.

(LONG PAUSE).

Det Cons

Yeah.

POULTON

Right, now we move to page, that same statement, page 18 and the counter time is 31.

Det Cons

31.

POULTON

Zero, Zero.

(LONG PAUSE).

Det Cons

Yeah.

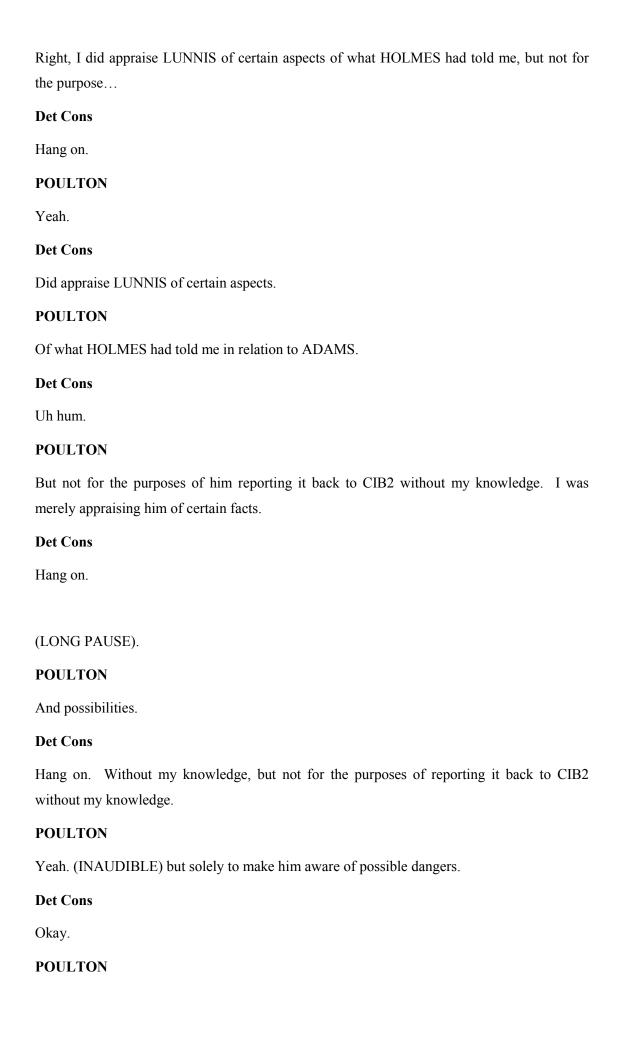
POULTON

And this is an answer given by me in relation to a question by Det Sgt, well were you keeping LUNNIS, which is spelt wrongly, which should be L.U.N.N.I.S. appraised of what was going on, to which I replied oh yeah I did but I didn't, I didn't mention, I did actually think 'cause he had put two, I should think that should be two and two together as regards HOLMES and I think he asked and I did confirm and I explained it was a sort of lifeline thing but I wasn't appraising LUNNIS to go and tell CIB2, CIB that was the first thing because that's why it all bounced back on me and you know there was this rumour that I secretly taped HOLMES up, I never gave them his name until such time as (INAUDIBLE) rang me and played the mind games on the phone (INAUDIBLE) we have a friend who like us joined after 1960, so it must be to do thirty years and he's got two children. The notes I made when I read that through last night. I did appraise LUNNIS the certain aspects of what HOLMES had told me but only in as much that it related, might relate to his safety. I did not appraise him for the purpose of him reporting it directly back to CIB2.

Det Cons

Okay. So in relation to the relevant time counter for this transcript I would like to add that and if you dictate to me.

POULTON



| Un | n. |
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| De | et Cons |
| Th | ne next one. |
| PC | DULTON |
| | so there's no mention made of the fact that I knew the date Ray ADAMS had attended ntagel House. |
| De | et Cons |
| So | off you dictate to me again then Derek. |
| PC | DULTON |
| Ye | eah, also there is no mention. |
| De | et Cons |
| So | you wish to mention that? |
| PC | DULTON |
| Ye | eah. |
| De | et Cons |
| Ιw | vish to note that |
| PC | DULTON |
| Th | nere's no, that no mention is made of the fact that I knew the date Ray ADAMS |
| De | et Cons |
| Uh | ı hum. |
| PC | DULTON |
| На | ad attended Tintagel House to be informed of GRAY's allegations. |
| De | et Cons |
| Uh | ı hum. |
| PC | DULTON |
| I a | dd this solely to underpin my belief that the investigation squad of CIB2. |
| De | et Cons |
| Ye | eah. |

| POULTON |
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| Was far from watertight. |
| Det Cons |
| Yeah. |
| POULTON |
| That is the end of that. If we go to page 20, no, no 'cause I've got that one. |
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| (LONG PAUSE). |
| POULTON |
| I think that's all right on that one, the rest of that. |
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| (LONG PAUSE). |
| POULTON |
| So now we go to the 20, the statement made, record of interview by me dated the 23^{rd} of the 1^{st} 207. |
| Det Cons |
| Hang on. |
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| (LONG PAUSE). |
| Det Cons |
| 23d. |
| POULTON |
| Of the 1 st , January 207 which commenced at 4.17pm. |
| Det Cons |
| Right. |
| POULTON |
| And ended at 4.56. |
| Det Cons |

Hang on 4.17 and concluded at.

POULTON

4.56pm.

Det Cons

And this is in relation to a statement dated what?

POULTON

23rd of January 207. It started at 4.17pm.

Det Cons

No I'm saying the statement, what, which one of your statements were we discussing, is this the same one 17th of July.

POULTON

(INAUDIBLE) we're attempting to review your statement apparently dated the 17th of July 1987, yeah.

Det Cons

Okay.

(LONG PAUSE).

POULTON

And it's counter reference 33.08, no go to 31.47 first, bottom on the page, mobile sounds.

Det Cons

Uh hum.

POULTON

Then it goes on to, the bottom of the page the last line of that interview it says brackets mobile sounds capital letters and on the continuing page which is page 19, POULTON, sorry hello Sid can I call you back later I'm in the middle of something, all right, okay, bye. This is incorrect. That phone call was from my wife Susan who I refer to as Sue. I only know one Sid and that is Sid FILLARY and I don't, certainly don't wish to have it construed that he was ringing me up on my mobile phone 'cause I don't think he's even got the number.

(LONG PAUSE).

POULTON Right, then we move to page 20, tape counter reference 34.23. **Det Cons** Hang on. (LONG PAUSE). **Det Cons** Sorry Derek the counter time please. **POULTON** It's... **Det Cons** Sorry. **POULTON** Tape reference 34.23, it's page 22, 20 of 22. **Det Cons** Yeah. **POULTON** We move to Det Cons. It's given Alan mentioned Ray ADAMS and we got round to discussing the mild aspects of ADAMS behaviour. Do you remember discussing that. I think this should be discussing the moral aspects of ADAMS behaviour. **Det Cons** So mild should be moral. **POULTON**

(LONG PAUSE).

POULTON

Moral, yeah.

I think that's all right on that one otherwise. Then moving to record of interview dated the 24th of January 207, which commenced at...

| Det Cons |
|--|
| Hang on. |
| POULTON |
| 10.37am. |
| |
| (LONG PAUSE). |
| POULTON |
| And collude, concluded at 11.20am. |
| Det Cons |
| Colluded. |
| POULTON |
| Concluded. (LAUGHS). |
| Det Cons |
| (INAUDIBLE). |
| POULTON |
| Do you want the tape reference number? |
| Det Cons |
| 24 th of January which commenced at sorry, just have the times again please. |
| POULTON |
| Commenced at 10.37am and concluded at 11.20am. We've got an audiotape reference number here. |
| Det Cons |
| And what statement are we discussing here, is this still the 17 th . |
| POULTON |
| Hang on. |
| |
| (LONG PAUSE). |
| Det Cons |

Sorry (INAUDIBLE).

POULTON

Okay, saying we're reviewing one of your statements dated or a statement in your name roughly dated the 17th of July 1987.

Det Cons

Okay. The tape is about to run out Derek. I'm gonna stop it and change them and then we will...

POULTON

Okay.

Det Cons

Continue to discuss this after an appropriate cigarette break. The time is 10.57.

(INTERVIEW CONCLUDED).

Statement Number: Y211

Date of interview: 04/05/2007 Time commenced: 1424

Time concluded: 1445

Det Cons

The time is 14.24 and the date today is the 4th of May 2007. My name is Detective Constable

Ben HALL and the other police officer present in the room is?

Det Sgt

Detective Sergeant Douglas CLARKE.

Det Cons

Today we're in a covert location known to the Senior Investigating Officer as part of a

interview process with, can you state your full name please Derek? Oh my.

POULTON

Derek Gordon POULTON.

Det Cons

Thank you. As with the previous processes Derek you're not under arrest and you're free to

go at any stage. If you want to speak to a legal representative that can be provided free of

charge and I'll sort that out for you. And rights remain the same.

POULTON

I understand.

Det Cons

Okay. This is day eleven of this process now, which has been staggered, it's the third part. I

think we've covered the information fairly comprehensively on the final day of the last

process. What I propose to do today is to just go through certain sections that I've been asked

to revisit with you, just so you're happy where the wording's been presented in a way that

could be more easily understood. The meanings not being changed, it's just a stylistic thing.

I'm gonna start on your first statement, which covers your police career.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Cons

Until resignation. And you mentioned about the RICHARDSONS talking about their relationship with GRAY and I slightly changed what was on the last tape to "the RICHARDSONS weren't significant at that time as they were not heavily involved in organised crime, rather they were a magnet for up and coming other criminals". Are you happy with that?

POULTON

Well, well they were involved doing organised crime, but not, on their previous levels.

Det Sgt

Previous or forthcoming?

POULTON

Well not to the extent that they'd sort of fallen out of premiership division down to a lower division, but they were still seen as mini godfathers and perhaps that's why up and coming and criminals above them league wise.

Det Sgt

So if we're talking football senses they've gone from being Man U down to somewhere like West Ham?

POULTON

Yeah, but they've still a magnet for up and coming ones and ones that are passing, yeah.

Det Cons

So what would you like me to write instead of that?

Det Sgt

For clarification.

POULTON

Mm.

Det Cons

You know what I mean, it's purely stylistic I think, but.

POULTON

Yeah I know. Well does it really matter really?

Det Cons

Well.

Det Sgt It just makes it look a little bit easier for an understanding sort of basis. **POULTON** Well what. **Det Cons** So the RICHARDSONS weren't significant at that time is that correct? **POULTON** Yeah, but they were, they were significant, but not, they're. **Det Sgt** Not their previous status? **POULTON** Not to their previous status yeah. **Det Cons** The RICHARDSONS had declined in importance, but were still a magnet for up and coming criminals. **Det Sgt** Yeah. (PAUSE) **POULTON** The seemed to bathe in their past life. (LONG PAUSE)

And secondly just for clarification, after hearing the tapes you went up to see Bernie DAVIS, I think in the original presentation that I went through on the previous tape about why you

went to see Bernie DAVIS knowing that he may have been corrupt. Because you took it up to

POULTON

see Bernie DAVIS didn't you?

Det Cons

Yeah I took it up to him because that was basically though because of it being alleged that the job could be jeopardised by an unknown allegedly corrupt senior police officer.

Det Cons

What's in the statement is "on leaning about possible corruption, which may possibly have been in the Central Drugs Squad, I had to go and see Bernie DAVIS, who I think was the Detective Chief Superintendent of 4 area. I did this because he was the Detective Chief Superintendent for my area".

POULTON

That's right, yeah.

Det Cons

Are you happy with that?

POULTON

Yeah. (LONG PAUSE) I think this is an Irish half hour isn't it?

(LONG PAUSE)

Det Cons

Just moving on. Regarding the conversation when CIB have asked you to take GRAY up to see them and I think the original wording was taken straight from the transcript and I've presented it as follows, if you're happy with this. "When I informed GRAY of this he asked me what to do. I replied that it was his decision what he said to CIB, but that I had been ordered to take him up to see them. He said 'well what do you think?' and I said 'well personally I've got no real take (INAUDIBLE) ADAMS". Happy with that?

POULTON

That's correct.

Det Cons

This is all purely stylistic, just so it's easier for, to read really.

Det Sgt

Are you talking about people who used to sing in the sixties?

Det Cons

Sorry?

Stylistics? **Det Cons** Oh. **POULTON** Oh. **Det Sgt** I'd say that was a bad joke on a Friday afternoon! (LONG PAUSE) **Det Cons** That's the, that statement done. (PAUSE) Shall we save that? (LONG PAUSE) I'd like to move on to the statement you make following the meeting with Dave WOODS that covers your time working with CIB. You discussed about driving REECE home one night in his BMW? **POULTON** Mm. **Det Cons** Can I just confirm or ask, did your children use the car phone? **POULTON** I think they might have done yeah, it was like a novelty in those days, yeah. **Det Cons**

POULTON

REECE".

Det Sgt

Yeah possibly my eldest son, I don't know if he used it or just sort of or spoke to his mum indoors. Can't really be a hundred percent sure.

I've included that in the statement saying "my children used the car phone in the BMW of

Det Sgt

I mean you say that it was like one occasion this happened that you took the...

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

...and they've done it and on that one occasion your son may have used the car phone to speak?

POULTON

Yeah, possibly.

Det Sgt

Yeah okay.

POULTON

Or handled it so.

Det Sgt

So this wasn't like a regular thing that you would drive?

POULTON

Oh no, no. I think it was just the once.

Det Cons

So I'm gonna leave in there "my children used the car phone in the BMW of REECE" are you happy with that?

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Cons

(INAUDIBLE). The one section that they wanted clarified was regarding when you were asked to attend your mother lodge, which to be perfectly honest my DCI, Mr BESWICK, didn't really understand and he'd like that to be revisited so it's clearer. I'll read you what I've got and then see if we can present that in a more understandable way. "I was a Freemason in the Holme's Lodge. I never stopped being one, but my last official meeting with my mother lodge was when I was summonsed by the Lodge Secretary, who was a corrupt policeman who worked for Barclay's Bank (INAUDIBLE - OVER TALKING).

POULTON

Who I, who I.

Det Sgt

Do you know his name?

POULTON

Oh God. (PAUSE) I'll find out for you. I've got it in a book at home. What is his name? He was an ex DCI and he was the head of Barclaycard Investigation at that time, that was based at the Old Bailey. There's the address. It wouldn't be hard for you to find out, that one.

Det Sgt

So what time, what sort of year are we talking?

POULTON

Nine, about 1985.

Det Sgt

1985.

POULTON

Mm, oh what's his name?

Det Sgt

Would you mind if we put that description in?

POULTON

Yeah, oh no because it helps.

Det Sgt

Can you get that in there Ben? Just so that we've got some sort of.

POULTON

He was the Secretary of Oakfield, of.

Det Sgt

You can basically put I can't remember his name, however.

POULTON

He was at, you can put in there he was a Sec, he was the Lodge Secretary of Manor Bensham Lodge and that pins it down doesn't it so?

Det Sgt

However, I can remember this person because of these factors.

| Yeah. | |
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| Det Sgt | |
| Is that okay Ben? | |
| Det Cons | |
| Yeah. | |
| POULTON | |
| I can't recall his name, but his position in the lodge at that time was Lodge Secretary Bensham Lodge. | y of Manor |
| Det Sgt | |
| (INAUDIBLE). Circa 1985? | |
| POULTON | |
| Yeah. | |
| Det Cons | |
| I was a Freemason at Holme's Lodge; I was summonsed by the Lodge Secretary wh corrupt former policeman. | io was a |
| POULTON | |
| Who in my opinion, or to the knowledge or I was led, you know from, how can you Who, in my opinion, yeah. I don't want to sound as though everybody was a corrup | - |
| Det Cons | |
| Who in my opinion was a corrupt former policeman. | |
| POULTON | |
| Mm. | |
| Det Cons | |
| Full stop. At this time, or in 1985 (PAUSE) he worked. | |
| POULTON | |
| I believe he was still working for or had recently worked for a number of years sinc the police for Barclaycard Investigations and the investigations office was based at | _ |

near the Old Bailey Central Criminal Court.

Det Cons

(LONG PAUSE)

Det Cons

I was summonsed by the Lodge Secretary who in my opinion was a corrupt former policeman and in 1985 I believe he was working for Barclays Bank Investigations which was based near the Old Bailey. I do not know his name. Okay? He invited me to attend a Lodge Committee Meeting. Originally you said that it only involves officers, does that include former police officers?

POULTON

No, lodge members and Officers of the Lodge.

Det Cons

Well I seem to remember in your original discussion of this it was a, it was a lodge only for police officers, is that correct?

POULTON

No, no, no, no, no, don't put that in. It was a lodge that had a number of former and serving police officers amongst lodge members. (PAUSE) You can see how The Sun gets blamed.

(PAUSE)

Det Cons

He invited me to attend a lodge meeting. This lodge had a number of serving and former police officers. The reason for this was to explain the HOLME'S, the suicide of HOLMES and the Ray ADAMS incident.

POULTON

He, yes, basically he, what he said to me on the phone was that he'd like me to attend the lodge to explain the circumstances around Ray ADAMS and Alan HOLMES and what had happened with HOLMES and the alleged corruption.

(PAUSE)

Det Cons

He wanted to know the circumstances around the suicide of HOLMES and the alleged corruption of Ray ADAMS.

POULTON

Mm. And the alleged corruption. Allegations of corruption surrounding Ray ADAMS, who he knew.

(LONG PAUSE)

Det Cons

Okay now in this, I replied that I hadn't been in the Freemasons as long as him and that it does say that you shouldn't do anything to detriment your work, your family or your work.

POULTON

To the detriment of your family or your work.

POULTON

I replied that I had not been a Freemason long. (LONG PAUSE) I also explained that membership should not detriment your work or your family.

Det Sgt

That sorry?

Det Cons

Membership should not detriment.

POULTON

That membership of freemasonry shouldn't include anything to the detriment of your work or your family.

Det Cons

I explained the membership should not include anything to the detriment of your work or your family.

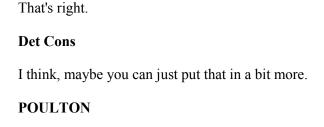
POULTON

Mm.

Det Cons

And then in the, from the transcript, "I said if you can explain why you want me to come down to a formal lodge meeting and explain to a butcher, baker and a candlestick maker about confidential Metropolitan Police business I said I think you're exceeding your brief".

POULTON



Det Cons

Or exceeding.

I explained that I did not wish to discuss.

POULTON

Exceeding your position.

Det Sgt

What were they asking you to come down to?

POULTON

Well a committee meeting where I'd be questioned on all the circumstances surrounding Alan HOLMES and Ray ADAMS and.

Det Sgt

Right I think that's what was missing from that little bit. That you were actually summonsed to give an explanation of the occurrences on Taffy HOLMES.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

I mean you rightly say why have I been called to explain confidential and sensitive MPS matters to such people.

POULTON

Mm except it was an MPS in those days. It was still a force to be reckoned with.

Det Cons

I explained, okay just to rephrase that, I explained that it was inappropriate to discuss sensitive and confidential Metropolitan Police Business with strangers?

POULTON

Well people that had no ...

| Det Cons |
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| (INAUDIBLE). |
| POULTON |
| no, (INAUDIBLE) right to be equated with the facts. |
| Det Sgt |
| Have we got the bit that I was summonsed? |
| Det Cons |
| Yeah. |
| Det Sgt |
| Right, excellent. |
| POULTON |
| You've got to be careful with the word summonsed thought, but. |
| Det Sgt |
| All right, yeah, okay. |
| POULTON |
| Because you get an overlap there. |
| Det Sgt |
| Okay. |
| POULTON |
| I wasn't, they would say you were never issued with a summons to attend. |
| Det Sgt |
| Requested. |
| POULTON |
| Requested, verbally requested. |
| Det Cons |
| He requested to know the circumstances about the suicide of HOLMES and the alleged |
| corruption allegations into Ray ADAMS. Are we all happy with that? |
| Det Sgt |

| Yeah. |
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| Det Cons |
| Derek? |
| POULTON |
| Superb. |
| Det Cons |
| I explained, okay and he said "well if that's your decision, but if you do come to the lodge you'll be shown that people will turn their backs on you". |
| POULTON |
| No, if, when I declined he informed me that if I didn't assist by coming to that committee meeting that at any future date should I attend the lodge, other lodge members would walk out, thus causing disharmony and of course the whole thing's about harmony. |
| Det Cons |
| "When I declined to attend he informed me that I would not be welcome again at the lodge". |
| Det Sgt |
| Yeah okay. |
| Det Cons |
| Derek? |
| POULTON |
| Yes great. Succinct. (PAUSE) And that I would have my throat cut. (PAUSE) I'll have to read Daren BROWN'S book late tonight. |
| Det Cons |
| I never returned, yeah? |
| POULTON |
| Subsequently I never returned to that lodge. |
| (LONG PAUSE) |
| Det Cons |

And just in the same statement, just to clarify "initially I would meet with REECE fortnightly, which later became weekly. He believed that I was his friend" is that right? I think we'd like some clarification about whether you actually were his friend or whether or not he thought that you. If that makes sense?

POULTON

Oh yeah. He'd become the true, he'd become the true, he'd, yeah.

Det Cons

He believed that I was his friend and I built a relationship.

POULTON

I believe he, yeah I believe he saw me as a friend, a close friend.

Det Sgt

That's on his part.

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Sgt

But on your part.

POULTON

I believe he saw, yeah.

Det Sgt

Yeah, but on your part of it, you?

POULTON

I was merely doing, carrying out work I'd been requested.

Det Sgt

You were carrying out a relationship?

POULTON

Yeah.

Det Cons

And I built a relationship, but this was only under direction.

POULTON

| That's right. |
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| (PAUSE) |
| Det Cons |
| Upon Mr WOODS. |
| POULTON |
| Pardon? |
| Det Cons |
| Under direction from Mr WOODS. |
| POULTON |
| Yeah. Or Chief Superintendent WOODS. |
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| (PAUSE) |
| Det Cons |
| Okay, that's everything they want us to be clarified. Do you want to clarify anything before I print these things out? |
| POULTON |
| No, no, no. |
| Det Cons |
| Okay. Do you want the reading to be done on tape or? |
| Det Sgt |
| Reading on tape? |
| Det Cons |
| As in when Derek reads these to sign them? |
| Det Sgt |
| No, because we've already, we're not going to add anything. |
| Det Cons |
| Exhausted that I think. |

Det Sgt

We've already done this and it was just the alterations.

Det Cons

Fine, for the benefit of the tape I'm going to print these statements now and.

POULTON

Invite me to sign them.

Det Cons

The time is 14.45 and invite Derek to sign them.

(INTERVIEW CONCLUDED).