

Continuation of Statement of Don HALE

Reply. He then said "Are you intending to run a story?" I said "I haven't decided yet". The officer then said "Are you prepared to hand over all the documents?" I said "Why should I?" He replied "We are not here to argue, I'll ask you once again, are you prepared to hand over the documents today, that by you are not doing so you are ^(A) **DPA** ~~preventing~~ ^{preventing} the course of justice, and you could face two years in Jail". He then waved an official document in front. The officer had two documents, one which was half folded. He then said to me "I've got a D notice". I had never seen one of these before, it had warning on it and looked official to me. He then opened the other document and showed me a search warrant. The two SB officers then shielded themselves around me and the other officer then carried out with a search. They then asked where my office was and started searching and looking through my documents. The office itself is an old bank building and I couldn't really see what they were doing, whilst they searched one of the SB officers then came back to ask if documents to be handed over the relevant papers and I said to him that I thought that they were. Once I identified the papers, they kept pushing me my shoulders, so as to keep me out of the way. They took everything that I could think of that Barbara had given to me and I had to give them an assurance about this. I was told not to run a story at all, and that if I did they could come back and I could face jail. Once they had the documents, the uniformed officers were shooed out once I confirmed that this was the entire contents of the files. I wasn't given the D notice, it wasn't offered or given. It was the same with the search warrant. I can't remember the names of the officers (SB), but they were both white. The SB Senior officer was in his early 40's, lower accent. He was aggressive with thinning hair on top, he smoked strongly of cigarettes and had nicotine stained fingers. The other SB officer was younger - late 30's, all I recall was that like the other one he had a lower accent, was mostly dressed in a suit, but he was wearing a coat unlike his Senior Colleague. The third plain clothes officer also had a lower accent. All I recall about him was that he was also white. This officer told the uniform officers when to leave. In total they were

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