

IN THE MATTER OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005

RE – THE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

RULE 9 STATEMENT OF DETECTIVE CHIEF INSPECTOR GLEN LLOYD

I am Detective Chief Inspector Glen Lloyd assigned to Operation Winter Key.

I make this statement in response to the letter dated 18th October 2017 received from Martin Smith, Solicitor to the Inquiry. In this letter, the Inquiry requested a written statement from the Metropolitan Police Service to assist with its investigation into child sexual abuse in relation to the ongoing Rochdale investigation.

On 11th October 2017, the Metropolitan Police Service had informed the Inquiry of a file which may be relevant to the Rochdale investigation. This file was originally registered on the 18th May 1976. As a result of the information provided, Alasdair Henderson, Junior Counsel for the Inquiry's Rochdale investigation attended the offices of the Metropolitan Police Service and inspected the file.

The file, which bears the reference CR/203/76/62, relates to allegations of a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Film involving Members of Parliament. Mr. Andre Thorne was the principal character in relation to this investigation, which concerned allegations of blackmail. The file also shows that the Metropolitan Police undertook an investigation in 1976 into the allegations, in the course of which Mr. Cyril Smith's Solicitor told the investigating officers about the 1970 Lancashire Police investigation and the fact that the DPP had advised that no further action be taken.

Specifically on 18th May 1976, Mr Cyril Smith's Solicitor telephoned the Metropolitan Police Service and requested an interview with a police officer, as he had reason to believe that his client was the relevant Member of Parliament which had been referred to by the media at the time, in connection with the allegations concerning the film. Mr. Smith attended on the 18th May 1976 for an interview which took place

in the presence of his Solicitor. Mr Smith provided a written statement in which he denied knowing Andre Thorne and entirely repudiated Mr. Thorne's statement.

The following day, Mr Smith's Solicitor telephoned the Metropolitan Police Service and volunteered that in 1969 an allegation was made against Mr Smith, namely that he was associated with the hostel in Rochdale in 1961 and he had assaulted a male. The Solicitor further stated that the Director of Public Prosecutions, who had considered the matter, had decided to take no further action. The matter, to which the above allegation related to, concerned an investigation carried out by Lancashire Constabulary in 1969 and 1970.

The Metropolitan Police officers confirmed the above with the DPP's office. Following the conclusion of the evidence a report and file of evidence about the whole matter was sent by the Metropolitan Police to the DPP, who advised charging Mr Thorne with four offences. Mr. Andre Thorne pleaded guilty to and was convicted of blackmail, theft, and handling.

Dated 20th day of October 2017

Signed: ..

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Detective Chief Inspector Glen Lloyd
Metropolitan Police Service