

Witness Name: Gary Richardson
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Dated: 13.3.2019

THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Witness Statement of Gary Richardson

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I, Gary Richardson, will say as follows:-

1. I am a Detective Superintendent employed by British Transport Police, 25 Camden Road, London NW1 9LN. I have responsibility for Major Crime within force.
2. I have received a request from the Independent Inquiry Child Sexual abuse in relation to any documents held by British Transport Police in relation to a Peter Morrison MP regarding his arrest at Crewe Railway Station between 1980 – 1990 for molesting boys. I completed a statement in relation to the above request on 21st February 2019.
3. I have now discovered the following information held by British Transport Police. On 23rd November 2017 A Detective Sergeant Myfanwy Kirkwood from North Wales Police sent an e-mail to British Transport Police First Contact Centre, the e-mail subject read Request for crime to be recorded. The following is the text incorporated in the e-mail;

*We had this information through in 2012 as intelligence and it was shared with Op Pallial in November 2012 but it would appear that it has never been recorded as a crime(I have checked our local system, PNC and PND). I apologise for the lack of detail but this is all I have: **In 1987 a Cheshire MP, Mr Peter Morrison, was taken off a train in Crewe following an allegation of abuse of a young male on the train. The MP's name is on the list of those involved with North Wales Child abuse.***

The suspect we have is Sir Peter Morrison b, [DPA]44 no details of an address other than he lives in Cheshire.

Please can you record and send me the crime number for our records.

4. British Transport Police Crime recording unit responded to Detective Sergeant Kirkwood the following day at 03.29hrs. The response was as follows;

I've checked our systems and raised an incident 55 24/11/2017 to chase this up, however, to crime this I would need to know if we ever got victim confirmation an offence has occurred. I have asked officers to look into this offence but do you have any further intelligence at all that could assist?

5. Detective Sergeant Kirkwood further responded to this at 09.37hrs on 24/11/2017, the following is recorded on the e-mail;

Thank you for your reply. I'm sorry I have no further information and I have had a conversation with DI Stephen Lewis this morning and he has confirmed that no crime will be recorded as we have no confirmation of an offence by the victim or other person. Agreed that I will update our system.

6. I can confirm that Detective Inspector Lewis is employed at the British Transport Police hub in Liverpool. Today I spoke with DI Lewis who has no recollection of this conversation with Detective Sergeant Kirkwood.
7. In summary it would appear that in 2012 North Wales Police were made aware of the arrest of Mr Peter Morrison in 1987. In 2017 they advised British Transport Police of the information and requested a crime number. British Transport Police via Detective Inspector Lewis declined to generate a crime as he did not have any information of a crime from a victim. No other action was taken by British Transport Police according to our records other than the creation of the name and Dob of Morrison on Niche as exhibited in my previous statement.
8. I attach a copy of the e-mail traffic between British Transport Police and North Wales Police as described in this further statement. I now produce a copy of the e-mail as exhibit reference GR/1/13/3/2019.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed: Gary Richardson

Dated: 13TH March 2019

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