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1987 – 2002 As a member of the Royal Navy I carried out patrols with the US Coast Guard and the US Navy within the Caribbean Sea targeting high powered boats containing Class A and B drugs, travelling between South America and the Caribbean Islands. I was also involved in the interception of yachts travelling within the Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean towards the English coastline carrying large quantities of class A and B drugs.

In 2002 I joined the Metropolitan Police Service. Between 2004 and November 2007 I was attached to the Crime Squad/Taskforce where I specialised in proactive and reactive investigations into drug related crime. This role enabled me to work alongside units who would supply specific intelligence in relation to the supply of controlled drugs which required an immediate response to the fast time intelligence. My responsibilities also covered the planning and execution of intelligence led drug warrants, the briefing / de-briefing of officers involved and disseminating the intelligence gathered and the subsequent investigation surrounding the result of the warrant. I have spoken with numerous people involved in the supply and consumption of a wide variety of controlled drugs during which time I received intelligence surrounding prices, methods of consumption / supply, street slang in respect of the drug culture and the drug arena they were involved in.

During this period, I was the Officer in charge of many investigations surrounding the supply and possession of controlled drugs at the lower end of the supply chain. I have carried out numerous interviews of suspects in relation to a range of drug related offences, I have searched numerous addresses, buildings, sheds/garages, boats and offices often finding and seizing large quantities of drugs, cash and drug related paraphernalia used for wrapping, supplying, cutting and consuming drugs. Accounting documentation for example lists / ledgers were often identified along with mobile communication

devices to name but a few items. I have also recovered more complex and professional equipment including heat sealing equipment, industrial hydraulic pressing machines, cash counting equipment, industrial mixers and a range of hydroponic growing equipment used in the production of cannabis.

Between 2007 to 2016 I worked within the Middle Market Drug Partnership now known as The Organised Crime Partnership. This is a joint National Crime Agency and Metropolitan Police Service unit which tackles the illegal importation and supply of controlled drugs. During this period, I worked alongside officers from the HMRC, UKBA, DEA, Europol, Interpol, Belgium, Spain, France, Netherlands, Turkey, Japan, Brazil, USA, Albania, Romania, Italy, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the Banking industry and many other private institutions which are used by criminals to assist in their illegal activities of importing and supplying controlled drugs and also to launder the proceeds of criminal activities. I have taken every opportunity to obtain a greater understanding of drug markets throughout the world when working alongside international colleagues.

I have been the Officer in Charge (UK representative) of an investigation which was set up at The Hague (JIT), comprising of the Belgian Federal Police, The French Ministry of Interior and The National Crime Agency (OCP). This was in respect of a Nigerian organised criminal network based within the UK involved in the importation of Cocaine from South America to the UK and Europe, and the importation of Crystal Methamphetamine from West Africa to the UK and onward supply to Europe and Japan. I received a Judges commendation for my work within this operation.

I have been deployed on hundreds of covert surveillance operations where I observed and recorded the transaction of cash and drugs from static and mobile observation points. I have been involved in the covert recording of conversations between members of various criminal enterprises relating to drug trafficking matters.

I have carried out investigations into a number of organised criminal networks who use fear and reward in relation to drug couriers who travel to the Caribbean Islands and return to London carrying large quantities of class A and B drugs. I have investigated a UK based OCN's involved in the importation

of multiple tons of cannabis from South Africa using international air freight. I have also been involved in a protracted covert investigation into the Vietnamese community involved in facilitating the set-up of cannabis farms throughout the UK.

I have carried out covert proactive/reactive investigations into offences involving Heroin, Cocaine, Crack, crystal meth, different forms of Cannabis and many other class A, B and C controlled substances. I have been involved in hundreds of operations/investigations either as the OIC, disclosure officer, telephones officer, exhibits officer, intelligence officer, surveillance officer, test purchase handler and many other roles, carrying out these tasks has given me a greater understanding of the drug markets and techniques employed by Organised Criminal Networks working at the highest levels of drug related criminality.

I have seized and examined many coded documents, ledgers and debt lists, and the common theme throughout each is that they are designed to keep account of the commodities in question, the associated income / expenditure and debts attributed to people involved. I have often found that authors of coded documents, although trying to mask the true nature of what is taking place must still be relevant to the commodities / actions in question. I have found that some codes are specific to the subject and are merely a distortion of what is taking place. I have been able to interpret evidence contained within documents and linked this to other aspects of the case in order to build a bigger picture. I have attributed roles to specific members of an OCN based on text data and coded messages. I have also been able to demonstrate links between coded documentation and other evidence in order to show the relevance of certain acts or commodities, and to provide sound reasoning to a subject otherwise beyond the knowledge anticipated to be held by the court.

I have been involved in many cases, either within the investigation team or as a drugs expert witness, which has required examination of European telephone intercept material and or covert audio recordings relating to organised criminal networks involved in the importation and national distribution of illegal drugs. These conversations although containing coded and or guarded speech, these can often be interpreted and facets of the costs, trafficking/concealment methods, properties, amounts of drugs and other

logistical aspects of the enterprise can be identified and explained. This has also enabled me to obtain an understanding of the complexities into an established organised criminal network.

Having been involved investigating drug supply cases surrounding the “Chemsex” and male sex worker environment, I approached the London Club Drug Clinic which is run by the NHS and provides a service for men who have sex with men and consume drugs during sexual activity. I spoke with the clinical team which includes: specialist addiction doctors, psychologists, counsellors and nurses. I have regular meetings with previous clients, and we speak about their life experiences surrounding their life as a sex worker and their experiences of being actively involved within the “Chemsex” environment. I have spoken with a number of male sex workers who have spoken openly about the “Chemsex” arena they worked within and specifically covered the use and supply of GBL/GHB, Mephedrone and Methamphetamine (Crystal Meth).

I have attended specific locations relevant to the drug trafficking industry within the UK, examples of which being internal and international airports (cargo, freight and foot), ferry terminals, container terminals (deep rummage and x-ray of HGV's), inlet harbours for yachts, national / international railway terminals, numerous storage facilities, postal services and the Parcel Force headquarters to name but a few.

As part of my role as a Drugs Expert Witness I attended the headquarters of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in New York and a number of other law enforcement establishments. I have attended LGC forensics and I have witnessed the production of crack cocaine and the government cannabis production site. I was requested to attend the headquarters of the British Board of Film Classification and advised on new illegal commodities, consumption methods and teenage specific drug related issues, and to speak with the Commissioner of the New Zealand Police force regarding Crystal Meth issues within London and the UK. I have spoken on a number of radio stations and have worked with the BBC in respect of drug related investigatory TV shows. I was a member of the National Drugs Advice Group and also a member of the UK Drug Expert Witness & Valuation Association (DEWVA).

In January 2016 I was the first dedicated drugs expert witness in the Metropolitan Police Service and I set up the Metropolitan Police Drug Expert Witness unit. This involved the recruitment and training of officers, I then implemented a continued personal development procedure by planning drug related seminars with guest speakers covering illicit laboratories (steroid / meth / amphet / crack). Identification and purity of MDMA tablets, Professors from Kings Collage London discussing drugs and drug addiction. Reformed drug addicts and sex workers who would discuss consumption / supply chain and prostitution to name a few. I set up a mentoring program and was a mentor for a number of Expert Witness officers, I also carried out the quality assurance of over 1500 detailed statements and drug related valuations.

I set up the process of collating commonly identifiable drug prices within the Metropolitan Police Service. This was achieved by examining phone download report, message data from a variety of communication devices, drugs ledgers/tick lists and other relevant identifiable information relating to the sale price of drugs at all levels of the supply chain.

I implemented a system whereby I was informed of any cannabis sites identified within London and attended where possible to assess the facility to identify changing trends with the growing techniques. These sites range from small tents with single figure quantities, up to thousands of plants within a multi stage growth facility.

I have completed Cyber Crime training covering the fundamentals of computers / networking, The Cloud, The Dark Web, Encryption, Hashing, Crypto Currency and Social Media Networks. My Expert Witness reports were shown at a national conference for Police Drug Expert Witnesses as being the gold standard and best practice identified by the CPS barristers.

I have completed the National Surveillance course run by the National Crime Agency, The National Crime Agency 2-week Expert Evidence in Drug Trafficking course, in Feb 2014 I completed a 6-week course run by Kings College University London titled 'Understanding Drugs and addiction'. I have completed an online 12-week basic cannabis production course (Denver University, USA 2016) and I am familiar with the following methods in relation

to the production of cannabis; Aeroponics, Autopot system, Bubbler pot system, Dripper system, Flood and drain and Nutrient film Technique NFT).

My personal development is continually enhanced by speaking with individuals who regularly consume a variety of class A, B and C drugs. I also liaise with members of the NHS, drug rehabilitation workers and substance misuse councillors. I also research the media and the internet in respect of drug related web sites, for example THC.com, Leafly.com, EMCDDA, Allbud.com, VICE, DS Daily, YouTube, Stop the war on drugs to name but a few. I am a member of the Expert Witness Institute and liaise with them regarding legal updates and CPD seminars.

I have provided my opinion in over 550 drug trafficking investigations, and I have delivered my rationale numerous times at Crown Courts within London and the surrounding counties. I believe I have obtained a sound understanding in respect of controlled drugs, the arenas they are consumed within and the drugs trade at all levels of the supply chain.

I have also shown my opinion on the following topics.

- Blackberry PGP overviews and use by OCN's
- Cannabis Cultivation/Extractions/Concentrates
- Cash based economy
- Cash Seizures
- Cellular activity
- Chemsex arena
- Coded and guarded speech
- Common additives found within illicit powdered drugs
- Communication methods employed by criminals
- Conspiracy based
- Cutting agents
- County Lines
- Dealer lists
- Drugs couriers
- Drug stock control and debt management
- Drug Trafficking
- Drug Trafficking calculations

- Drug Environments / Arenas
- Duress
- Enforced Droughts - Market Influences
- Hierarchy within OCN
- Illegal meetings
- Normalisation of Drug Supply / Consumption
- Packing of controlled drugs
- Postal service providers
- Principles of drug values and Market Influences
- Prison Consumption / Supply
- Production of illegal tablets
- Profiles of drug related commodities and environments
- Record keeping
- Re-packaging and repressing of kilo quantities
- Reward wages
- Roles and responsibilities
- Safe houses
- Slang terminology
- Principles of drugs supply
- Perception of Wholesale / Middle Market / Street Values
- Text message interpretation
- Transportation / Transport
- Use of Aviation / Private aircraft by OCN's
- Use of telephones
- Wholesale and street values of seized commodities