

## INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW – Stephen Skitt

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
Location: Brook House  
Meeting commenced: 16:00 am  
Meeting closed: 16:15 pm

Present	Name	Job Title
Employee Name:	Stephen Skitt ("SS")	Deputy Director Gatwick IRCs
Investigation Officer:	Stephen Cotter ("SC")	Risk & Assurance Manager, UK & I Region

The following is a summary (not an exact transcript of the comments made during the meeting)

SC: Thank you for speaking to me today.

I am investigating Nathan Wards concerns that he and others raised concerns re staff behaviour of the type seen on the Panorama programme. I appreciate you were not here at the same time as Nathan Ward.

Nathan Ward told the Home Affairs Committee an e mail was sent to Peter Neden in January this year naming officers dealing Spice. Shelly, Peter's PA, cannot find any record of that, I am trying to discover whether an e mail came in to someone else. I have discovered an e mail came in to Brook House in January which had within it a letter from [D1467] [D1467]'s Solicitors which referred to a Safer Community Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and a discussion on drugs including staff bringing them in.

SS: I remember him, he didn't like Michelle Brown because she sacked him as an orderly.

SC: The Minutes record you were at this meeting, do you remember it?

SS: No, if the minutes say I was there then I was there. Sometimes I do leave early.

SC: Michelle Brown sent me 2 SIRs recording meetings with [D1467] the first on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 completed by Daniel Robinson, with DCMs Bannister and Webb also in attendance. The SIR records that the detainee describes 4 members of staff he believes were bringing in mobiles and Spice.

The second SIR, with the code "CP" (Corruption Prevention) on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 completed by Matt Hyde, who was accompanied by Caz Dance-Jones, reported on a conversation with [D1467] From the descriptions given Luke Instone-Brewer, a DCM (name withheld at the request of SS due to ongoing work), Lia Winston were identified and a second lady officer was not identified. The detainee also believed Michelle Brown was involved and had him beaten up.

What did you do when this information came in?

SS: I was acting Head of Security. We don't just act on the first piece of intelligence. Yes we did have intelligence he was bringing items in. We involved the Police and they were doing some work on it. There was target searching. At some point he realised and then the intelligence dried up. He has since left.

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The DCM, I don't want his name mentioned in the report as there is still ongoing work around him. This was the first time we had intelligence on him.

Lia Winston was known to us at the time, we had a lot of intelligence on her and the police were involved, possibly a car search. She was investigated and disciplined with a Final Written Warning, but the Home Office then would not let her in.

The second lady officer we thought was Tamzin McMillan, she was not on our radar then and is not now.

D1467 left us to go to the Verne, but came back in May. After Panorama and the second letter came in he was interviewed by us. I don't know what came out of it.

SC: Stacie Dean in January this year gave the names of Luke Instone-Brewer and Babs Fagbo to Jerry Petherick as officers behaving badly to detainees who she had named at an earlier time.

SS: Luke Instone-Brewer and Babs Fagbo were being looked at from a Corruption Prevention point of view, but Stacie would not have necessarily have known this. The police were given Bab's name, one of half a dozen, but in his case the intelligence ran dry.

Stacie was investigating Luke Instone-Brewer and Babs Fagbo. James Begg did an original investigation around a detainee being unlocked last, which was upheld. They were then split up.

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