

Witness Name: KATIE EUSTACE

Statement No: WITN0007001

Dated: 7/10/2025

THE NOTTINGHAM INQUIRY

FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF INSPECTOR KATIE EUSTACE

I, KATIE EUSTACE, will say as follows: -

1. My name is Katie Eustace.
2. This witness statement is made to assist the Nottingham Inquiry (the "Inquiry") with the matters set out in the Rule 9 Request dated 27th June 2025 (the "Request").

My Background

3. I joined Nottinghamshire Police in 2009. Prior to joining the police, after leaving 6th Form College on completion of my A levels, I worked full time at John Lewis Nottingham as a sales assistant in Aftersales.
4. I served as a police constable until 2023 when I graduated as an Inspector under the national Fast Track to Inspector Scheme run by the College of Policing. I completed 3 months as a Response Sergeant at Beeston Police Station, Nottingham, before being moved into the Corporate Services department. Within Corporate Services I was involved in a number of projects both at Force and local level. I had particular involvement with the implementation of the

Microsoft M365 software upgrade within Nottinghamshire and the introduction of Microsoft Teams.

5. As a Constable, I was deployed as a Response officer initially. During that time, I was trained as a sexual offences liaison officer and as a level 2 public order officer.
6. In September 2016 I joined the CID at Hucknall Police Station for an attachment as a trainee detective constable.
7. In March 2017 I completed my initial firearms course. I was then attached to the Roads and Armed Policing team under East Midlands Operational Support, covering four police force areas: Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire and Leicestershire.
8. In May 2017 I completed my Advanced Police driving course and in October 2019 I completed my tactical phase pursuit and containment course (TPAC).
9. In 2020 I worked with the Nottinghamshire Police Operational and Emergency Planning team in respect of the police response to a marauding terrorist attack, working with the Fire and Ambulance services on the application of the joint emergency services interoperability protocol.
10. As an Inspector, I have worked in a range of roles and I am currently the Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.
11. Prior to 13th June 2023, to the best of my recollection, I had no knowledge of, or interactions with, Valdo Calocane, by that or any other name.

Events of 24th May 2020

12. In making this statement, I refreshed my memory by reference to the Incident Log (URN: NGPF0000069), the Occurrence Log (URN: NGPF0000068) and the

witness statement I made later the same day (URN: NGPF0000075). I was unable to locate my bodyworn video footage.

13. On Sunday 24th of May 2020 I was on duty as a Constable on the Roads and Armed Policing Team working an 11.00 pm to 07:00 am shift. As an Armed Response Vehicle (ARV), one of three for the County of Nottinghamshire on that shift, our role was to ensure our vehicle was operational, book out and check our weaponry and then we were tasked with deployment in the City. I was crewed with PC Darwood Brown.

14. We carried a Glock SLP side arm, Taser and extra magazines. Within our vehicles, if we are deployed to an armed incident we have an AEP baton launcher and our Carbine rifles.

15. If not deployed to a firearms incident, we would often back up our local policing colleagues at incidents.

16. On 24th of May 2020, the Force Control Room via our radios requested us to attend an incident at 17 Brook Court Player Street Nottingham. The radio message was passed at around 00:10 am. The report passed over the radio was that a door had been 'kicked in' and that the suspect was still on scene. The message was passed by a dispatcher within the Force Control Room based at Police Headquarters at Sherwood Lodge, Nottingham.

17. I had not attended this address prior to this incident, so the location was unfamiliar to me and we were passed no details of the suspect.

18. On arrival at the building, which was an apartment complex, I spoke to the caller Liam **GRO-B** who informed me that the male who had kicked the door into flat 12 was still within the building.

19. I entered the building, which had a communal stairway with a number of floors. I heard shouting coming from a floor above.

20. I saw the suspect, who was a black male, outside flat 11 and another member of the public within flat 11 preventing him from entering. I had never met or encountered this suspect before. The male continued to shout that his mother was inside the flat and the male preventing his entry identified him as responsible for the damage to flat 12.

21. I took hold of the male by the arm as he was still trying to push his way into number 11. He continued to try and pull back so I handcuffed him to the rear.

22. The suspect did not engage with me or respond to any of my questions. I formed the opinion he was either under the influence of drugs or had mental health issues. I could not smell any alcohol whilst in close proximity to him.

23. I asked him for his name and he told me it was Valdo Calocane and his date of birth 4th September 1991. He gave the address of 7 Brook Court, Player Street, Radford Nottingham.

24. I recall that he was insistent that someone was inside flat 12 trying to harm his mother. He seemed to be quite distressed and he kept repeating that a woman was in there. It was confirmed by other officers who had arrived that there were no females inside flat 12, which caused me to form the opinion that the male was suffering from some sort of hallucination as his mother was not there. This is based on my experience as a police officer and dealing with persons who are either under the influence of drugs or suffering with mental health issues. I found his behaviour and demeanour to be rather odd.

25. I could see behind Calocane that there was damage to the door of 12 Brook Court. There was fresh damage to the door, with splintered wood and I could see that the door handle was missing.

26. At 00.20 am I arrested CALOCANE on suspicion of criminal damage to 12 Brook Court. I then cautioned him to which he simply replied 'She's in there'.

27. I then handed Calocane over to local officers to be transported to the Bridewell Custody Suite. This was because, as I was in an Armed Response Vehicle, I was unable to convey a volatile prisoner like Calocane with the level of resistance he had shown and believing he was under the influence of a drug or suffering with his mental health. It would not have been possible to restrain him safely or securely should he have continued to resist. This is due to the kit and equipment within the vehicle and the limited access to the rear.

28. At 00.38 am I photographed the damage to the door of number 12 on my police mobile device. (URN: NGPF0000071, NGPF0000072, NGPF0000073)

29. I then created a crime reference number on NICHE which is our crime recording system, and updated the transporting officers.

30. As an armed response officer, I would not typically retain responsibility for the investigation, nor deal with the subject whilst he is in police custody.

31. I had no further dealings with the investigation or Calocane.

32. I did not communicate with any other organisations in relation to this arrest. Reflecting after the incident, even if I had been informed that Calocane was receiving treatment for his mental health this would not have changed how I dealt with the incident. This is because Calocane would be assessed in custody by the Liaison and Diversion team if it were deemed necessary during his booking in procedure or if his behaviour were simply the result of a drug.

33. I believe that I took positive action by arresting Calocane for the offence. At the time and even whilst writing this I do not believe there were any realistic alternatives to prosecution. There was no particular Force policy which I took account of at the time of his arrest.

34. When I review the incident now, I could have considered arresting Calocane for an attempted burglary as he had attempted to gain entry to the flat. I do not know now

why I arrested him for criminal damage, as the information I was given was that he had kicked the door of number 12 to gain entry to the flat to see his mother. I do not believe that this would have changed how the case was dealt with or progressed post arrest.

35. Looking back now I do not see how I could have dealt with the matter any differently. Although I identified that Calocane was under the influence of drugs or suffering with his mental health, I did not feel that I had any powers under section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983. This is the power of the police to detain persons who are suffering with their mental health and are requiring immediate care and control within a public place. I also did not believe that Calocane was physically unwell, so I did not request that the officers convey him immediately to hospital or request an ambulance to attend the scene. I am aware that there are mental health teams within the police custody suite who would be able to speak with Calocane, alongside both drug and alcohol workers. His behaviour and resistance meant that by removing him from the scene as quickly as possible it would help deescalate the situation for both the witnesses and Calocane.

36. I do not believe, on reflection, that there were any structural issues relating to police policy and procedure in relation to my dealings with Calocane.

37. I have been asked whether I communicated the details of my attendance at the incident with Health, Social Care, Calocane's family or Nottingham University. I did not communicate my attendance, decisions or actions with any other persons outside of policing. This is not out of the ordinary as this is not something we would pick up as armed response officers as it is not our daily business.

38. I have been asked if there are any barriers to the sharing of information with the parties mentioned in paragraph 38 above; my answer is that I am not aware of any barriers in place that would have prevented this occurring.

39. I have been asked if I was aware of any outstanding criminal matters at the time of my involvement. There was no information about outstanding matters passed to me over the air by the Force Control Room at the time of the PNC name check for Calocane. When I later added my witness statement to the NICHE system, I did not see any outstanding occurrences for him on our systems.
40. I have been asked if I had any involvement in any assessments on Valdo Calocane of his medical and mental health. My answer is that I did not have any involvement in these matters.
41. I have been asked which relevant powers, procedures and criteria governed my role in relation to Calocane. At the time, I knew that I had a power of arrest under section 24 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. I had the power to use reasonable force under Section 117 of PACE, section 3 of the Criminal Law Act 1967 and common law relating to the handcuffing and restraint of Calocane.
42. I was also aware of my legal obligations relating to the Human Rights Act, ensuring my actions were proportionate, legal, accountable and necessary. Taking into consideration particularly article 2 (right to life), article 3 (prohibition on torture) and article 5 (right to liberty and security). I used the National Decision Making model to inform my decision making at the time. There was no particular force policy that was engaged at the time.
43. I have been asked to set out any concerns in respect of the police action in relation to this matter. My answer is that I did not have any concerns at the time and I do not have any now.
44. I have been asked if I have any concerns in respect of the recording of this matter. My answer is that I do not have any.
45. I have been asked if, looking back, there are any additional actions myself or others could have taken in my dealings with Calocane. My answer is that other than those

I have already addressed above, I do not think there is any more that I could have done.

46. I have been asked if there are any structural issues regarding police policies, procedures, training or methodology that have contributed to any issues identified within this statement. My answer is that I have not identified any issues.

47. I have been asked if there are any recommendations that I believe could have prevented any of the issues identify. My answer is that I have not identified any recommendations.

Statement of Truth

I believe the content of this statement to be true. I understand that proceedings may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief of its truth.

Signed: **GRO-B**

Dated: 7/10/25

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