

Witness Name: ANTHONY WILDE

Statement No: WITN0008001

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THE NOTTINGHAM INQUIRY

FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF INSPECTOR ANTHONY WILDE

I, ANTHONY WILDE, will say as follows: -

1. My name is Anthony Wilde.
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**”).
3. In making this statement, I have refreshed my memory by reading the Custody Record of Valdo Calocane (Number C20024405) relating to his arrest on the 24th May 2020 (**URN: NGPF000077**).

My Background

4. I left school aged 18 and after completing my A Levels, I worked at a Golf Course, working front of house in the Food and Beverage Department. I joined the Metropolitan Police Service in September 2002. Following initial recruitment training at Hendon I was based at the London Borough of Hackney as a Constable on a Response Team. I worked out of Stoke Newington and Shoreditch Police Stations.

5. In early 2008 I sat my Sergeants Part 1 examination and then in September 2008 I transferred to Nottinghamshire Police.
6. I was based at Central Police Station, Nottingham as a Constable on a Response Team. I commenced the role of Acting Sergeant late 2009/early 2010 and was officially promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2013.
7. In 2013 I moved across to St Ann's Police Station as a Sergeant on a Response Team and remained in this role until January 2019 when I moved into Custody as a Custody Sergeant.
8. I completed a 5 week Custody training course which consisted of the College of Policing's Authorised Professional Practice (APP) for Custody, use of Custody IT systems and use of the Police National Computer (PNC), all in line with the then current Nottinghamshire Police Custody Policy (**URN: NGPF0006072**)
9. On completion of the 5 week course I was based at the Bridewell Custody Suite in Nottingham and, on completion of the new build of Nottingham Custody Suite (Coronation House) moved to the new site where I remain as a Custody Sergeant to this day.
10. I complete an annual custody refresher training course as part of my role as Custody Sergeant, which includes an examination on the APP Custody. I don't recall any specific input regarding dealing with persons with mental health issues on the initial course, however on APP refresher days we have had input from the Liaison and Diversion Team about their role and responsibilities.
The APP Custody is exhibited as URN: WITN0008002.
11. Prior to 24th May 2020, to the best of my belief, I had no knowledge of, or interactions with, Valdo Calocane, by that or any other name.

Events of the 24 May 2020

12. On 24th May 2020, I was on duty as a Custody Sergeant at the Bridewell Custody Suite, Nottingham. I was working from 7.00pm on 23rd May 2020 until 7.00 am on 24th May.
13. By reference to the Custody Record, I can see that Valdo Calocane had been arrested on suspicion of criminal damage and was presented to me shortly before 00:50 am on 24th May 2020.
14. My role as Custody Sergeant was to review the circumstances of the arrest and, if satisfied that it was appropriate to do so, to authorise his detention into Police Custody under s.37(3) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 ("PACE"). As Custody Officer, I am then required by the provisions of PACE to create and complete a record of the prisoner's detention, referred to in my statement as the Custody Record.
15. According to the Custody Record, I authorised Calocane's detention at 00.50 am in order to allow officers to conduct a prompt and effective investigation, to prevent Calocane causing loss or damage to property and to prevent him disappearing. I cannot now remember the facts relayed to me by the officers who produced him before, but I made a record of the facts, namely that officers had responded to reports of a burglary in progress at a block of flats and that Valdo Calocane had been located at the scene. I was informed that he resided in the block of flats, and it was alleged that he had kicked the door to another flat causing damage.

16. I took basic details from Valdo Calocane, just I would do with any detainee being booked in to Custody. These details are recorded on the Custody Record and include personal information such as employment, address and place of birth.
17. As part of the process of creating the Custody Record, I completed a risk assessment with Calocane at 1.00 am.
18. During the process of assessing risk he informed me that he had been at the Queens Medical Centre hospital the previous day due to chest pain but had been discharged with no need for further medical care.
19. He also stated that he had been hearing voices over the last 5 days and had not been sleeping. He informed me he was not taking any medication and did not have any other health issues.
20. As a result of the information he had given to me, I asked a colleague to make a request for Valdo Calocane to be seen by the Health Care Professional (HCP) to establish his fitness to be detained in Custody.
21. I also explained to Calocane his rights and entitlements while in custody. As a result, he asked me to inform his mother, Celeste Calocane, that he had been arrested. I attempted to call her at around 1.05 am, but the call went to voicemail, this is noted on the Custody Record. I have not recorded on the Custody Record that I left a message, ordinarily I will ask the detainee if they would like me to leave a message and if one is left I will record the fact a message was left.
22. I completed a care plan at 1.03 am, on which I noted that he was compliant, although his behaviour seemed peculiar and for Officers to be cautious with

- him. At that stage, the care plan was for him to be observed constantly on camera and visited every 30 minutes in his cell.
23. I noted on the Custody Record at 1.34 am that Calocane appeared to be having some form of mental health episode, and that he appeared distant when speaking with him. I noted that he had allegedly told officers he had kicked the door in due to believing his mother was inside and was being raped.
 24. At 1.55 am, I noted on the record that the HCP had recommended Level 3 camera observations of Calocane (Level 3 observations are put in place when the detainees risk assessment indicates a heightened risk to the detainee, for example self harm risks or a significant mental or physical vulnerability. The detainee is under constant observation via CCTV and is physically checked every 30 minutes) and that Calocane might need to go to hospital for 'blood work'. I understood this to mean tests to rule out possible causes for his behaviour; this may be a result of alcohol, drugs or something like an infection.
 25. At 2.12 am I updated the record having heard further from the HCP, who had been in contact with the NHS Crisis Team. The information passed was that there was no record of any mental health issues for Calocane and he was to go to the Queen's Medical Centre (QMC) to rule out any potential medical issues.
 26. At approximately 2.55 am, Calocane was taken to the QMC by police officers and the custody clock was suspended.
 27. The Custody Record has a note made by a colleague, Sergeant Sharpe, at 4.04am that Calocane had returned from hospital and the custody clock restarts. The note indicates: "Any medical information that has been provided by the hospital on release will be shared with the HCP and the Custody Officer

will consult with the HCP reference fitness to detain/interview. Any medication provided by the hospital will also be reviewed by Custody Officer/HCP.

DP has not had blood taken but seen by the senior consultant stated that his actions maybe more mental health.”

28. At around 4.20 am, I completed a referral to the Liaison and Diversion Team based in Custody for them to conduct a mental health assessment later in the morning. This Team are present in Custody only during the day between the hours of 8.00 am and 8.00 pm. The Liaison and Diversion Team provide a screening service at various points within the criminal justice system, one area being within Custody Suites.
29. They provide early detection and assessment of offenders with mental health, learning disabilities, substance misuse or other vulnerabilities, to ensure appropriate and effective outcomes.
30. On receipt of a referral the Liaison and Diversion Team will complete an initial assessment of the detainee. Where risks are identified further support can be sought through the Mental Health Crisis Team, who, when required to do so can attend Police Custody to complete a Mental Health Act assessment.
31. Calocane was examined by an HCP at 4.20 am and the HCP noted on the Custody Record that: “Details of care given: Nil HCP intervention required at this stage. Does not currently appear to be a threat of harm to himself or others. Medical advice: Food/fluids/rest. Level 3 obs. Refer to L&D. Contact HCP if further concerns.” The HCP also noted that Calocane was fit to detain, but not to interview at that point.

32. Calocane remained in detention and at 6.59 am I handed over responsibility for his care to Sergeant Liam Hennessy.
33. During my above involvement as Custody Sergeant, I believe that I acted in accordance with the Nottinghamshire Police Custody Policy and the College of Policing APP on Custody. I completed a risk assessment and care plan, and referred Calocane to the HCP due to concerns I had about his mental health. This was in order to ensure he was fit to detain and interview. He was subsequently taken to hospital for medical assessment and on return was again assessed by the HCP. I also completed a referral to the Liaison and Diversion Team. I ensured that an appropriate care plan was put in place to look after him whilst in our care.
34. On re-reading the Custody Record, I can see that a Mental Health Act assessment had been arranged to take place at 2.00 pm on the 24th May 2020 while Calocane was still in police custody, but I cannot see any comment on the Custody Record about who was present and what the result of this was.
35. In all other respects, I believe Calocane was treated appropriately during my shift and that Nottinghamshire Police rightly ensured that all health concerns were raised with appropriate medical professionals
36. I have been asked about my knowledge of any issues concerning Valdo Calocane's mental health. My reply is that Valdo Calocane stated to me that he had not slept in days. I noted on the Custody Record that he appeared vacant and his behaviour was peculiar. I had no previous information about his mental health, the HCP on duty that night had contacted the Crisis Team and I was informed there was no history of mental health issues.

37. I have been asked if details of the attendance and/or decisions or actions taken were communicated to: (1) Health, social services or multi-agency organisations; (2) Valdo Calocane's family; (3) Nottingham University; (4) others who might be affected by Valdo Calocane's actions. My answer is that:
- (1) A referral was made to the Liaison and Diversion Team who I understand liaised in turn with the Crisis Team. He was also taken to hospital whilst in Police Custody for examination and assessment;
 - (2) I attempted to call his mother when I booked him into Custody but the line went to voicemail. I am not aware if any contact was made with his family whilst I was looking after him.
 - (3) No contact was made with the University during my tour of duty and in any case is not something that I would usually do in my role.
 - (4) I have no knowledge of any other persons being contacted.
38. I have been asked if there were any barriers to the sharing of information with any of the above, or any other relevant individual, body or organisation. My answer is that I am not aware of any.
39. I have been asked if there were any outstanding criminal matters at the time of my involvement in this matter and, if so, what was my knowledge of them and what actions did I take. I was not aware of any other outstanding matters.
40. I have been asked if had any involvement in any assessment of Valdo Calocane and what procedures were in place as to assessment of medical and mental health issues and drug testing, and the provision of appropriate medical support, and whether those procedures were followed. I can say that Valdo

Calocane was assessed by the on duty HCP. As a result of this, Calocane was taken to the Accident and Emergency Department at the Queens Medical Centre Hospital. I completed a referral to Custody Mental Health Team but was not present on duty when this assessment took place and did not participate in this. I believe the correct processes were followed after I had authorised his detention into Police Custody.

41. I have been asked to set out the relevant policies, procedures and criteria which I consider governed my role in relation to this incident and the ways in which I consider these were or were not met. My answer to this question is that I adhered to the Nottinghamshire Police Custody Policy in place at the time and the National Authorised Professional Practice for Custody. I consider that both the APP and Custody Policy were adhered to. I completed a risk assessment and care plan for Calocane and referred him to the HCP due to concerns I had about his mental health. This was in order to ensure he was fit to detain and interview. He was subsequently taken to Hospital for medical assessment and on return was again assessed by the HCP. I completed a referral to the Liaison and Diversion team. I ensured that an appropriate care plan was put in place to look after him whilst in our care.

42. I have been asked to set out any concerns that I have in respect of the police's actions in relation to this matter. My answer is that, from viewing the Custody Record, a Mental Health Act assessment had been arranged to take place at 2.00 pm on 24th May 2020 while Valdo Calocane was still in Custody. I cannot see any comment on the Custody Record about who was present at the assessment and what the result of it was.

41. I have been asked to set out any concerns I have in respect of the recording of this matter. My answer is that my concern is that there does not appear to be any record of the Mental Health Act assessment on the Custody Record.
42. I have been asked if, looking back, I consider there are additional actions that I or others could have taken in respect of the incident. Having considered the matter, I can say I cannot think of any further actions which could have been taken during the period that I had responsibility for Valdo Calocane.
43. I have been asked if I consider there are any structural issues (regarding police policies, procedures, methodology, training etc.) which contributed to any issues I have identified. My answer is 'no.'
44. I have been asked if I have any recommendations that I consider could help prevent any of the issues that I have identified in respect of this matter. Having reflected on the matter, I do not have 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: 04/10/2025

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No.	URN	Document Description
1	NGPF0000077	Custody Record of Valdo Calocane, dated 14/03/2025, Nottinghamshire Police
2	NGPF0006072	Nottinghamshire Police (EMCJS) Custody Policy
3	WITN0008002	APP Detention and Custody