

Witness Name: MICHAEL PLANT

Statement No: WITN0013001

Dated: 21/10/2025

## THE NOTTINGHAM INQUIRY

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### FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF PC MICHAEL PLANT

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I, MICHAEL PLANT, will say as follows: -

1. My name is Michael Plant.
2. This witness statement is made to assist the Nottingham Inquiry (the “**Inquiry**”) with the matters set out in the Rule 9 Requests dated 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (the “**Requests**”).
3. In making this statement, I have refreshed my memory by reading the Incident Log (URN: **NGPF0000049**), the Occurrence Log (URN: **NGPF0000048**), my Pocket Book Entry (URN: **NGPF0004261**) and my Use of Force form (URN: **NGPF0000051**). Without referring to the documents I have very little independent memory of the incident. As a police officer over the last 6 years, I have attended thousands of incidents which vary in type and complexity. This incident is 5 years old, so I cannot remember much detail.

#### My Background

4. I joined Nottinghamshire Police as a trainee constable in 2019. After leaving school, I attended Nottingham Trent University between 2010-2013 completing

- a degree in sports and exercise sciences. Prior to joining Nottinghamshire Police as a constable, I worked as a custody clerical officer for 6 years in custody as a staff member of Nottinghamshire Police. My main role was to act as a link between officers and the CPS assessing the quality of case files before submission to the CPS. I also worked for a year in HR at Nottinghamshire Police dealing with the recruitment of police officers.
5. I was a response officer at Radford Road Police Station Nottingham for 2 years, followed by a 12 month assignment to a Neighbourhood Policing Team based at Broxtowe Police Station, Nottingham.
  6. I then returned to response duties at Radford Police Station in October 2022 and have been based there since.
  7. I am a trained Police Support Unit (PSU) officer. The PSU provides specialist assistance in relation to public order policing, protest and incidents of large scale disorder and violence. I am trained as a standard police driver and authorised to use emergency equipment. I am a trained tutor constable and I support and mentor new recruits.
  8. Prior to the 13<sup>th</sup> July 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 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020

9. On the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 I was working a shift from 9.30 pm to 2.00 am.
10. As a response officer, I would be contacted by the Force Control Room and requested to attend emergency incidents arising from 999 calls made to the police.

11. At approximately 10.16 pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020, I was alerted to an incident by the Force Control Room. The information passed was, by reference to the Incident Log, that a person called Luke had reported that someone had broken into a property at Brook Court, Player Street, Nottingham and assaulted someone and that he and others detained the man on the floor. I did not speak with the caller myself and I did not receive the call. I do not know why only the caller's first name was recorded by the call taker. I am advised that a recording of the call has been previously provided to the Inquiry, but that a further copy will be supplied.
12. Due to the nature of the call, this was treated as a grade 1 response, which means we would activate blue lights and attempt to get to the scene as quickly as safely possible.
13. When I arrived at the address of the incident at approximately 10.25 pm, a male was being held down by three members of the public. I cannot recall if other police officers were present already. I handcuffed the man on the ground with his arms behind him. This was for his safety and the safety of others. With the assistance of other officers, the man was taken out of the building and placed in the rear of a police van. I cannot remember which other officers were in attendance.
14. The man provided the name of Valdo Calocane and the Force Control Room conducted a check on police systems for any information about him. The information we received was that he had previously been detained under Mental Health Act 1983 powers. We were not made aware of any outstanding criminal matters. A request was made by one of the other officers on the scene

- for the Street Triage Team to attend. Street Triage Teams are teams made up of a police officer and a Community Psychiatric Nurse. The Street Triage Team attends Police incidents where there are mental health concerns. The Street Triage Team generally attends incidents after other Officers have attended and assessed the situation.
15. The Street Triage car arrived shortly afterwards. It was crewed by a police officer, PC Severn, and a Community Psychiatric Nurse (CPN). They spoke with Calocane and made the decision to detain him under section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983. I remember that he stated to the Street Triage Team that he was trying to save someone inside the address as he believed they were in danger.
  16. I cannot recall now if I spoke with the members of the public who had detained Calocane or whether other colleagues in attendance spoke to them, but I was aware that they did not allege that any assault had taken place. They appeared more concerned for Calocane's mental state. I assume, but cannot state categorically, that the original caller was one of the people at the scene.
  17. I recall that I assisted in transporting Calocane to the Cassidy Unit at Highbury Hospital, a secure mental health facility, where he was handed over to the mental health team.
  18. Having transferred Calocane to hospital, I resumed to other duties.
  19. I have read the entries on the Incident Log at 10.48pm, my understanding is that a call handler incorrectly entered information relating to another matter on to this Incident, realised their error and updated the log accordingly.

20. No further action was taken in relation to Calocane, because the other people involved did not want to make a criminal complaint.
21. On reflection, I have no concerns regarding the way the matter was dealt with. Given the assessment made by the CPN, I believe we took the appropriate action which was detaining Calocane under section 136 Mental Health Act 1983 which was the best action both for him and for others in order to protect them. There were no criminal offences to investigate but letting Calocane go would be inappropriate due to the risk of his doing something similar again.
22. There were no particular policies or procedures engaged by this incident. We dealt with an apparently mentally disordered individual and took steps to remove him to a place of safety where he could receive appropriate assessment and treatment, as appropriate.
23. I do not think there were any further actions which could have been taken; the key issue was that we were dealing with an individual with a mental illness and we took the most appropriate steps to deal with that.
24. I have been asked if details of the attendance and/or decisions or actions taken 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 response is that details of the attendance was shared with health services, because of the attendance of the Street Triage Team and the fact that Calocane was detained under s.136 MHA. I am not aware of any information being shared with other agencies or individuals. I did not know he was a student at the time of dealing with him.

25. I have been asked if there were any barriers in sharing information with other services. My response is that information was shared with health services at the scene.
26. I have been asked if there were any outstanding criminal matters at the time of my involvement in this matter. My response is that I was not made aware of any outstanding criminal offences.
27. I have been asked if I 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 provision of appropriate medical support. I was not involved in any assessment, but the Street Triage Team attended and carried out an assessment. He was taken to hospital.
28. I have been asked what relevant policies, procedures and criteria I consider governed my role in relation to this incident and set out the ways in which I consider these were or were not met. My response is that there was no specific policy or procedure governing my role. I responded to an emergency call and I used my powers under s.3 Criminal Law Act 1967 to use reasonable force to prevent a crime being committed. Calocane was subsequently detained under s.136 MHA 1983.
29. I have been asked if I have any concerns in respect of the police's actions in relation to this matter. My response is that I have no concerns regarding the police involvement, I believe we took the appropriate action to detain Calocane under s.136 MHA which was the best course of action to protect him and others due to his mental health issues. There were no criminal

- offences to investigate and letting Calocane go would leave a risk of his doing something similar again.
30. I have been asked if I have any concerns about the recording of the matter. My response is that I have no concerns.
31. I have been asked if there were any other actions that could have been taken in respect of the incident. My answer to this is that, in theory, further work could have been done to learn more about Calocane's background and if we had found out he was a student, the University could have been contacted to help safeguard him going forward.
32. I have been asked if there are any structural issues (regarding police policies, procedures, methodology, training etc.) which contributed to any issues I have identified. My answer is that I have not identified any issues.
33. I have been asked if have any recommendations that I consider could help prevent any of the issues that I have identified in respect of this matter. My answer is that I cannot think of any recommendations as there were no issues identified.

### **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:

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Dated: 21/10/2025

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2	NGPF0000048	Occurrence details, 13/07/2020, Nottinghamshire Police
3	NGPF0004261	Pocket Book Entry 13.7.20
4	NGPF0000051	Report dated 13/07/2020 Compiled by Nottingham Police Re: Use of Force Report