

Witness Name: SIMON ZACHARIA

Statement No: WITN0024001

Dated: 16 November 2025

THE NOTTINGHAM INQUIRY

FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF PC SIMON ZACHARIA

I, SIMON ZACHARIA, will say as follows: -

1. My name is Simon Zacharia.
2. This witness statement is made to assist the Nottingham Inquiry (the "**Inquiry**") with the matters set out in the Rule 9 Request dated 20th June 2025 (the "**Request**").
3. In making this statement, I have refreshed my memory by reading the Incident Log for Incident 0599_15012022 (URN: NGPF0000054) and the Occurrence Log for the same matter (URN: NGPF0000055). I have also reviewed my pocket book note made on the 16th January 2022 (URN: NGPF0000056). However, I am still not able to recall the detail of the incident due to the length of time since this occurred.

My Background

4. My name is Simon Zacharia. I originally joined Nottinghamshire Police in 2010 as a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). I was made redundant from that role in October 2015.

5. I became a Special Constable in 2016 and was appointed as a probationer Constable in June 2018.
6. Since joining as a constable, I have predominantly served in the role of Response Officer, but I have had periods working in the Beat Team which is a Neighbourhood Team, the Missing from Home Team and the Prisoner Handling Team.
7. I have completed online learning on the Nottinghamshire Police Intranet on various dates in relation to dealing with mental health issues. I exhibit a copy of my training record as **URN: NGPF0007926**. In addition, I have had training inputs relating to the use of police powers to detain under section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 and of the powers under section 135 of the Act.
8. Prior to the 15th January 2022, to the best of my recollection I had no knowledge of, or interactions with, Valdo Calocane, by that or any other name.

Events of the 15th January 2022

9. On the 15th January 2022, I was on duty at Central Police Station, Nottingham. My shift was a 3.00 pm to 2:15 am shift. I was with Sergeant Faulkner, carrying out administrative tasks.
10. By reference to the Incident Log, I see that we were contacted by the Force Control Room at about 7.12 pm to attend an incident at Flat 15, Madison Court, Derwent Way Nottingham.
11. We were told that the caller was reporting that he had been assaulted by his flatmate following an argument about cleaning the shower.

12. I recall we were told that the named suspect, Valdo Calocane, had a warning marker on the Police National Computer (PNC) for using violence against the police.
13. The Police National Computer is the national database holding arrest, conviction and other personal information about people who have been dealt with by the police. In order for the police to be aware of health and safety issues or other issues that can have an effect on how an incident is dealt with, warning markers can be placed against an individual's record to identify the particular risks they present.
14. We travelled to the address. When we arrived at the flat, my recollection is that I spoke to the caller, Christopher GRO-B and Sergeant Faulkner spoke with Calocane.
15. Christopher GRO-B did not really engage with me. He did not want to make a statement and he said he wanted to think about whether or not to make a formal criminal complaint against Calocane. He told me that there was some video on his phone of the incident but he did not provide that to me at that time.
16. From what I recall, Calocane was calm and appeared to be engaging with Sergeant Faulkner. Given the fact that Mr GRO-B was undecided about whether he wanted to pursue the matter, that the situation was by then calm and that Mr GRO-B was supported by others in the flat, Sergeant Faulkner assessed that there was no necessity to make an arrest. I will say that I agreed that that decision seemed appropriate.
17. I cannot remember now how long we remained at the flat. I cannot remember where in the flat I spoke to Mr GRO-B or where Sergeant Faulkner spoke to

- Calocane. Sergeant Faulkner took all the flatmates' details which I entered on the Occurrence I created on the NICHE crime management database. I do not believe I spoke to any of the flatmates because I was dealing with Mr. GRO-B.
18. Later the same evening, I tried to ring Mr. GRO-B to ask him if he was wanting to make a formal complaint as he had been undecided earlier. To the best of my recollection, I did not speak to him but I left a message for him.
 19. The following day, Mr. GRO-B rang me. I believe this was in response to the message I had left for him on his voicemail. He told me that he did not wish to pursue a complaint and that he would attend the Police Station to provide a Pocket Notebook Entry to that effect.
 20. Mr. GRO-B attended the Central Police Station to see me at about 9:40 pm on the 16th January 2022. He confirmed he did not want to make a formal complaint about Calocane's actions. I wrote out an entry in my pocket notebook confirming this. It confirmed the facts of the incident as it had been reported. It confirmed that Mr. GRO-B did not wish to make a witness statement or complaint, that he did not support a prosecution and that he would not be willing to attend court. He stated that he was not bothered about getting Calocane 'done' but only wanted him out of the property. He confirmed he was not in fear of Calocane. He read the entry and signed it. I do not recall that he produced any video of the incident at that meeting.
 21. By reference to the Occurrence Log, I note that I made an entry on the 17th January 2022 that I had spoken to Calocane on the telephone and advised him that there would be no further action taken. I also advised him about his conduct in the future. Because I was aware from Mr. GRO-B's comments that Calocane

- had mental health issues, I asked Calocane if there was any help we could give. He then began to appear evasive and refused to speak with me further. He terminated the call. I rang him back, but I was directed to voicemail. I rang again a short while later and left a message offering help if he wanted it. He never rang me.
22. On the 17th January 2022, I submitted a task on NICHE to Sergeant Faulkner to consider approving closing the incident. By reference to the Occurrence Log, I can see that he reviewed the matter on the 23rd January 2022 and gave authority to close the matter.
23. I did not contact any other organisations or agencies about this matter. This appeared to me to be a “one off” falling out between flatmates. Although I was made aware of a possible mental health history on the part of Calocane, I did not have any concerns, from what I saw and heard, that the incident was related to any mental health issues on his part. Despite that, I did raise it when I spoke with Calocane on the telephone, but he did not want to engage with me about that.
24. Although I was aware that all the people involved in the incident were students, I did not contact the University directly. Christopher [GRO-B] told me he had made a complaint internally and confirmed it when I spoke to him on the 16th January 2022.
25. On reflection, I believe that the incident was dealt with appropriately. On attending the flat, all those present were calm. Christopher [GRO-B] was undecided at that time about whether to take matters further. Calocane was calm and apparently co-operative. There seemed no longer to be any risk to

- [GRO-B] or the others in the flat. Had [GRO-B] wanted to progress the matter, Calocane could have been asked to attend the police station on a voluntary basis, as we had his details and his address.
26. The matter was appropriately recorded as an assault and, had it progressed, I believe it would have been dealt with as common assault, as there were no apparent injuries sustained by Christopher [GRO-B]
27. I am not aware that there were any further incidents reported either by Mr [GRO-B] or Calocane and no further calls from the address after we attended and I believe that we dealt with this incident appropriately and proportionately.
28. In Nottingham City Centre we would deal with very similar reports of assaults most days especially from Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, many of which involve students. Typically, the person reporting the incident is not injured and does not wish to engage with the police. We would normally contact them again the following day to see if they want to make a complaint and, if they do not, we would ask them to sign a Pocket Notebook Entry to confirm. However, the crime would still be recorded.
29. In the period I was working at Central Police Station, I frequently dealt with complaints of common assault where there were no injuries. If the complaint was pursued, it would generally be dealt with by interviewing the suspect voluntarily and resolved by way of a Simple Caution or other out of court disposal.
30. 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 answer is I did not contact any other organisations or agencies about this matter nor did I contact Nottingham University, or Valdo Calocane's family and there was no one else that had been affected by his behaviour. This appeared to be a "one off" falling out between flatmates. Although I was made aware of a possible mental health history on the part of Calocane, I did not have any concerns, from what I saw and heard, that the incident was related to any mental health issues on his part. Despite that, I did raise it when I spoke with Calocane on the telephone subsequently, but he did not want to engage with me about that.

31. 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 there were no barriers.
32. I have been asked if there were any outstanding criminal matters at the time of my involvement in this matter. There were none that I was aware of at that time, although I was made aware by the Force Control Room that there was a warning marker on the Police National Computer in relation to Calocane being violent towards the police.
33. I have been asked what, if any, consideration was given to the fact that Valdo Calocane was alleged to have recently assaulted a police officer. I recall we were told that the named suspect, Valdo Calocane, had a warning marker on the Police National Computer (PNC) for using violence against the police. I and Sergeant Faulkner would have been wary of him.
34. I have been asked about my contact with Calocane on the telephone on the 17th January 2022. My answer is, by reference to the Occurrence Log, that I

made an entry on the 17th January 2022 that I had spoken to Calocane on the telephone and advised him that there would be no further action taken. I also advised him about his conduct in the future. Because I was aware from Mr **GRO-B**'s comments that Calocane had mental health issues, I asked Calocane if there was any help we could give. He then began to appear evasive and refused to speak with me further. He terminated the call. I rang him back, but I was directed to voicemail. I rang again a short while later and left a message offering help if he wanted it. He never rang me. I cannot recall whether any consideration was given to his offending history.

35. I have been asked if I had any involvement in any assessment of Valdo Calocane, what procedures were in place as to assessment of medical and mental health issues and drug testing, and provision of appropriate medical support. My answer is that I was not involved in any assessment.
36. 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 set out the ways in which I consider these were or were not met. My answer is there were no specific policies or procedures engaged by this incident. As part of my police training I was taught to use the mnemonic 'ID COPPLAN' to remind me of the possible grounds which might necessitate making an arrest: **I** prompt and effective investigation, **D** to prevent disappearance, **C** – Child Vulnerable, **O**bstruction, **P**hysical injury, **P**ublic decency, **L**oss or Damage, **A**ddress not known, **N** to ascertain Name. Those are the matters I considered in my decision making.

37. 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 I have no concerns in respect of the police's actions in this matter.
38. I have been asked to set out any concerns that I have in respect of the recording of this matter. My answer is that I recorded this as the correct offence and therefore I have no concerns.
39. I have been asked if there are additional actions that I or others could have taken in respect of the incident. My answer is that, on reflection, I believe that the incident was dealt with appropriately and the appropriate actions taken. On attending the flat, all those present were calm. Christopher [GRO-B] was undecided at that time about whether to take matters further. Calocane was calm and apparently co-operative. There seemed no longer to be any risk to [GRO-B] or the others in the flat. Had [GRO-B] wanted to progress the matter, Calocane could have been asked to attend the police station on a voluntary basis, as we had his details and his address. I do not believe that given what was presented to us on the night that any further actions were necessary. We did everything proportionately.
40. 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 that I do not.
41. I have been asked if there are any recommendations that I consider could help prevent any of the issues that I have identified in respect of this matter. After reflection, I have no 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:

16/11/2025

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2	NGPF0000055	Occurrence Details Report dated 30/07/2023, compiled by Nottinghamshire Police
3	NGPF0000056	PNB Christopher GRO-B
4	NGPF0007926	Copy of Training Record - S Zacharia.xlsx