

Witness Name: T/DCC Rob Griffin

Statement No:

Dated:20 March 2026

**THE NOTTINGHAM INQUIRY**

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**SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT OF T/DCC ROB GRIFFIN**

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I, T/DCC Rob Griffin, will say as follows:-

**Introduction**

1. I am Temporary Deputy Chief Constable Rob Griffin of Nottinghamshire Police.
2. This second witness statement is made to assist the Nottingham Inquiry (the “**Inquiry**”) with the matters set out in the Rule 9 Request number 2 dated 19 March 2026 (the “**Second Request**”).
3. I have been asked to provide a short witness statement explaining the reasons why Ian Coates’ body remained at the scene of the attack on him on 13 June 2023.
4. I make clear that I was not the Investigating Officer in respect of the attack

on Ian Coates and I did not have direct operational charge over the conduct of the investigation of the attack. Consequently, it has been necessary for me to refer to contemporaneous records in order to prepare this statement.

### **Timeline**

5. By reference to the witness statement of PC 4150 Chapman dated the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 [NGPF00002784], I am able to say that the officer arrived at Magdala Road close to its junction with Woodborough Road at approximately 05.40. Another officer, PC Rushby, was already in attendance attempting to use CPR on Ian Coates.
6. The officers took it in turns to apply chest compressions until the arrival of EMAS staff, who then took over the treatment of Ian Coates.
7. PC Chapman records in his statement that the EMAS staff pronounced Ian Coates dead at 05.52. The EMAS staff covered Ian Coates with blankets to keep him from view.
8. The officers set a cordon to prevent members of the public coming into the crime scene and preserving it for forensic examination.
9. As a result of the attacks, there were a total of 11 scenes identified which required forensic management and examination [NGPF0003104]. The Crime Scene Co-ordinator briefed Crime Scene Manager (CSM) Laura

Ritzema to attend the scene and informed her that further resource would be provided as staff came on duty.

10. CSM Laura Ritzema attended the Magdala Road scene and signed in the Scene Log at 0755 and erected a tent over Ian Coates' body to protect it and to shield it from view while a forensic examination was carried out.

11. At or about 09.55, Crime Scene Investigators (CSI) Murphy and Dyer arrived and were briefed by CSM Ritzema to carry out a thorough scene examination.

12. The forensic examination of the scene which included Ian Coates was conducted by Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) Murphy and CSI Dyer, under the direction of CSM Ritzema.

13. By reference to the witness statement of CSI Murphy dated 13 June 2023 [NGPF002290], she completed her examination of the scene at 20.30.

14. By reference to the statement of PC Smith dated the 13 June 2023 [NGPF002425], I am able to say that, at 20.30, he witnessed Ian Coates being removed from the scene.

15. In summary, Ian Coates remained at the scene of the attack until 20.30 on 13 June 2023. The reason he remained there was to enable a thorough forensic examination of the site and him to obtain all forensic material of

relevance.

16. The body was concealed from view from the time life was declared extinct and until the point that he was removed to a hospital.

**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.

Dated: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Signed:

**GRO-B**

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