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THE NOTTINGHAM INQUIRY

FIRST STATEMENT OF MARTIN REED

I, Martin Reed WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:-

1. I make this statement as a Core Participant of the Public Inquiry into the actions of Valdo Calocane ("VC") on 13th June 2023, involving my partner Sharon Miller (hereafter referred to as "Sharon"). This statement is made to assist the Nottingham Inquiry (the "Inquiry") with the matters set out in the Rule 9 Request dated 30th July 2025 (the "Request").
2. Sharon was seriously injured when VC deliberately drove a van into her. This statement is intended to help the Inquiry understand the nature and extent of Sharon's injuries and the ongoing consequences of that day.
3. I am Sharon's partner.
4. Unless I indicate otherwise, the facts contained within this statement are within my own knowledge and are true. Where facts are not within my own knowledge, they are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

5. This witness statement was prepared on my behalf by my Solicitors at Rothera Bray LLP, following discussions via telephone and in meetings.

Impact on me and my family

6. I have been asked to set out the impact the attack had on me and Sharon.

Hobbies, Holidays and Work

7. Before the events of 13th June 2023, Sharon was the life and soul of the party. She was always 100% up for anything and maintained a positive outlook on life. Sharon and I enjoyed socialising regularly and would often head out together for drinks or meals out.
8. We would often catch the bus into Nottingham City Centre or even to different nearby cities to eat at new places. We did this approximately 1-3 times per week before Sharon's attack.
9. After the attack we stopped going out for meals, and our social life has really suffered. Whilst Sharon has improved to some extent physically, she still struggles to walk any distance and uses a crutch when she goes out. She also struggles psychologically to go out as she does not like being near busy roads or having to cross them as it reminds her of VC driving into her. She is convinced that something bad is going to happen to her again each time we now go out, so she avoids it where possible. Occasionally, if Sharon feels well enough, and is trying to tackle her fears, we do go to a few local places which are familiar to her and so feel safer. However, we now must take taxis to restaurants as she cannot walk there, so we just stay local or mostly end up staying in the house and having a couple of drinks together in an evening.
10. Prior to the attacks, our other hobbies included walking our dog, going to the cinema, and gardening. However, Sharon is no longer able or has the motivation to do any of these.

11. Sharon and I have not had any holidays since her injuries.
12. Previously, we would have at least one UK city break per year. We have been to lots of cities, catching the train and then staying in a hotel to explore. Sharon is now not well enough mentally or physically to do this.
13. Sharon was a very hard worker prior to the attacks and had always worked. She was employed as a cleaner dealing with large offices. She enjoyed this work – both the structure it gave to the week and the social side of it. She has not yet been able to return to work since the accident, which is frustrating for her, and I am not sure that she will be able to, given her ongoing physical restrictions and her anxiety when leaving home.

Our Relationship

14. Sharon and I have been together now for nearly 35 years. There has been a total change in Sharon's mood and personality since the attack. She regularly feels very down and low in mood and is still very emotional about what happened.
15. Sharon now needs a lot of encouragement to do anything. Due to her anxiety, she is now very quiet and timid. This is totally out of character for Sharon, and I now spend a lot of time encouraging her to do things.

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17. Some nights myself and Sharon are unable to sleep in the same bed. Sharon sleeps a lot more now, but it is always broken sleep. If she is really suffering with pain, she will often sleep in the spare bedroom both for her own comfort and for the fact that I move a lot in my sleep also.

18. I now also check that Sharon is taking the correct medication at the correct times and prompt her to do so.
19. At times our relationship becomes one of more carer and patient, rather than romantic partners. I just want to see that Sharon gets better and becomes happier again.
20. We are engaged and at the time of the incident were planning our wedding. However, it has been completely sidelined by the attack, and its aftermath, and we have agreed that we will not get wed until the Public Inquiry has concluded and we can focus properly on it.

Care and Assistance

21. Before her accident Sharon would do all the housework. This has changed completely. I now do most of the work around the house, particularly the heavier jobs such as putting the washing on the line.
22. Given her ongoing physical restrictions, I now tend to do all the cooking, cleaning and laundry as well as the weekly food shopping. Sharon will try some of the lighter jobs, like washing the pots, but it depends on how she is feeling daily in terms of pain and energy.
23. Sharon will occasionally go to Tesco to pick up some small bits if we need anything. However, she must catch a taxi and tries not to be out for very long.
24. I do have to remind Sharon to take her tablets and medication.
25. As Sharon still struggles with her mobility, and she is still using her crutch, I have had to make some small adaptations to the house to make it easier for her physically.
26. I have placed an additional ramp like step at our front door (**WITN0279003**). This has helped Sharon be able to access the front door more easily. Our front

- step before my adaptation was too high and was not normal regulation height. Therefore, I almost had to lift Sharon into the house every time.
27. Sharon struggles to stand for long periods of time to wash the pots in the kitchen, so I have added a seat for her (**WITN0280002**) so she can either sit and wash the pots or rest when she needs to.
 28. We have also installed a raised toilet seat (**WITN0279003**) to support Sharon with sitting and getting up again, due to the pain in her legs.
 29. Sharon still needs a lot of help getting into and out of the bath. She also needs encouragement to do so as she feels unsafe and unstable. I have installed a new handle (**WITN0279003**) to help her with this.
 30. In terms of her personal care and hygiene, Sharon is able to do everything for herself still, but sometimes she requires encouragement from me. As our only toilet is upstairs, there are still times I have to help Sharon get up the stairs to go to the toilet.
 31. Throughout my time caring for Sharon, I have received no support or communication from anyone. At no point was I offered any assistance in my role as her carer, nor any counselling to help me process what had happened or how drastically our lives had changed. It would have meant a great deal simply to have been given the option.
 32. I have not received any financial support for the care I have provided to Sharon. We were told that I am not entitled to Carer's Allowance because Sharon was not eligible for Personal Independence Payments (PIP). I still do not understand why her claim was refused. It felt incredibly unfair, especially given that she was unable to work. As a result of the lack of financial support, I have had to use my savings. I originally had around £3,000, but that is now almost gone. We are even having to use the money we had set aside for our wedding, and at this point, I do not think we will be able to afford to have one.

Family Impact

33. Sharon and I are close with our family, and we would visit them a lot prior to the attack.
34. Before the attack, it used to be equally shared between us going to visit family and them coming to see us at home.
35. Now our family must come and visit us, primarily as Sharon struggles with travelling to their homes as her mobility is not good.
36. During the initial weeks after her injuries were sustained, and for almost a year afterwards, I would ask Sharon's daughter to bring her granddaughter to see her during the daytime. This became very regular and was multiple times per week.
37. As her granddaughter was only a baby, it gave her daughter the opportunity to get out of the house and have a break from looking after the baby on her own.
38. Seeing her granddaughter brought Sharon to life, she loved being around her and playing with her as best she could. Sharon also enjoyed seeing her daughter as it gave her the chance to chat which would take her mind off her injuries.

Present Position

39. Currently, Sharon is able to do more things for herself like washing and doing some housework. However, I still need to do a lot round the house and in particular I hang out the washing, take it upstairs and help with any heavier jobs which Sharon can no longer do because of her balance.
40. Sharon still gets pain in her legs and needs a stick/crutch to walk. This still causes her to be frustrated and can affect her mood. As we cannot see her balance or pain getting any better, all the adaptations I have made to the house

will have to be permanent and I will have to continue doing all the jobs that Sharon would have previously done.

41. Since the attack, Sharon has not slept a full night due to nightmares and flashbacks. This continues to affect her mood and also our relationship as we often sleep separate or my sleep gets disturbed too.
42. I continuously have to try and support and encourage Sharon to do things that before the incident she would have done.
43. I am Sharon's main carer and I cannot see this changing.
44. Sharon is a completely different person since the accident. Her lack of physical strength, and her mental struggles have changed her.
45. Sharon is no longer the outgoing, sociable person she once was. She is now limited by how much her legs allow her to do without pain, and when the issue is not physical, she will be too anxious to engage in various things she used to enjoy.
46. This attack has changed our lives and our families' lives, and unfortunately, I do not think things will ever be the same again.

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48. In respect of the aftermath of the attack, I can confirm that I was not present at the time of the attack, and I did not see it happen. However, I am aware that whilst Sharon was crossing the road on her way to work, a van being driven by VC, was driven at her causing her to be knocked to the ground and sustain serious injuries. I now know that the van purposefully drove into Sharon and that VC had already killed three other people.
49. I was not aware that Sharon had been involved in the attack until between 8:00am and 8:30am, I cannot remember the exact time. I woke up and saw several missed calls on my phone. Normally, my phone is always left on overnight, but on this one occasion I had turned it off because a friend had been calling me through the night.
50. I listened to a voicemail from a lady who said she was at the scene with Sharon. I do not recall her name. She explained that Sharon had been hit by a van and that when I listened to the message, I should make my way to Queens Medical Centre ("QMC"), where Sharon would be taken. Despite the shock, I managed to stay calm, perhaps because I have dealt with trauma in the past and have learned how to handle stressful situations. As strange as it sounds, even though Sharon was clearly distressed and everything felt all doom and gloom, I had a deep sense that she would be okay.
51. As soon as the voicemail ended, I called my daughter and Sharon's parents. I explained that Sharon had been involved in an incident in town, that she was at the hospital, and that I would pick them up in a taxi so we could go together. I knew I had to stay strong for them, and I believe I managed to keep them calm.
52. I remember going downstairs and putting BBC news on whilst I waited for the taxi. All the headlines were marked as 'breaking news' with full coverage about the attacks. It was at this point that I realised that this might have been what Sharon was involved in and that it was not a simple accident.

53. When I arrived at QMC, I went through the Accident and Emergency Department (“A&E”) to find Sharon. I remember it being very busy and I recall seeing police officers around.
54. By the time I got to see Sharon I believe she had already undergone an X-ray and CT scan. I remember first seeing Sharon and thinking she looked in a terrible state, with red rashes all over her body. Of course, I did not say any of that to her.
55. The whole morning and day was surreal. I just wanted to support Sharon but also could not get my head around the fact a van had purposefully driven into her.
56. At some point that day I know I went in to check on Marcin, the man who had been knocked down at the same time as Sharon. Marcin was in the next bed to Sharon and at the time he had no company, so I spoke to him for a couple of minutes to offer my support and to try and lift his spirits.
57. I left the hospital later that day. I felt like I was putting a brave face on for everyone and could feel myself about to crack, so I needed to get home, have some time alone and try to process what had happened.
58. I know the police came to see Sharon in hospital the day after the attack, on 14th June 2023 as I stayed with her, but at no point did any police or members of staff come and speak to me to explain what had happened or what would happen next.
59. Sharon was admitted as an inpatient on the major trauma ward. She stayed there for 5 days.
60. I visited Sharon everyday she was in hospital. I did not stay long each time though, as I struggled to cope. I hate hospitals and found it hard to put on a brave face every day for Sharon. When Sharon was on the ward, I would watch the news in the hospital as they always had a television on with it playing.

61. Sharon was discharged from the hospital after five days as an inpatient, although she left before she was truly well or fit enough to go home. I was concerned about whether she was ready, but I also knew how much she hates hospitals, so I supported her decision to come home.

Media and Public Exposure

62. When Sharon returned home from the hospital, we were met by several reporters and members of the press outside our house. I found this completely inappropriate and disrespectful. Sharon was in pain, deeply traumatised, and simply trying to come home to rest, but instead, she was ambushed by journalists eager to ask questions. I specifically remember seeing individuals from BBC News, Sky News, and the Nottingham Post.

63. I do not feel that the press respected our privacy, particularly Sharon's, during this incredibly vulnerable time.

64. Sky News, in particular, were rude and aggressive in their approach. I had to go outside and speak to one of their journalists to firmly ask him not to return.

65. We later found out that reporters had also gone door-to-door speaking with our neighbours, trying to gather information about Sharon. This was completely unacceptable. Sharon was already traumatised and learning that journalists were snooping around asking questions about her was upsetting and felt like a serious violation of our privacy.

66. We were also shocked to learn that someone from the media had obtained our daughter's telephone number and contacted her directly. This felt like a total breach of our wider family's privacy.

67. Sharon and I tried to avoid social media posts about the attacks, but we could not help seeing frequent updates on television and in the Nottingham Post.

Even when we were not actively looking for information, it was constantly in our faces, making it even harder for Sharon to move forward.

68. I have been asked to address the interactions I had with the police following the attack, the table below sets out the interactions I can recall with the police between 13th June 2023 and the sentencing hearing on 23rd January 2024 and will be referred to throughout this statement as “the Timeline”, where relevant.

Police Contact List

Full Name	Rank	Collar Number	Role
Rajbinder Johal	Detective Constable	1361	Family Liaison Officer (FLO)
Ben Grayson	Detective Constable	3568	Support to FLO
Edd Norris	Police Constable	530	Tactical Support Officer (TST)
Leigh Sanders	Detective Superintendent		Senior Investigating Officer (SIO)
Adam Cooper	Detective Sergeant	568	
Steven Cooper	Deputy Chief Constable		
Robert Griffin	Assistant Chief Constable		Led the overall police response

Timeline of contact with the police 13/06/2023 – 23/01/2024

Date	Form of contact	Who	Description
14/06/2023	In person At Queen’s Medical Centre	DC Johal	DC Johal came to speak with Sharon, but she explained that she was in pain and tired. She told DC Johal that she had not been informed

			when she would be discharged, but that she would be willing to speak again once she had more clarity. DC Johal asked whether Sharon would like to speak with the Chief Constable, but she declined. She was also asked if she wanted to participate in a press release, and again, she said no.
15/06/2023	Telephone	DC Johal	Sharon was contacted by DC Johal and asked if she was ready to give a statement or not. Sharon said she was still recovering and needed more time. Sharon was also read the press release.
18/06/2023	Attendance at St Anns Police Station	DC Johal	I attended the police station with Sharon when she went to provide a statement. She was in the interview for around 40 minutes to talk about what she could remember from the attack on 13/06/2023. I did not speak to any officers on this day.
20/06/2023	Telephone	DC Johal	Sharon was contacted by DC Johal and I was present for the call. DC Johal explained that VC attended court that morning and VC had been remanded to custody until next hearing on 25/09/2023 where he would make his plea.
04/07/2023	Letter	Independent Office for Police Conduct	Letter detailed they were investigating the police's contact with the white van prior to the collision with Sharon. (WITN0279004)

15/07/2023	In person At home address	DC Johal DC Grayson	I was present when the officers came to speak to Sharon about the Crown Prosecution Service ("CPS"). She was asked if she wanted to meet with the CPS but she declined. (NGPF0000264)
29/09/2023	Letter	Independent Office for Police Conduct	Letter confirmed the Independent Office for Police Conduct ("IOPC") found no criminal offence was committed by the police. (WITN0279005)
28/11/2023	Telephone	DC Johal	Telephone call detailing the Plea and Trial Preparation Hearing (PTPH) that I was present for. DC Johal told Sharon that VC had pleaded guilty to attempted murder and manslaughter for the people he had killed. We understand from police disclosure notes, although I cannot remember specifically, that Sharon was informed here that the CPS did not accept these pleas and the case was adjourned for psychiatric assessments.
01/12/2024	In person At home address	DC Johal	I was present for the meeting with Sharon to discuss the pleas. An appointment was made for Sharon to make her victim impact statement.
14/01/2024	Attendance at St Anns Police Station	DC Johal	I attended with Sharon. Sharon drafted her victim impact statement for the sentencing hearing. I was not asked to provide an impact statement for the sentencing.

69. In respect of who I was in contact with from the Police, I can confirm from 13th June 2023 until the sentencing hearing, Sharon was mostly in contact with the family liaison officer DC Johal.
70. Sharon received the odd letter from the Chief Constable and the Deputy Chief Constable, but the main contact was DC Johal. I was with Sharon on most visits and so I have met DC Johal a few times.
71. In respect of any meetings or conversations I had with the police and the FLO, I can confirm that my first contact with the police was on 14th June 2023, when DC Johal visited Sharon at the QMC, the day after the attack. The Timeline sets out the details of what was discussed during that meeting. I remained with Sharon throughout to support her during her recovery. She was in a great deal of pain and very tired, so the conversation with DC Johal was brief.
72. Sharon was read out the press release by DC Johal on 15th June 2023, detailed in the Timeline. Sharon was obviously distressed and upset to hear the full extent of the attack and what had happened to the three people who had lost their lives.
73. I was usually present with Sharon whenever the police came to visit. They came on a handful of occasions to discuss her injuries and receive updates. For further details and the dates of meetings or telephone calls I can recall, please refer to the Timeline.
74. In relation to the meeting dated 15th July 2023, referred to in the Timeline, I am told, based on documents disclosed, that the attending police officers noted they had discussed the Bereavement Family Scheme, and Jane Macadam from the Victim Care Unit, and that Sharon had expressed a wish to be contacted by both (NGPF0000264). It is also recorded that we were informed about the

- Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority claims process. However, I have no memory of any of this being discussed, and I believe that if we had been given this information, I would recall it or have received some form of documentation to confirm it.
75. On 25th January 2024, after the sentencing hearing, DC Johal came to our house. We were told that VC had been given an indefinite sentence in a secure hospital. Sharon found it very difficult to hear any information about the case, so I was there to comfort her.
76. Although I was present for most of Sharon's meetings with the police, I was never contacted or spoken to in my own right. Information was either communicated directly to Sharon or, at times, passed to me with the expectation that I would relay it back to her. At no point did any officer engage with me personally or offer support, despite my role in caring for Sharon and being closely involved throughout.
77. In respect of any letter or emails I received from the police, I can confirm that the Timeline details letters we received on 4th July 2023 and 29th September 2023. Sharon and I were both confused that the investigation into the police actions around the attack was over. I felt really frustrated and was disappointed that there were no failings identified from the police. There were many cameras, and I feel there should have been more police contact with the white van to stop it sooner and to catch VC at an earlier point.
78. In respect of any reflections I had about my interactions with the FLO, as I have explained, I had very little interaction with the police, but I think Sharon felt supported by DC Johal and she seemed to find her helpful. I found this reassuring that Sharon had someone to talk to who was positive through such a difficult time in her life. DC Johal would contact Sharon to ask how she was feeling, and at least once she took us to one of Sharon's hospital appointments – this was a great help and avoided us incurring the cost of a taxi.

79. In respect of any contact I had with the Senior Investigating Office, I can confirm that I had no contact with the Senior Investigating Officer. I only remember contact with DC Johal, the FLO.
80. In respect of the information I was provided by the police about the attacks, their interactions with VC, and the criminal proceedings I can confirm that Sharon was visited by DC Johal on 25th January 2024 to be told about the sentence, but other than that we did not get any information about the events of 13th June 2023, about previous interactions with VC in the past or the criminal proceedings.
81. By watching the local news on television, I felt we found out more information about the investigation and proceedings than we were ever told about by the police.
82. When we found out that the police had been in contact with VC before the attacks on 13th June 2023, we could not believe it. I do not understand how he was able to ruin so many lives that day and why he was not stopped sooner by the police. It felt like the police had not told us on purpose, and although it would have still been hard, we should have heard about that information from the police rather than feeling like we were being kept in the dark.
83. In respect of whether I believe the information provided to be by the police was accurate and adequate, I can confirm that as explained earlier, I had no personal interaction with the police. All communication was directed to Sharon. While the limited information we received, such as details about the plea and the sentencing hearing, was accurate, I do not believe we were adequately supported throughout the investigation and proceedings. Being kept in the dark made it difficult for me to support Sharon effectively and made it even harder to come to terms with why this had happened.
84. I have been asked to set out whether I had or raised any concerns or made complaints about the police, I can confirm that I have not raised any concerns

or complaints with the police, but I have made clear to my solicitors that the investigation into the police left so many unanswered questions for me. I cannot accept that VC managed to get around the City after the brutal attacks on the students for so much time undetected, and when there is so much CCTV in the area. It is concerning that a man who had a knife on him, and who was known to have murdered 2 students, and still be at large and armed, was able to move around the City for so long right under the noses of the police.

85. In respect of how the police could have done better in their interactions with me, I can confirm that the police could have improved their communication by making direct contact with me during Sharon's time in hospital, especially given the seriousness of her injuries and my role as her carer. I was never spoken to directly about the incident or given any information in person, including on the day of the attack. Although I was present during most meetings with the police, I was not offered any support or updates individually. This lack of personal communication made it difficult to fully understand the situation and to provide the best support for Sharon during a very challenging time. Direct contact with me would have ensured I was better informed and supported alongside Sharon throughout her recovery.
86. In respect of any reflections I have had on my experience with the police, I confirm that I think the police need to be more open with victims and their families on the investigation proceedings. It would help us feel more supported and less in the dark.
87. I have been asked to set out my interactions with the Crown Prosecution Service ("CPS") between 13th June 2023 and the sentencing hearing on 23rd January 2024. In respect of how and when I was provided with information about the criminal proceedings, I can confirm that I do not remember being provided with any information about the criminal proceedings against VC. We were told that VC was detained by the police and then as detailed above, we were told about the sentence that was given to VC, but this information came via the police and not the CPS.

88. In respect of any meetings or conversations I had with the CPS, we had no meetings with the CPS either to talk to us about the plea or the sentencing hearing. Although Sharon and I did not attend the hearing as Sharon was too traumatised, we still were not updated by the CPS about anything.
89. It felt like because we did not attend the hearing that the CPS did not think we mattered and so did not bother to meet us to explain the sentence hearing before or after it took place.
90. In respect of any letters or emails I received from the CPS, I can confirm that I do not remember receiving any letters or emails from the CPS at all.
91. I feel the CPS could have been more active in at least sending us update letters.
92. In respect of whether the criminal prosecution process was explained to me in a clear and accessible way, and what to expect in the future, I can confirm that we were barely given any information about the prosecution and any information we were given was by the police.
93. It was hard to keep up to speed with what was going on, especially as neither of us have any legal training or experience. This just made an already difficult time even more confusing, and it was like trying to juggle your emotions with understanding what was going on.
94. Sharon and I did not attend the sentencing hearing. Sharon could not face it as she found the whole event traumatising. She was filled with anxiety when hearing anything about the case, so we stayed at home.
95. I do not know if the lack of contact from the CPS came from our lack of involvement, but from my memory, the CPS gave no updates in the run up or during the sentencing hearing. Any updates were via the FLO. Although Sharon rarely wanted to speak about the case, if I had been provided with the updates, I could have relayed this information to her when she was ready.

96. It would have been helpful if the CPS had sent more update letters or at least invited us to meetings or given the chance to ask questions. This would have helped me in my role of supporting Sharon. Sharon did not want to speak to the CPS about the case because she really struggled to do so. It would have helped if I knew what was going on so I could update Sharon when I thought it was appropriate or at least had some answers for us, so she was not completely in the dark.
97. Sharon was invited to join the Victim Contact Scheme from the Probation Service, but she did not feel ready to respond to this.
98. I have been asked to set out whether the CPS explained the basis of the charging and plea decisions, and whether this was given in a clear and understandable way. I can confirm that Sharon's solicitors went to the plea hearing on 28th November 2023. We did not go as again; it was too tough on Sharon physically and emotionally.
99. The Timeline entry dated 28th November 2023 outlines the update Sharon received regarding the plea hearing. This information was given to her by DC Johal, not the CPS. It was a lot for Sharon to take in as it was so emotional and there was a lot of legal information, but I think she understood what was explained. I am not sure how much clearer this could have been explained to Sharon.
100. In respect of whether I think the information from the CPS was adequate and accurate, I can confirm that it is hard to say if the information was accurate as the only updates came from the police.
101. I know Sharon's name was incorrect on some documents by the CPS. This was terrible and felt really disrespectful that at the very least they could not even get her name right when she had been through such an awful attack.
102. I have been asked to set out whether I had any concerns or complaints that I raised with the CPS about their conduct, I can confirm that I have not raised

- any formal concerns or complains with the CPS about how they treated me and Sharon through the proceedings.
103. In respect of whether the CPS could have done better in their interactions, I can confirm that from my memory, the CPS provided no updates to me and Sharon at all. All information was passed to us through DC Johal. Like I have said, although Sharon did not always want to interact with the CPS, I could have been given regular updates as the case progressed so that at least I knew what was going on so I could explain it in a more sensitive way to Sharon.
104. There was so much information about the case, yet it was hard to find out information about what had happened to Sharon. The attacks and the proceedings that followed were always on the news, and we felt as though we were being treated the same as any other person at home watching the television. Sharon was a victim in the attack, but she was barely kept up to date on what was going on with the person who attacked her. This was so disappointing and frustrating for me to try and deal with as her partner.
105. I have been asked to set out any reflections I have had on my experiences with the CPS, in this respect the experience was very brief, and I would describe it as particularly negative.
106. I have been asked to set out whether I had any interactions with the HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate ("HMCPPI"), I can confirm that to my knowledge, I have not had any interactions with HMCPPI. I have reviewed all my paperwork held in light of the Inquiry, and I could not locate any interaction with the HMCPPI.
107. I have been asked to set out any thoughts, reflections or concerns about the police's response on the night of the attacks. In this respect, I can confirm that I am massively concerned that a man was able to brutally stab two students, Grace and Barnaby, and then be able to walk through Nottingham, still armed, brutally kill another person, Ian, and then cause further serious harm once he was in the white van.

108. I cannot understand how VC was not stopped by the police for such a long time. There is so much CCTV in the City Centre he should have been stopped sooner. The police knew he had killed two people and was still roaming the streets. They also knew the direction he had wandered off in and that he was still armed. If there had been a quicker reaction from the police, and he had been located and caught at an earlier point, it could have prevented the further harm to those who were injured after the earlier tragic attacks.
109. In respect of any thoughts, reflections and concerns about the police investigation, I can confirm that one of my main concerns is discovering that VC was already known to the police before the attack. I understand he had been involved in previous incidents, including assaults, and that there was even a warrant out for his arrest. It is difficult to understand how someone with that background was not dealt with more seriously and quickly. It was shocking to learn this after what happened to Sharon. It has made me question the effectiveness of the police's actions and decisions, and it has affected my trust in how they handle individuals who pose a risk to others.
110. I have been asked to set out what I was told about the unauthorised access of data by the police, HM Court and Tribunal Service ("HMCTS"), HM Prison Service, the Probation Service, and other bodies. I can confirm that I did not receive any direct information about the data breach from the police, but I know from the letter that Sharon received on 5th April 2024 (**NGPF0004308**) that there had been a data breach within the police.
111. The letter was from Deputy Chief Constable, Steven Cooper, and it explained the internal investigation following a Gross Misconduct Hearing they had had that day.
112. Sharon was told that an officer had accessed the incident file who did not have authorised access, and a staff member was fired from the police because of this.

113. I also understand that Sharon received a letter from the NHS about a data breach dated 28th March 2025 (NUHT0000118). The letter explained that the Trust were investigating the data breach and that they would keep us up to date with the outcome of their investigations. To my knowledge Sharon has had no further information about this breach.
114. In respect of whether I consider that information provided to me by the public bodies about this unauthorised access of data was accurate and adequate, I can confirm that I do not think Sharon was really given enough information about why the data breaches occurred and what the information was used for.
115. We are still awaiting an update on the outcome of the NHS data breach.
116. I have been asked to set out any concerns I raised or complaints I made about the unauthorised access of data, and any response received. I can confirm that I have not made any formal complaints regarding unauthorised access or disclosure of data. However, I feel that I have not been provided with sufficient information about these matters to fully understand what has occurred. As such, I am unable to say whether any concerns would be adequately addressed.
117. I have been asked to set out any concerns I have or raised to any other person or organisation, I can confirm that no, I have not raised any concerns or made complaints to any other organisations or persons.
118. I have been asked to set out what recommendations I think the Chair of this Inquiry should make to ensure lessons are learned and to prevent similar attacks. In this respect, I can confirm that finding out that VC had been in contact with the NHS and police before on multiple occasions, and was known to them, was so disappointing to hear. I think serious mental health needs to be taken more seriously and people should not be allowed to fall under the radar like VC did. People with serious mental illnesses should be properly supervised when taking their medication, rather than simply being prescribed it and left to manage on their own. If it is known that they are not taking medication which they have

- been prescribed, and which will do them good, then there should be a way of escalating this and ensuring that they receive the medication and treatment which they require for their mental wellbeing.
119. The police need to take all attacks seriously and have better strategies in place to catch criminals who are at large with weapons. Improved communication and coordination across all agencies involved are essential to prevent future incidents and protect the public.
120. I feel very strongly that the Chair of the Inquiry should make recommendations that ensure the police respond openly, fairly and fully whenever an investigation is being carried out by the Independent Office for Police Conduct (“IOPC”). If such a recommendation is now made and followed, there would, I hope, be no need for the IOPC to have to decide, as has now happened here, to re-open an investigation into police work.
121. I am aware its investigation into the actions taken by Leicestershire Police after allegations of assault by VC on two co-workers at Kegworth has now had to be re-opened due to initial police non-disclosure. I now know that this incident took place in May 2023, a month before VC killed Grace, Barnaby and Ian and injured Sharon, Wayne and Marcin on 13th June 2023. The IOPC has now made a decision to re-open its investigation into the actions taken by Leicestershire Police, but only after the force has now provided new evidence which had not previously been made available to the IOPC.
122. I understand from what I have been told that this re-opening by the IOPC only followed representations by the bereaved families, which led to further inquiries being made by the IOPC with Leicestershire Police. I would like the Chair to recommend that the police always give full and frank disclosure to the IOPC in the first instance when similar incidents are being investigated, and for there to be proper and meaningful sanctions in place should it become clear that inadequate disclosure has been made. Had this happened here, the IOPC’s first investigation into Leicestershire Police’s handling of the assault allegations

- against VC would not have concluded in September 2024 as it did based on incomplete evidence.
123. I have been asked to set out what recommendations the Chair should make in relation to the support provided to the families of victims of crime, and how such families are treated by public bodies. In this respect, I can confirm that I feel I should have been given more support by the CPS which would have helped me in supporting Sharon through the proceedings and the sentencing. I felt very in the dark throughout the whole process, and this made it so hard to provide any sort of reassurance or comfort to Sharon.
124. I received no counselling at all during this time. It would have even just been helpful to know that counselling was available as an option for me, to help cope with the emotional impact of what had happened. More visible and accessible counselling support should be offered to family members and carers affected by such traumatic events.
125. I feel victims and families of attacks should be given some financial support as we have not received any. With Sharon no longer able to work, managing the costs of appointments has become even more challenging. We have had to rely on taxis to get to and from hospital and other appointments, and without any carer support, these expenses have added significant strain. As a result, we have had to use our savings just to cover everyday living costs. Worrying about our finances was an unnecessary stress which we should not have had to deal with – we already had enough to worry about.
126. There should be a recognition that carers like me are under enormous pressure and should not be hassled or pressured to seek employment when they are clearly not in a position to do so due to their caring responsibilities.
127. I have been asked to set out what recommendations I think the Chair should make in relation to unauthorised access to disclosure of data. I can confirm that in serious cases like this attack, all personal data must be kept strictly confidential, and any unauthorised access or breaches should be taken very

seriously. The Chair should recommend strong accountability measures to prevent data breaches and ensure victims' privacy is fully protected.

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 in the truth.

Signed

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Martin Reed

Dated..... 18/12/2025 | 3:31 PM GMT

THE NOTTINGHAM INQUIRY

INDEX TO FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF MARTIN REED

Exhibit No.	Inquiry URN	Description
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2	WITN0280002	Photograph of kitchen chair for rehabilitation rest
3	WITN0279004	Letter from Independent Office for Police Conduct dated 4 th July 2023
4	WITN0279005	Letter from Independent Office for Police Conduct dated 29 th September 2023
5	NGPF0000264	Note of police attendance dated 15 th July 2023
6	NGPF0004308	Letter from Nottinghamshire Police re Data Breach dated 5 th April 2024
7	NUHT0000118	Letter from NHS re Data Breach dated 28 th March 2025