

Witness Name: Anthony Faulkner

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THE NOTTINGHAM INQUIRY

FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF PS ANTHONY FAULKNER

I, Anthony Faulkner, will say as follows: -

INTRODUCTION

1. I am Police Sergeant 2649 Anthony Faulkner. I am currently based at Nottingham custody suite.
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 January 2026.

MY BACKGROUND

3. I graduated from University in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Psychology.

4. I secured a job at Fitness First in Nottingham in the sales team before applying to join the police.
5. On completing all the relevant assessments, I started my career in policing as a Constable in December 2002. On completing my probation period with the force, I was attached to response teams working in the south of Nottingham. In 2006 I started a new role working on the drugs intervention programme (DIP). This role was designed to engage drug using offenders into treatment and reduce further offending. It collaborated with offender management teams in the City and County.
6. In 2012 I then moved to work on the Burglary Team based at Carlton Police Station before I was requested to move back to the DIP project 6 months later.
7. In 2016 I became a Temporary Sergeant working with the Ministry of Justice in relation to a National GPS Tagging programme for offenders ordinarily held on remand.
8. In 2018 I was successful in the Sergeant Promotion process and was selected to become a Response Sergeant working from Central Police Station, Nottingham, where I supervised 8 Police Officers. The role also required me to cover Radford Police Station if there wasn't a supervisor there.
9. I performed that role until moving into Police Custody in 2024, which is my current posting.

10. I was successful in the National Police Promotion Framework Part 1 legal exam.

I have successfully completed my Sergeant Level 4 Certificate in Police First Line Management, Unarmed Defensive Combat and First Aid training. I have also completed the specialist training to become a Custody Sergeant.

11. I had no knowledge of and had not encountered Valdo Calocane prior to incident 0599_15012022 (URN :NGPF0000054) to the best of my recollection.

Events of the 15th January 2022

12. In making this statement, I have refreshed my memory by reading the Incident Log 0599_15012022 (URN :NGPF0000054), as my recollection of the incident is limited due to the passage of time.

13. I can recall that, at the time of this incident, I was the Response Sergeant for the City Centre which was my role at that time. There was no supervisor working at Radford Road Police Station, so I was also required to assume responsibility for supervision of the staff and the station that covers the area for the incident, along with my own area.

14. By reference to the Incident Log (URN :NGPF0000054), I was first alerted to this incident at approximately 19.12 hrs on the 15th January 2022 by the Force Control Room over my radio. The Control Room contacted me on the radio and requested that I try and find some officers to attend the incident as all officers were in use at the time of the call. I can recall calling several officers; as demand was very high, all officers were committed.

15. By reference to the incident log (URN :NGPF0000054), I can recall I was told by the Control Room that there had been an assault in a student accommodation block and all the students were still at scene. I recall being told by the Control Room that the caller had sworn at the suspect and then the suspect had assaulted him by putting him in a head lock. We were told the suspect was not being aggressive now.
16. I recall also being informed by control room that the suspect had only one previous incident recorded prior to this, in which he had assaulted an officer and a warning marker for police assault had been added to his record. I believe that it was around 5 -6 months earlier and he was not on any bail conditions.
17. Due to other officers being committed at other incidents, I recall attending the address with PC 4242 Zacharia. The student accommodation was a large accommodation block and the property was located up a flight of stairs. On arrival, we knocked on the door.
18. I recall a male I know now to be Valdo Calocane, answered the door and we followed him into the hallway and then into a large kitchen-lounge area. Off the kitchen-lounge area there were several bedrooms with fire doors attached, each with locks on them.
19. I recall seeing three other people sat in the kitchen-lounge area. They were speaking with each other. I did not see any injuries, and they did not appear to be distressed.

20. I took Valdo Calocane to one side of this room, separating him from the others and he was compliant. I confirmed his details were the same as the information we had been given by the Control Room.
21. PC 4242 Zacharia went and spoke with the person who had made the call to the police across the other side of the room in private.
22. I recall explaining to Valdo Calocane that I was waiting for an update from PC Zacharia. PC 4242 Zacharia came over to me after a few minutes and told me the male who had made the call had said that he had been shouting at Valdo Calocane about a dirty shower and then also began swearing at him. PC Zacharia told me the caller told him that Valdo Calocane had assaulted the caller by placing him in a headlock and then punched him.
23. PC 4242 Zacharia told me there were no injuries, and the victim was not sure if he wanted to support a prosecution or provide a statement at that time.
24. At this point, things were calm and Valdo Calocane was being compliant.
25. The reason for the assault appeared to be a falling out over being insulted by the caller.
26. I recall speaking to Valdo Calocane and warned him that he was not to speak to the victim again and that he may be required to attend the Police Station at a later time. He agreed to this.

27. I recall Calocane was compliant, he did not appear to be under the influence of any substances and did not appear to be mentally unwell. I decided that a voluntary attendance interview would be a proportionate course of action if the victim wanted to support police action.
28. The victim was with several friends and they had security of locks on all the bedrooms. The flat mates would be staying together which also, in my view, reduced the risk.
29. Since the assault had taken place, Valdo Calocane had been compliant, and the victim had told PC Zacharia that there had been no further threats or violence offered.
30. I advised Valdo Calocane that if the Police were to be called back then an arrest would be necessary. The caller and his flat mates were advised by me to call the police via 999 if there were any further issues and PC 4242 Zacharia would be in touch.
31. At this point we exited the student block.
32. I do not recall taking any accounts from witnesses.
33. I have been asked to outline any direct interactions I had with Valdo Calocane. My response is that I spoke with Calocane and confirmed his details were the

same as the details given by the Control Room. I separated Calocane from the other occupants and PC 4242 Zacharia spoke with them while I waited with Valdo Calocane and informed him that I could not discuss the incident with him.

34. He was calm in his demeanour and compliant. I was aware of the warning marker for Police assault and so I kept outside of Valdo Calocane's fighting arc by not standing directly in front of him but just to the side out of his reach, but close enough to engage with him in conversation.

35. I have been asked to set out details of decisions I made, or action I took and on what criteria. My response is that, after being updated by PC 4242 Zacharia that the victim was not sure about making a complaint, I used the national decision model to decide what action to take (HOMF0000051).

36. I considered that this was a minor assault causing no injuries to the victim. There had been no other incidents between the caller and witnesses and Valdo Calocane prior to our arrival. Valdo Calocane had been compliant during our engagement. The caller had told PC 4242 Zacharia that he had begun swearing at Valdo Calocane and calling him names and was now unsure if he wanted to support a prosecution.

37. I considered arresting Valdo Calocane but decided it was not a necessity, as I did not believe Valdo Calocane would harm himself or commit any further assaults or tamper with evidence after the police engagement. No weapons had been used or threatened to be used, and the victim was not vulnerable.

38. Given that there were separate bedrooms off the kitchen area with locks on the doors, I considered the caller would be safe.
39. I explained to Valdo Calocane that he may need to be interviewed voluntarily at the Police Station. I was aware from PC 4242 Zacharia that the caller was undecided about whether to make a formal statement of complaint.
40. I advised Valdo Calocane not to talk to the caller which he agreed to.
41. The offence was recorded by PC 4242 Zacharia with the relevant details and the caller and witnesses were advised that if anything changed to contact the police again. This is recorded on NICHE occurrence record 22000028303 (URN: NGPF0000055).
42. I have been asked to detail my knowledge of any issues concerning Valdo Calocane's mental health. My response is that the Control Room had informed me that Valdo Calocane had been sectioned around 5 months earlier. I do not recall being informed of anything else in relation to this.
43. As a Police Officer, protecting innocent members of the public is my priority. I never contemplated that anyone representing a serious danger to the public would ever be on the street without appropriate medication and psychiatric support or housed in a communal living area such as student accommodation.

44. I have been asked to detail whether 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.
45. The University was contacted by the caller on the 16 January 2022 informing them of the incident.
46. PC 4242 Zacharia spoke to the caller again on the 16 January 2022. PC Zacharia told me he had seen the caller. He told me the caller had decided he did not want to support a prosecution. PC Zacharia told me the caller had stated he didn't want to give a statement or attend court and that he only wanted Valdo Calocane to move out of the property; and he wasn't in fear of him. PC Zacharia told me he had obtained a signed pocket notebook entry from the caller stating this.
47. From memory, I requested PC 4242 Zacharia email the Safeguarding Department of the University on the 16 January 2022 to make them aware of the incident to ensure they acted quickly to remove Valdo Calocane from the property and to safeguard other students. However, I do not appear to have documented that.
48. As I did not believe Valdo Calocane was acutely mentally unwell I did not complete any further referrals.

49. 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 response is that there were no barriers to the sharing of information.
50. 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 these and what actions did I take, if any. My response is that I had been informed that the suspect Valdo Calocane had only one previous incident recorded prior to this, in which he had assaulted an officer and a warning marker for police assault had been added to his record. I believe that it was around 5 -6 months earlier and he was not on any bail conditions or wanted by the police.
51. I have been asked to detail what (if any) consideration was given to the fact that Valdo Calocane was alleged to have recently assaulted a police officer. My response is that I observed a distance outside of Valdo Calocane's fighting arc when dealing with him, but he was not being aggressive and not displaying any erratic behaviour when I was dealing with him.
52. I have been asked about a call made to Valdo Calocane and who the relevant officer was and what was said and what, if any, consideration was given to Valdo Calocane's offending history and any outstanding matters at that stage. My response is that PC 4242 Zacharia spoke with Valdo Calocane to advise him regarding his future conduct and to offer support for his mental health. Valdo Calocane refused any support for his mental health. I had been told by control

room that there was only one previous incident and that he was not on any bail conditions therefore I did not give this any further consideration.

53. 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 and whether those procedures were followed. My response is that the Force does have a mental health procedure for mental health incidents and for dealing with persons in police custody. However, given that it did not appear that Valdo Calocane was undergoing any acute mental health issues and was not under arrest he was not assessed.

54. 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 considered these were or were not met. My response is that during my role in this incident, I used the national decision-making model (HOMF0000051). PC 4242 Zacharia recorded the crime based on what he had been informed from the caller and the Control Room. The national decision-making model was used to govern our actions at the scene and the crime recorded accordingly in line with the national crime recording standard, so these were met.

55. I have been requested to set out any concerns that I have in respect of the police's actions in relation to this matter. My response is that on reading the incident log (URN: NGPF0000054), it mentions that Valdo Calocane had

prevented the caller from leaving the address and had a marker for 'extremely violent'.

56. I do not recall being informed of this by the Control Room or by the caller or witnesses at the time. Had we been aware, we may have considered other offences had been committed and changed the necessity to arrest.

57. Looking back, I have been asked to consider if there were additional actions that I or others could have taken in respect of the incident. My response is that I could have furthered the investigation by requesting that the officer in the case, PC Zacharia, try to obtain witness statements from the two witnesses. However, based on all of the information available to me at the time and the fact that the caller had stated he did not wish to pursue a prosecution and would not attend court, that there were no visible injuries and it was a minor assault, I decided at that time there would be no realistic prospect of conviction. While the suspect had been identified, the caller had refused to engage and support a prosecution. The caller had requested that the matter was not investigated further.

58. I have been asked to consider if there were any structural issues which contributed to any issues. My response is that I do not believe that there were any structural issues.

59. I have been requested to put forward any recommendations that I consider could help prevent any of the issues that I have identified in respect of this matter. I do not have any recommendations to offer.

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: 13.02.2026

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No.	URN	Document Description
1	NGPF0000054	Incident Details Report dated 30/07/2023 Compiled by Nottingham Police RE: Use of Force Report
2	NGPF0000055	Occurrence Details Report dated 30/07/2023, compiled by Nottinghamshire Police
3	HOMF0000051	National Decision Model