

Witness Name: Jayne Elizabeth Harvey

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THE NOTTINGHAM INQUIRY

FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF JAYNE ELIZABETH HARVEY

I **Jayne Elizabeth Harvey** of Nottingham City Council, Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG **will say** as follows: -

- 1 I am a CCTV operator employed by Nottingham City Council ('the council').
- 2 Where the content of this witness statement is within my personal knowledge it is true. Where it is outside my personal knowledge and derived from other sources it is true to the best of my information and belief.

Introduction

- 3 I am a CCTV operator. I am in my twentieth year of this role and I am very experienced at it. I am fully familiar with the council's CCTV operation and where the cameras are situated.
- 4 As my job title suggests, I monitor the CCTV cameras for the city centre areas. I also listen to the police Talk Groups that are relevant to the area I am monitoring on a particular day. I cannot monitor the OS Talk Group which is the firearms channel. I believe to be Talk Group 1199.

- 5 I do not have a set area to cover. I can be doing different parts of the city on different days.
- 6 The CCTV control room at Woodlands is much as you might imagine in that there are walls of TV monitors. There are nine cameras to each of the giant 50-inch monitors. I sit at an individual workstation and have access to camera feeds there. I have a joystick with which I can move individual cameras to pan, tilt and zoom them.
- 7 Our biggest partner is the police. We interact with them every day. Those interactions can come around in two ways: first, if we spot something suspicious (a crime happening), we can inform the police and then put it onto their monitors for them to see. Second, we monitor (listen to) the police Talk Groups and if we hear radio traffic which indicates an incident is taking place, we can switch to monitor cameras in that area. This is what happened on 13 June 2023 (see below).
- 8 The police have access to four screens at Police HQ. If something is happening and they request a feed from us, we can patch this through to be seen on their quad monitor. We have a piece of technology called 'Follow Me' which we use to do this.

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- 9 On that day I was working the monitors for the city centre and Radford. That means I was working monitors running out from the city centre up Alfreton Road all the way to the ring road intersection. I was monitoring Talk Groups 6 and 7 which cover that area.
- 10 Shortly after 4:00 a.m. I heard on the police radio that there had been a stabbing on Ilkeston Road near Mario's Takeaway [WITN0224006] (CCTV Incident Report – Event 105-87). Straightaway I got onto camera 209 which is

the nearest to that site – at the junction of Ilkeston Road and Radford Boulevard. I spun it around to look down towards Faraday Road, in other words out of the city.

- 11 The camera functioned properly, but I could not see the actual point at which the first incident had happened. The line of sight was obscured by street furniture and shop signage. I couldn't see the victims, but I could see a crowd of people in the road, so I knew where it was. I put it straight onto Follow Me so the police could see what I could see, making that camera their eyes to the world. I heard a description of the offender on the police radio, a black male wearing dark clothes. I started checking the cameras in the area working out from camera 209, to see if I could get the event and see the offender for myself. I did not get any footage of him running away. What I was doing was replaying the cameras in the area to try and work out how he had got away from the scene of the first incident. I checked every camera in the area to see if he had gone in a particular direction. All the cameras worked and I was able to do this.
- 12 I should say here, as an aside, that throughout the time from the first incident to VC's arrest, I was checking the council's cameras. Only one camera malfunctioned – at the site of the arrest. I will return to this.
- 13 As indicated, I started with the point of the first event and started checking cameras out in a radius in all directions. My aim was to identify the offender and where he was going. Despite my efforts I was not able to pick him up. He somehow managed to avoid all the cameras. This was either luck on his part, or he knew where they were. I checked the main routes and traffic cameras I could not see anyone matching VC's description. I am in my twentieth year of CCTV operation. I am confident but cannot guarantee that, if he had crossed one of our cameras, I would have seen him. This was a serious and urgent situation, so I asked my colleague James Pikett to help me monitor the cameras, looking for VC. He is also an experienced operator.

- 14 During the search for VC, no police officers came to the Woodlands to give us directions or act as a liaison point. We were reliant on listening to the Talk Groups. However, we are used to working on our own initiative. We knew where the first incident had happened and we started working out in a radius. That is what we do when looking for a person of interest to the police. As soon as we find anything using this approach, we report it straight to the police. We were working systematically out from the central event.
- 15 The Radford cameras are what we call "analogue". This is the cameras which are situated from Canning Circus to Independent Street. It means the pictures are slightly more grainy, but the cameras are easier to control because they are hard-wired. That said, these issues did not hamper me on the night. When VC had taken the van, we were able to keep it in sight. There was a blind spot in our coverage on Derby Road to Canning Circus. As VC drove up past the cathedral, we would not have had him on camera.
- 16 I first picked up VC on the camera which is at the bottom of Mansfield Road down to Milton Street. I picked up a van where it should not be, and I saw it drive at a person at the bus stop. I saw that just as the van was driving off. VC had driven around his victim and off towards the police station. I lifted the police radio to tell them what had happened, but before I spoke, we were now getting police radio messages that said VC had hit someone with the van and it was coming through quickly. Looking at events, we were concerned it was terrorism.
- 17 James went to the traffic camera that is situated at the Theatre Royal and made sure that it was pointing in the right direction. We next picked up VC on the Clumber Street camera which runs from Upper Parliament Street up to the Theatre Royal.
- 18 We then heard a radio message from the police that a white van had turned up on to Derby Road. We were on the Talk Group shouting the location to the police.

19 The van must have gone up Derby Road past the cathedral and onto Alfreton Road where we picked him up again on camera 160. As he proceeded down Alfreton Road, we got him on 161. We had picked him up at Canning Circus as he drove out on Alfreton Road. We were able to follow him along Alfreton Road. We informed the police on the police radio where the van was on Alfreton Road. The van eventually turned right into Bentinck Road running towards the forest [WITN0437002] (CCTV Incident Report: Event 105-88). It was stopped here. This is where we had the problem with a camera. I had tried to move the camera to see the end of the chase. The camera went into a spin and was rotating rapidly. This meant that we saw the van and the scene once every few seconds as the camera came round.

Reflections

20 Looking back, it seems like luck that I spotted VC's van. However, where he was on Milton Street is an area where traffic is prohibited except for buses and taxis. He was pointing towards PC World and Milton Street. Vans are not allowed there so it flashed up in my mind straight away. It stuck out.

21 Over the years of monitoring CCTV footage, I have got used to what we see. It follows a normal pattern. We see students and nightlife in the evening, we see workers in the day. This means that we have a mental log of what 'normal' looks like. When something unusual occurs, it is very obvious to us we often pick up matters out of the corner of an eye, that others would not notice – simply because we know what should be going on in a particular area. The presence of a van on Milton Street pointing towards PC World is unusual so I would notice it.

22 The events of 13 June 2023 are still with me. What happened was awful. On the day, we made a radius-based search moving outwards from the first incident. We could not locate VC. It was not until I saw something that did not look right in the form of the van that we picked him up.

23 The police did not direct our search; we did that entirely on our own initiative. There was no problem with the equipment on the night. Only that final camera had malfunctioned.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the content of this witness 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**

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