

Witness Name: BEATRICE SUTTON

Statement No: WITN0022001

Dated: 30/10/2025

**THE NOTTINGHAM INQUIRY**

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**FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF PC BEATRICE SUTTON**

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I, BEATRICE SUTTON, will say as follows: -

1. My name is Beatrice Sutton.
2. This witness statement is made to assist the Nottingham Inquiry (the "Inquiry") with the matters set out in the Rule 9 Request dated 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (the "Request").

My Background

3. After leaving school I attended the University of Nottingham and completed a Law degree and then an LPC at Nottingham Trent University. After working as a paralegal in criminal and family law for a couple of years I joined Nottinghamshire Police in June 2018. I have served as a Response Officer in Nottingham City and a number of proactive policing teams, including Operation Reacher, which is the team I was assigned to at the time of the incident described below.
4. Operation Reacher is an initiative across Nottinghamshire which has as its main aims:

- disrupting serious and organised crime, including drug dealing, weapons possession, and vehicle crime.
  - working closely with local communities to build trust, gather intelligence, and address concerns.
  - conducting high-visibility patrols, search warrants, and stop-and-search operations.
5. I have received standard Officer Safety Training around use of force and training on mental health as a vulnerability to consider when using force including Acute Behavioural Disturbance (ABD) during my initial training in 2018 which would be regularly refreshed with e-learning packages from the College of Policing including on the use of legal powers to detain an individual who does not have capacity due to their mental health.
6. Prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, I had no knowledge of, or interactions with, Valdo Calocane, by that or any other name, so far as I can remember.

#### Events of the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

7. I have refreshed my memory of events by reading the incident log 0483\_03092021 (URN: NGPF0000023) and my MG11 witness statement dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 (URN: NGPF0000017).
8. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, I was based at Byron House Police Station, Nottingham. I was working a 1.00pm to 11.00pm shift. I was double crewed with PC Barnaby Pritchard.
9. At approximately 18:40, we attended Flat 2, Marquis of Lorne, 48 Salisbury Street, Nottingham to assist mental health professionals execute a warrant they

had obtained under section 135 Mental Health Act 1983 in respect of a man I now know as Valdo Calocane. The warrant gives the medical authorities the power to detain the subject at a hospital or place of safety and also gives a power to constables to use reasonable force to compel the subject to go to the hospital or place of safety.

10. We arrived just after PC Ellis and PC Wakefield. Also present were social workers and a doctor.
11. The social workers spoke to Calocane and explained the purpose of the warrant and that he was to go to hospital to be assessed. He replied that he would not be coming with them and kept repeating 'I am not compelled'.
12. He was standing in the doorway of his flat. PC Ellis and PC Wakefield tried reasoning with Calocane. Myself and PC Pritchard held back initially so as to try and encourage him to come of his own volition without police officers needing to be heavily involved if possible.
13. After a period of approximately 5 minutes Calocane walked back into the flat and myself and my colleagues followed behind.
14. I activated my Body Worn Video Camera as it was clear that Calocane was not intending to come out of the room of his own volition and I wanted to record any actions taken to enforce the mental health warrant.
15. Calocane stated that he would only 'Go' with a male officer but due to his tone of voice I warned my colleague PC Pritchard that I believed he was wanting to fight with him because he was the only male officer present and Calocane made comments about 'never disrespecting women'.

16. PC Pritchard went to take hold of him and said 'Come on then'. Calocane responded by saying 'No-one is going to any ambulance.'
17. Suddenly, Calocane moved aggressively towards PC Pritchard and punched him twice to the head in quick succession. At this point, Calocane was positioned with his back to a chest of drawers and facing PC Pritchard. He had hold of the front of PC Pritchard's body armour and was trying to pull PC Pritchard towards him to head-butt him.
18. I pulled Calocane's arm off PC Pritchard and then used a pair of handcuffs passed to me from PC Wakefield to handcuff his right wrist. As I did so, Calocane used all his weight to move forward and head-butt PC Pritchard on the right side of his head. I held onto the handcuff with my left hand and pushed Calocane to the neck area with my right hand to try to prevent him thrusting his head forward at PC Pritchard again.
19. Calocane aggressively resisted all attempts to put the second handcuff being put on his left wrist. The room was very small and difficult to move in. I kicked Calocane to his shins in an attempt to take his legs out but he was directing his aggression towards my colleague and did not appear to be responding to any use of force. He was bucking and twisting his body in all directions.
20. I recall one of my colleagues shouting 'PAVA', a reference to the incapacitant spray with which we are issued. I managed to draw my PAVA spray with my right hand and sprayed it at Calocane. He initially turned his head away but when he turned back I sprayed again.
21. Calocane then turned around and whilst I was concentrating on keeping hold of the handcuff that was attached to him, I was pushed backwards onto the bed

in the struggle. I had no room to get back up without pushing him towards the other officers.

22. I felt Calocane being pulled upright again and I was able to get up. I was running on adrenaline and the whole experience was very disorientating. I don't think I processed the danger I was in until afterwards.
23. Another officer then deployed TASER, which is a non-lethal weapon which fires two sharp barbs into a subject and then enables a high voltage electric shock to be administered to incapacitate the subject.
24. After the initial electric shock, Calocane continued to resist the application of the handcuff to his free wrist and it was necessary for him to be tasered a second time to get him to comply.
25. According to my original statement, he said 'Fuck' and was panting. He said to PC Pritchard 'You didn't go down.'
26. I shouted 'Do you realise the Taser is still connected?' and Calocane nodded. Together, with other officers, we then rotated Calocane so that the handcuffs could be re-applied to the back and leg straps were applied. He was taken to the police van.
27. I deactivated my Body Worn Video (URN: NGPF0000107).
28. I drove PC Pritchard to the Bridewell Custody Suite to get some treatment for his injuries. PC Pritchard had considerable swelling and bruising to both sides of his head after the incident and, at 8.19 pm I took pictures of them for evidential purposes (URN: NGPF0000017).

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29. I did not have any further involvement with Calocane after that. It was my understanding that he had been taken to a mental health facility to be detained in accordance with the warrant.
30. I completed a Use of Force Form dealing with the types of force I had used during the incident (URN: NGPF0000035).
31. It is my view that the officers dealing with the incident acted appropriately. Attempts were made to talk Calocane into complying voluntarily; when he became non-compliant, the force used was at all times proportionate to the level of resistance we encountered.
30. As the mental health authorities had already formed the view that he required assessment and they witnessed Calocane's behaviour, I believe they had full knowledge of the decisions and actions taken.
31. I have been asked about my knowledge of any issues concerning Valdo Calocane's mental health. My response is that the only knowledge I had of Calocane's mental health was that he was to be detained on a mental health warrant due to concerns about delusions.
32. I have been asked if details of 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. My answer is that I am unaware of what information or details of actions taken at this incident were communicated to health, social services or multi-agency organisations and Valdo Calocane's family other than that the mental health team that were present were fully aware of the police assault and his subsequent detention into

their care for a mental health assessment. There was no obvious need for involvement from Nottingham University at this incident and once detained no one else appeared to be affected by Calocane's actions.

33. 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 that, as far as I am aware, there were no barriers to the sharing of information with any relevant third parties.
34. I have been asked if there were any outstanding criminal matters at the time of my involvement in this matter. My response is that the assault against PC Pritchard was outstanding after the incident as the detention of Calocane under a mental health warrant took precedence. I had no further responsibility for oversight of the matter post incident as I was not on the same team as the OIC.
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. I did not have any involvement in any assessment of Calocane.
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 response is that the relevant policies and procedures in relation to my role at this incident were the Mental Health Act 1983, s.3 Criminal Law Act 1967, Nottinghamshire Police Taser Standard Operating Procedure (URN: NGPF0006106) and the National Decision Making Model. I believe these were all complied with.

37. I have been asked if I have any concerns in respect of the police's actions in relation to this matter. My answer is that I have no concerns about the police's actions in this matter as far as I had involvement.
38. I have been asked if I have any concerns in respect of the recording of this matter. My answer is that I have no concerns about the recording of the matter as far as I had involvement.
39. I have been asked if, looking back, I consider there are additional actions that I or others could have taken in respect of the incident. My response is that, looking back, I do not consider there are any additional actions that I or others present could have taken at the time of the incident.
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 am unable to identify any police structural issues which could have contributed to any issues at the time of this incident.
41. I have been asked if I have any recommendations that I consider could help prevent any of the issues that I have identified in respect of this matter. My answer is that, on reflection, although I am unsure of what happened post incident, clearly the police would have benefitted from knowing Calocane's release date from hospital ahead of time so that we could investigate him for the assault.

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## 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: **30/10/2025**

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No.	URN	Document Description
1	NGPF0000023	Incident details dated 03/09/2021 by Nottingham Police re: Section 135 warrant for Valdo Calocane
2	NGPF0000017	File relating to incident dated 03/09/2021 re: Section 135 warrant for Valdo Calocane (including MG11 witness statement from PC Sutton and photographs of injuries)
3	NGPF0000107	Body Worn Video of PC Sutton during execution of s.135 MH Warrant
4	NGPF0000035	Use of Force Report, dated 03/09/2021, Nottinghamshire Police
5	NGPF0006106	Policy Document. Re: Taser Standard Operating Procedure, NPF