

Witness Name: JAMES RUSSELL-TAYLOR

Statement No: WITN0025001

Dated: 5th November 2025

THE NOTTINGHAM INQUIRY

FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF PC JAMES RUSSELL-TAYLOR

I, JAMES RUSSELL-TAYLOR, will say as follows: -

1. My name is James Russell-Taylor.
2. This witness statement is made to assist the Nottingham Inquiry (the “**Inquiry**”) with the matters set out in the Rule 9 Request dated 27th June 2025 (the “**Request**”).
3. In making this statement, I have refreshed my memory by reading the Incident Log for Incident 0756_28012022 (**URN: NGPF0000102**).

My Background

4. I left school in 1989 before going to college for a brief time and then working at McDonalds for 11 months. I joined the RAF in November 1990. I stayed in the RAF for 6 months, leaving in May 1991 and returning to work at McDonalds where I became an Assistant Manager.
5. I joined Nottinghamshire Police in 2004 as a Police Community Support Officer and was based at Radford Road Police Station and worked in a multi agency

team along with Nottingham City Council as part of an Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

6. I joined Nottinghamshire Police as a police officer in 2008 and served as a Response police officer based at Radford Road Police Station, Nottingham.
7. In November 2024, I transferred to the Neighbourhood Policing Team at Radford Road Police Station. The Team consists of 1 Police Sergeant, 8 Police Officers and 4 Police Community Support Officers and the aim of the team is to work within a designated Policing area with the aim be a visible presence and target local community issues
8. I am trained as a Response driver, which means I am authorised to use emergency equipment (blue lights and siren) when attending emergencies. I am also trained in the use of Taser and I am authorised to deploy it. I have received regular input in relation to s.135 and s.136 MHA in the form of both training days at Force Headquarters and Computer based learning.
9. Prior to the 28th January 2022, to the best of my belief, I had no knowledge of, or interactions with, Valdo Calocane, by that or any other name.

Events of the 28th January 2022

10. On the 28th January 2022, I was on duty in a marked Response police car, accompanied by PC 3851 Gell. That day myself and PC Gell would have both been on either RR131 or RR132 call sign. That day I was working a 4.00pm till 2.00 am shift.
11. By reference to the Incident Log- 0756_28012025 we were dispatched by the Force Control Room to attend Flat 15, Madison Court, Derwent Way,

Nottingham at approximately 5.00pm. The call was related to the execution of a warrant issued under Section 135 of the Mental Health Act 1983 in relation to a man called Valdo Calocane. I was not made aware of any other incidents for that date relating to Calocane.

12. We were dispatched, because we were both trained in the use of Taser and were informed that there was information on the Police National Computer that Calocane was violent and had previously assaulted an officer. I do not recall being made aware of any outstanding criminal proceedings. I believe that I was made aware that Calocane had previously assaulted Police.
13. I can recall arriving at Madison Court and meeting Paramedics, a Doctor and the Approved Mental Health Practitioner (AMHP) in the car park at the rear of the building.
14. I can recall entering the building along with PC Gell and the medical professionals and making our way up the stairs to Calocane's flat.
15. I remember going into the flat of Calocane along with PC Gell. I assume, but cannot remember, that Calocane let us in.
16. Once inside the flat, Calocane was on his own and I said to him words to the effect of: "Grab your belongings, the ambulance is waiting."
17. I can recall that Calocane collected a bag and then walked out to the Ambulance with us. He did not say anything as we walked. He did not object or resist and walked straight to the awaiting Ambulance.
18. I walked with him to the Ambulance and he got in voluntarily.

19. I asked the Paramedics if they wanted an Officer to travel to the hospital in the Ambulance with them, but they declined the offer and were happy to convey Calocane to the Mental Health Suite.
20. I cannot remember the exact time of our arrival and departure. Calocane was co-operative throughout.
21. I had no knowledge of Calocane's mental health issues other than the fact that he was required to be detained under the Mental Health Act.
22. 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 response is the attendance and decisions made that day were purely made by the Mental Health Services; myself and PC Gell attended purely to assist the Mental Health Team. No Police powers of entry were needed that day as Calocane came out of his address freely with no issues caused. I did not need to disclose any of the day's events to any Health, Social Services, Multi Agency Organisations, Calocane's Family, Nottingham University or anyone else.
23. 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 was no information shared with any other agency or party.
24. I have been asked if there were any outstanding criminal matters at the time of my involvement in this matter. My response is that to the best of my knowledge that day I was not aware of any outstanding criminal matters. The PNC Print that was attached to incident 0756_28012025 (**URN: NGPF0000102**) did not

- show any outstanding matters to be dealt with. The PNC print, once pasted to the incident, would not be retained elsewhere.
25. 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. My response is that I had no involvement in any assessment of Calocane.
 26. 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 section 135 of the Mental Health Act 1983 confers power to enter a dwelling and take a person to a place of safety. This is so a mental health assessment can be completed. It was not necessary to use those powers due to Calocane going freely to have the Mental Health Assessment.
 27. I have been asked to set out any concerns that I have in respect of the Police's actions in relation to this matter and my answer to that is, I have no concerns in relation to the Police action on that date.
 28. I have been asked to set out any concerns that I have in respect of the recording of the matter and my answer to that is, I have no concerns in the recording of the matter, however I believe that it would be helpful if the Police had a copy of the Warrant that was issued so this could be scanned onto the Police Systems for future reference and also proof of attendance and powers that have been used for the Warrant.

30. I have been asked to consider whether there are any additional actions that myself or others could have taken in respect of the incident and my answer to that is, I do not believe that there are any other actions that we could have taken that day.
31. I have been asked if there are any structural issues (regarding Police policies, procedures, methodology, training etc) which contributed to any issues that I have identified and my answer is, I do not identify any structural issues from that date as there were no issues that I have identified.
32. I have been asked if there are any recommendations that I consider could help prevent any of the issues that I have identified in respect of this matter and my answer to that is, I can offer no recommendations as I have identified no issues from this matter.

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.

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Dated: 5th November 2025

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