

Witness Statement

CJ ACT 1967 SECTION 9

Statement of Imran BHAM (Dob 28th November 1974)

1. My property was searched under Operation Thesus in September 2005 (Please see Item 1 Search Warrant) the search warrant was executed by DC Darren Pooley who is now serving 3 years for Fraud, a crime which took place during the first two years of investigation into the London 7/7 Bombings. I believe that when it suited the police in particular WYP they have used the lies told by Martin Gilbertson to not only target me but others who live in the Beeston area.
2. The first instance of the police smear campaign was the tolerance of the police to lies told by a Martin Gilbertson to the press and media. Mr. Gilbertson (who is a former employee of my business in Leeds) stated to the press that he had personally witnessed staff at my business celebrating the horrific destruction of the Twin Towers of 11th September 2001 on the day and the day after 12th September 2001 by a party taking place and that later he had been seconded by myself to produce materials supporting terrorism. The entire version of events presented by Gilbertson which commences with the alleged first meeting is a total lie as we (my brother and I) did not take the lease for the shop until the middle of May 2002, this is confirmed in a witness statement signed by the landlord of the premises he confirms that we did not take the lease of the shop until the summer of 2002 (Please see item 2, this statement was obtained by WYP investigating my alleged involvement in a crime, which had fabricated input from Martin Gilbertson)

3. The situation of me and my brother not having the shop in 2001 is also confirmed by British Telecom who provided telephone services to one of the two business located at 209 Dewsbury Road, BT confirmed that they the telephone service did not commence until 16th July 2002, both businesses were heavily reliant on telephone services to conduct its core activities, if the business was there in 2001 as Martin Gilbertson claim's in his evidence it could not have survived as the telephone service did not begin until July 2002 (See item 3, Statement of BT employee).
4. The company Technology Bits and Bats Ltd was not incorporated until 8th October 2001. The company traded from 36 Clerk Green Street from incorporation until July 2002 when the companies retail premises moved to 209 Dewsbury Road (see Item 4 Incorporation Document)
5. Two businesses operated from 209 Dewsbury Road Leeds one was by the name of Technology Bits and Bats Ltd and the second business was It2 Home, which was part of ICT 4U Ltd which operated a government education Franchise known as Learndirect. The entire Learndirect business is totally dependent on telephone connection and the franchise itself is only awarded on the basis that there is a reliable internet/telephone connection.
6. Martin Gilbertson was not employed by Technology Bits and Bats Ltd (TBB), (See Item 5- P35 Annual Return for TBB for 2002/03.
7. When the shop was opened in the summer of 2002, Martin Gilbertson who would come to our shop on a near daily basis seeking to help us establish our new venture in Leeds. I initially did not want him to be associated with us as I did then and do now held the view that he is not an honest person. Out of

piety we employed him to maintain the network for our network of computers which learners would use to access their training.

8. As he had been long term unemployed (I think more than 12 months) he was entitled to a wage subsidy of £50.00 per week. I have managed to retrieve a copy of the first payment made to us, again I emphasise that he was employed by ICT 4u (It2 Home) and that is why the subsidy was paid to ICT 4U and not Technology Bits and Bats Ltd (see Item 6).
9. I also wish to state that during his employment he would help to build computers, but his knowledge was limited and it was one of the reasons his employment was terminated. Furthermore, at the time I was due to terminate his employment a number of computer components went missing, I did confront Martin however, he denied all knowledge of the missing components.
10. Whilst in our employment I also recommended Martin to undertake some consultancy work with a friend of the family whose business was located in Pontefract. Reflecting back to 2003, not long after we had terminated his employment my friend was also not happy and decided to terminate his contract.
11. Not Long after Martin left our employment (early part of 2003) Learndirect decided to launch an investigation into the business having received an anonymous report. I believe that it was Martin who made the false and malicious report who due to the disappointment of the fact that his employment was terminated and that I had also informed other business in the community about the incident of theft. I also believe that Martin also made a report to the Police. The police in January 2004, based on unsupported

allegations and the fact that it was a contractual dispute resulted in a payment made to me by Learndirect for approximately £32,000 decided to shelve the investigation, and which clearly shows that there was no evidence of wrongdoing and that the allegations were false. My belief that it was Martin who made the report to Learndirect and the Police. I base this factual analysis that within the transcript of the inquest at Part 85 Line 17 to 19, Martin states at the time in 2003 he was more concerned about TBB (It2 Home) than he was about Iqra Bookshop.

12. I know from reading the evidence that has been presented to the inquest, that Martin Gilbertson has provided a 29 page statement. Based on what Martin Gilbertson had presented to them the police in September 2005 searched my premises under operation Thesus. No list of items seized were presented to me and my family, and some nine months after the searches we decided to pursue a Police Property Act claim in May 2006. During the course of these proceedings West Yorkshire Police presented to the court through their Barrister Ian Skelt (who also represents WYP in the current inquest) that WYP had no involvement in the searches and that the investigation was been led by the MET police (see Item 7- WYP Skeleton Argument). The position of WYP is totally contradicted by the evidence given to the inquest by PC John Parkinson who on 24th February 2011 stated that he was the SIO and that 'Mr Parkinson, therefore involved in the strategic planning of the arrests and the investigative steps taken after 7 July in the West Yorkshire area'.

WYP officers who were also involved in the Operation Thesus investigation have used the events of 7/7 to harm my family's business interests. I relate the search that took place in Sheffield at my brother's business premises,

which on the face of it was related to Operation Thesus (see item 8 warrant), however, the franchisee owners were informed by the police that the reason for the search was based on financial dealings and learner existence i.e. fraud. This was recorded by my brother contractor's in a contemporaneous note (see Item 9, Contemporaneous note Page 11 of Exhibit).

13. I sincerely believe that the police were content in allowing Martin Gilbertson to air fabricated lies. I believe that the horrific events of 7/7 generally gave rise to contempt in the feeling against many persons through the media and in the wider public, even though this contempt was not justified. Furthermore, the police acted on the lies presented by Martin Gilbertson to hound many persons and pursue malicious prosecutions which all failed miserably (such as mine and the three accused of supporting the London 7/7 bombers). It is interesting to note on the day that my premises were raided under Operation Thesus I had made a substantial donation to a UK based registered charity by the name of Ummah Welfare Trust to construct a Orphanage in the North West Frontier Region of Pakistan (see item 10- Receipt of donations made to UWT) . Had the police genuinely and honestly pursued investigations surrounding the events of the 7/7 London Bombings then the people who has supported the individuals behind the bombings would have been caught and made to face trial. Instead no one has been convicted for the biggest murder of innocent people post WW2.

14. Mr. Gilbertson also stated that he had reported the matter to the police but that they had apparently not taken any action. Mr. Gilbertson was widely reported in the press media and internet. His assertions were taken so seriously on 6th July 2006 The Secretary of State Mr. Nulty was required to

answer directly matters asserted by Mr. Gilbertson and stated that Mr. Gilbertson was "continuing to assist West Yorkshire Police".

15. I contend the police have apparently granted immunity to Mr. Gilbertson from prosecution and if this is contrasted and compared to the prosecution of Imran Yaqub Patel, it shows that his false allegations at that time supported the agenda of smearing the community since 2005.

16. In summary Martin Gilbertson has knowingly and falsely misled the inquest for his own gain and self-esteem. Martin was never present at 209 Dewsbury Road, Leeds on 11th September 2001, working for TBB as the business itself or other connected businesses did not take the lease for the shop until some 9 months later. Nor was Martin Gilbertson at a party on 12th September 2001, to celebrate the events that happened the day before when he was introduced to such and such a person as the businesses connected to my family did not take the lease until some 9 months later. Martin has a tendency to fabricate lies and make malicious reports. Martin states that TBB were receiving wage subsidies from New Deal in 2001, which support his story that he was present when the events unfolded on 11th September 2001, it is clear that payment did not commence until at least August 2002.

17. I have not met Martin Gilbertson since 2003, However, in a unconnected company to the businesses which operated from 209 Dewsbury Road, in 2009 we placed a Job advert for a PHP Programmer/Graphic Designer, one of the applicants was Martin Gilbertson, I immediately recognised his name and when I looked at his employment History he falsely stated that he was

employed by Technology Bits and Bats Ltd between 2001 and 2003 (see Item 11). I knew this was a lie and decided not to even consider him for an interview. On reflection, Martin Gilbertson has no level of self dignity and I am ashamed for ever knowing him in how he still continues to take some kind of sick benefit from the death of 52 innocent lives. Furthermore, how the families are still being confused by the lies been told by Martin during the inquest, whereby the inquest itself should be a situation where some answers could be given to questions that they have about the circumstances and events that led to the death of their loved ones.

18. On 25th November 2005 Imran Yaqub Patel was prosecuted and jailed at Leeds Magistrates for lying about information concerning the events 7/7 which caused a wasteful diversion of police resources in investigating bogus matters. Martin Gilbertson should also face trial for committing perjury but also lying about information concerning the events 7/7 which caused a wasteful diversion of police resources in investigating bogus matters and anxiety to relatives of the innocent murdered on 7th July 2005.

I declare that the statement I have made above is true and the best of my knowledge and belief and that I have made the statement knowing that, if it were tendered in evidence. I would be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything, which I knew to be false or did not believe to be true.

Signed.....

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