

This is a supplementary statement of retired officer Alan Paton.

I maintain my actions on the 3rd May 2015 were not influenced by race or perceived race of the deceased. I maintain that my best recollection of events is as per my statement to PIRC officers in June 2015. All other evidence I may give will have been affected by the passage of time and now hearing others give evidence.

None of the descriptive language contained in my statement was influenced by race or perceived race whatsoever.

In relation to the alleged conversation with my grandfather. No such conversation took place. At no time have I, or indeed would I state that I have a hatred towards anyone.

Anyone suggesting I made such a comment has an ulterior motive.

In relation to the complaints made against me. I continue to deny any wrongdoing. Not only did I deny the spurious complaints but so did the other officers that were with me on each occasion. While I maintain my denial, I can advise however that any corrective advice given was always taken on board.

Dealing with the specific complaints:

I am aware a former neighbour made malicious complaints about me. This followed an orchestrated campaign by her against my wife and children. She had significant mental health problems [REDACTED]

I approached the Scottish Police Federation for assistance and advice regarding an interdict and spoke to senior management about my concerns on several occasions particularly around protection. Following this and after several requests by myself to make a complaint against her and refused, I made an official complaint to the Police about her actions as a member of the public. I was subsequently pressured by a now retired Inspector to withdraw it. There were numerous independent witnesses who could have corroborated my complaints. One was even discouraged from giving evidence by a different senior officer.

I also understand she made subsequent malicious complaints of a sensitive nature against other people including other police officers. All were unfounded I believe.

I believe this complaint to have been seriously mishandled by the police.

In relation to the alleged incivility. No such incivility took place at all. My colleague that day also denied any such incivility. The officer dealing with this complaint did not respect the officers below him and was predisposed to disbelief his officers.

Racial Insensitivity. I, as with my colleague that day were of the belief that [REDACTED] fully understood English and the reasons we had attended at the locus. We presented with a lawful warrant. Previous officers had attempted to execute the warrant without success and none had been of the opinion an interpreter was necessary or required. I had no idea who was on the telephone and no legal requirement to speak to them. Indeed, if I had it may have hampered my actions. I did however reflect on the advice I had been given by my line manager.

I would also like to point out that I have arranged interpreters on several occasions during the course of my time as an officer and would have been more than happy to do so on this occasion should I have believed it was required.

I fully explained my position to management whether they considered my actions were reasonable or not, I did nothing wrong.

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