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| Person interviewed | DI ROLF SCHAMBERGER | Police Exhibit No: |
| Place of interview: | IPCC Southern House, Croydon | |
| Date of interview: | 7 th September 2017 | Signature of interviewer/transcriber producing exhibit |
| Time commenced: 10:01 | Time concluded: 11:34 | Duration of interview: 01:33 |
| Audio tape reference nos.: | D832 | Visual image reference nos.: |
| Interviewer(s): Ben WILLIAMS (Lead Interviewer); Olivia ROFFE | | |
| Other persons present: Matt CANE (Federation Friend) | | |

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| | BW | Okay this is an interview of DI Rolf SCHAMBERGER as part of the Operation Wasabi, IPCC investigation. Erm my name is Ben WILLIAMS. I'm the lead investigator for err this investigation. The date is the 7 th of September 2017 and the time now is 10:01. Erm we're in IPCC erm interview suite at the IPCC office in Southern House in Croydon. I'm just going to go round the table and ask everyone to introduce themselves erm for the purpose of the tape and just introduction purposes. |
| | OR | Yeah I'm Olivia ROFFE and I'm an investigator with the IPCC |
| | RS | MY NAMES ROLF SCHAMBERGER. WORK FOR THE MET POLICE, MET INTELLIGENCE. |
| | MC | Matthew CANE from the Metropolitan Police Federation. |
| | BW | Okay. Thank you. I'm alright to call you Rolf during the course of the interview today? |
| | RS | THAT'S FINE. |
| | BW | Thank you very much for that Rolf. Erm just want to remind you erm I'm sure Matt's given you erm advice on it and has told what his role is here today. Erm just to confirm erm Matt's here to provide you with advice and for your support. He's not here to answer questions on your behalf. Erm so just so you know about roles and things like that. It's your interview and your opportunity to err speak with us today. Erm I do have to advise you of a erm Caution and that is that whilst you do not have to say anything it may harm your case if you do not mention when interviewed or when providing any information to the investigation something which you later rely on in any misconduct proceedings, or special case hearing or any appeal proceedings. Do you understand the Caution? |
| | RS | YES |
| | BW | Brilliant. Okay. The interview is being audio and visually recorded. The microphones over on that that wall there. It does pick up sounds pretty well in any case. And you've also got cameras in both corners that you can see on the ceiling there. Erm do you need me to explain to you the role of the |

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| | | IPCC and what this investigation is about? |
| 00:01:50 | RS | ERM JUST BRIEFLY PLEASE. |
| | BW | Yes of course. So the IPCC is a, an independent body of the police. So Independent Police Complaints Commission. So I'm not a police officer, I've never been a police officer. Olivia similarly erm is not a police officer. What we are primarily investigating here is the response of the Met Police to the death of four men in Barking between June 2014 and September 2015. That was referred to us by the Met following the arrest of Stephen PORT back in October 2015 and we determined that matters relating to those original investigations should be the subject of an independent investigation. So we oversee the police complaints process. We investigate the most serious matters relating to the police erm and we've taken on this investigation following a referral from the Met Police. Is that okay. |
| | RS | YEAH. |
| | BW | Okay so before erm you've come here today have you had sufficient opportunity to speak with Matt and and obtain advise in relation to this this matter. |
| | RS | I HAVE |
| | BW | Okay. And erm also we've disclosed some erm material to you erm before the interview. I won't go through all of it in detail. Have you had the opportunity to review that material that was disclosed? |
| | RS | YES I HAVE. |
| | BW | Okay. Erm there was also in addition to the original bundle the review pages from Chris. Have you had a chance to review those as well? |
| | RS | YES I HAVE YEAH. |
| | BW | That's great. Erm and is there anything further in addition to erm what was disclosed that you want to make reference to or make us aware of at this stage. |
| | RS | NOT AT THIS STAGE. |
| | BW | Okay. Erm I do have the Regulation 16 Notice that you were served back on the 26 th of September last year. Erm I won't read the whole thing again I'll just go through the the highlighted parts erm to make you aware of the specific allegations we're going to cover today erm in the interview. Erm and that is that you were the senior investigating officer responsible for oversight of the investigation into the deaths of Gabriel KOVARI and Daniel WHITWORTH. At the conclusion of the investigation you provided reports to the coroner into the inquest of the deaths which was held in June 2015. It's indicated the investigations you carried out into the deaths of Gabriel KOVARI and Daniel WHITWORTH were inadequate. It's indicated that you may have failed to carry out reasonable lines of enquiry and failed for robustly scrutinise the evidence. The had the effect that the investigation incorrectly concluding that Daniel WHITWORTH had been responsible for Gabriel KOVARI's death and then committed suicide. It further indicated that at the conclusion of the Inquest into the death of Gabriel KOVARI and Daniel WHITWORTH in June 2015 the Coroner raised a number of concerns which should have resulted in further enquiries being undertaken by the investigation which you were responsible for. It's indicated that these |

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| | | enquiries were not carried out expeditiously and remained outstanding until the investigation of these deaths were taken over by the homicide and serious crime command in October 2015. Erm now that was assessed as amounting to gross misconduct and that may result in your attendance at a misconduct hearing. Okay can you just confirm that's your signature and that's the Notice that was served on you. |
| 00:04:42 | RS | IT IS. YES. |
| | BW | Great thank you for that. |
| | MC | In respect of that allegation in advance of this interview we've provided you with a erm Regulation, err err a response erm to those allegations erm DI SCHAMBERGER won't be answering any questions in this interview today. Erm but we, we are meeting with Mr REYNOLDS on the 15 th and we will consider erm questions after and provide a further response if necessary. |
| | BW | Okay thank you very much for that Matt. Erm and (INAUDIBLE) know of erm spoke about it in other interviews prior to this and erm I don't intend to read out the erm response that you provided for the purpose of the tape. Erm what I would intend to do is go through parts of that statement in due course erm just to get clarification and expansion on certain points within that. Erm Matt has obviously indicated there that erm you won't be answering questions today and absolutely I, I acknowledge that as your, as your right to do so. Erm I outlined in the Caution at the beginning of the interview where I said as much erm and clearly erm you are entitled to follow the advice that you've been given to you for the interview. Erm it is just advice, it's not an instruction you don't, you can if you want to answer questions today. Erm if there's questions that I ask that you think you can answer straight away that don't need you to go away and potentially think about what the response might be or check anything in relation to that you know please feel free to do so. Erm you can answer some questions, you can not answer others. It's entirely your decision in that regard. Erm I'll also add erm that this investigation is as you can't have failed to note erm a high profile investigation for the IPCC and also for the MET Police so there are not only four families who are demanding and deserving answers here of what happened to their loved ones but there's a err a far wider public interest and community interest in in matters relating to this. Erm and clearly this interview is your opportunity to erm answer questions in relation to those, those matters that people are seeking answers for. Erm I acknowledge you provided the written response and that was provided in advance of the interview erm and has been you know of assistance in in making preparation and planning for the interview. It's enabled us to focus our questions on certain areas erm and not need to cover off other areas |
| | BW | That are erm you know dealt with within your statements. So erm I do acknowledge that and it's useful erm to prepare for the interview. However erm as we're going to go through erm momentarily the nature of that response is that I have further questions that arise from the very contents of it. Erm and clearly by asking questions today is your opportunity to to clarify those here and now. Erm and finally the nature of any further response is that a similar situation may arise that you know we may have further questions that arise from and we'd have to look at how we we do that. Erm having said all of that err you know if you want to take a break at any point during the erm interview today you know let, please do so. Erm clearly we |

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| | | need to go through quite a lot of stuff in quite a lot of detail so it's likely we're going to come to a point where naturally we're all going to probably want a break so erm if, if I think it's time to have a break I'll flag that up. If you want a break at any point, comfort, for a drink, for food anything like that you know we'll take a break and and resume when your ready to. Is that all understood. |
| 00:08:23 | RS | YES |
| | BW | Brilliant. Okay. And before we go into that is there anything you want to add or clarify right now about the statement that you provided dated erm the 3 rd of September. |
| | RS | NOT AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU. |
| | BW | Okay. Thank you. Erm so I read out the element of the Notice there. Essentially there are two allegations within that. First is erm that the investigation into Gabriel and Daniel's deaths was inadequate and that the, the second was the err the failure to carry out further enquiries following the Inquest into Gabriel and Daniel's deaths. So erm I will cover both of those in turn and I'll try and highlight when we're going to be speaking about specific allegations. We're in a bit of a fortunate position here in that the two do sort of chronologically follow on from each other. The investigation and then the Inquest. So erm unlike other interviews that we've been carrying out in regard to this they've been a little bit more erm defute in there trying to understand whereas here it's a little bit easier cause we can sort of flow from one question into one area into the other. Erm we'll also just erm cover, and I know you've covered in your statement some details around your background. There's just a couple of queries just to expand on that potentially within what we're going to talk about. Erm so I think the first thing we'll do is we'll actually go through your statement cause obviously that's specifically you you've referred to erm ahead of this interview so if we go through that first then come onto the areas that we wanted cover after, after that. If that's okay. So erm the statement is you know, it's 23 pages long so it is a detailed statement erm I do acknowledge that. Erm however as I say there are parts of that we just wanted to erm to clarify. Erm you start of within that by saying that erm on the 15 th of September 2014 erm you were asked to act up as a Detective Inspector. Erm who was it that asked you to act up. |
| | RS | I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD AT THIS TIME. |
| | BW | What what were you're your thoughts on being asked to do that? |
| | RS | I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD AT THIS TIME |
| | BW | What was your understanding of what that that role entailed? |
| | RS | I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD AT THIS TIME. |
| | BW | Were you confident in your ability to erm to be able to carry out the role of an Acting DI |
| | RS | I'VE GOT NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD AT THIS TIME THANK YOU |
| | BW | And how long were you being erm asked to act up for? |
| | RS | I'VE GOT NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD AT THIS TIME |
| 00:10:54 | BW | Was there a specific end day given to you? |