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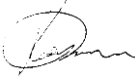
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Statement of: david laity

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Retired detective, currently private criminal investigator, CLC Commissioner & filmmaker

This statement (consisting of 4 page(s) each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have stated in it anything I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:  (witness)  **ross duncan**

Date: 07.10.2021

I am a retired police detective and have spent the past 20 years since retirement as a private investigator investigating criminal frauds regarding property, banking and forgery offences.

I am also an independent filmmaker with a BA Honours degree in Television and Film. I am a Commissioner for the Commonlawcourt.com overseeing the training, conduct and deployment of common law constables throughout the British Isles.

On 31st August 2019 I attended the Function Suite at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Egerton Rd, Guildford GU2 7XZ and made a documentary film of a live common law court case held there. During proceedings, together with John Smith, I was sworn in as a Peace Constable in front of the court and jury of 12.

That same jury issued a court order authorising John and I to create a Peace Service, recruit and train men and women who wished to become common law constables and issue them with (ID) warrant cards, qualification certificates and constable uniforms.

Since then, John and I co-wrote a comprehensive training manual for Constables, including statute law and common law definitions, examples and training scenarios.

On 27th and 28th May 2021 John Smith and I carried out the first official common law constable training under the terms of the common law court jury's authorisation at St Eval, in Cornwall, using our own written manuals.

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37 men and women were fully trained and qualified as common law constables. Also present at the training sessions was Mick Stott whom I had not previously met.

I was given to understand that Mick Stott was to observe and take notes of the training with a view to training other men and women on behalf of the commonlawcourt.com. John Smith and I both gave Mick Stott full copies of the training manuals we had each created. It was my belief this was in order for Mick Stott to assist us in rolling out the common law constable training, as an unpaid volunteer. The manual handed over comprised of lawful definitions and instructions compiled by me personally to facilitate the efficient training and subsequent lawfulness of common law constables. I also created a comprehensive Code of Conduct in respect of all constables and commissioners.

From 14th to the 18th June 2021 I attended the common law court headquarters in Dundee to observe and assist Mick Stott whilst training a number of men and women to be competent as trainers who could then go on to train other constables lawfully; again this was under the remit of the common law jury court order authorising only commonlawcourt.com to recruit and train such constables.

Whilst there all men and women being trained, including Mick Stott, collectively swore an oath of allegiance to the common law court. I am aware Mick Stott was made a fellow commissioner, one of five only commissioners of the common law court.

All CLC Commissioners have a binding agreement and duty to adhere to decisions made by the panel of commissioners. All training must adhere to the decisions made by the commissioners and must not deviate, change or alter from the course agreed without prior agreement of all Commissioners. Mick Stott was aware of the strict curriculum for the courses and knew that they should be adhered to and no changes made without a meeting of Commissioners and a formal agreement to any changes.

As far as I was aware Mick Stott had made a commitment to train constables on behalf of and under the sole lawful court order of the common law court, under the sole authority of the common law court and as per the agreed agenda for training, as had other commissioners and trained constables.

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Mick Stott encouraged us all to gather interested men and women from all over the British Isles whereby he would assist in training groups at various locations to be common law constables.

I returned home to Cornwall and sometime later, having gathered a group of locals, arranged with Mick Stott for him to train them to become fully qualified trainers of constables. I had intended to assist with the training; Mick Stott agreed the date with me as the August 2021 and a group of some 16 to 20 men and women applied for the course.

I was taken seriously ill before the course commenced and out of action for some 6 to 7 weeks but Mick Stott remained keen to continue the training alone. He stated to me that it would be a four day intensive course. The course took place in one of the constable's homes free of charge and Mick Stott was provided with free accommodation at the premises. On the Saturday I was driven to the venue as I felt I should at least welcome and thank the trainees for their commitment. However, I was still extremely poorly and had to leave after about ten minutes only.

The following day I had two phone calls from confused trainees, asking questions about the "homework" Mick Stott had set for that day, Sunday. One trainee attended my home with some training documents to ask how to proceed. It was then I discovered that they had all been told to "home study" that day because Mick Stott had to attend a one day training session at Glastonbury for which I believe each trainee paid a fee. The trainees that were left on the Sunday have all expressed serious concerns as they were neither aware that one of the training days would be cut from the programme nor, as many have reported, were they trained in the basic elements of being a constable. I was assured several times by Mick Stott that the course would be 4 days. He had ample opportunity to mention to me he was cutting it to 3 days but never told me.

I am aware that Donnalee Andrews of the G300 attended the course on the Monday, took photos, personal details and bank account details of all the trainees. This was never the intention of the common law court and was entirely without my knowledge or consent.

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I also learned that all connections with the common law court had been severed and all trainees were made to abide by the rules of the Guardians 300 group (G300) and not to carry out any training without the express permission of the G300 and with payment up front.

The latest version of the G300 website has a series of training courses bookable only via the G300 site and only on condition of payment. This was never agreed to by the CLC Commissioners and was instigated without my knowledge whilst I was too poorly to monitor any training. Additionally the CLC ID (warrant cards and certificates) were to be issued free of charge; I am aware that the G300 took over this role without my knowledge at the time and demand £8 per ID card. Charging for ID cards and any courses was strictly not part of the Commissioners agreement. All trainees had been told there would be no fees whatsoever: This blatant takeover of our training by G300 and charging fees without my knowledge has caused many constable trainees to contact me complaining of the training that lacked constable techniques instruction provided which failed to prepare them properly as constables, lack of information and training manuals promised and failure to provide ID cards despite repeated requests to the G300 group.

The result of this has caused me embarrassment with many potential and actual constable volunteers. I have now had to spend many hours writing a specific two day training manual and arrange to retrain all of the trainers trained in Cornwall and Devon to replace the missing elements of the basic constable training delivered by Mick Stott and G300 system.

I also note that much of my training notes and manual and that of John Smith, our intellectual property, has been plagiarised on the G300 website to be used as their own training material.

The G300 organisation has misled me, failed to adhere to the agreement by commissioners and monetised the service and materials that I and John Smith had planned to deliver free of charge. This has caused a lot of extra work for me and others and much upset amongst out potential trainees. I have had to work hard to keep many on side as a result and have lost the trust of several would be excellent constables.

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WITNESS CONTACT DETAILS

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Name of witness: david laity

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Preferred means of contact (specify details for vulnerable/intimidated victims and witnesses only): Mobile

Gender: Male

Date and place of birth 07.06.1957 Marazion

Former name(s): N/A

DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY: None

Witness care:

a) Is the witness willing to attend court? YES / ~~NO~~ If 'No', include reasons

b) What can be done to assure/assist attendance?

c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness?

(Example: youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case)

YES / ~~NO~~ If 'Yes', please give brief details:

d) Does the witness have any particular needs? YES / ~~NO~~

If 'Yes', what are they? *(Disability, healthcare childcare, transport, disability, language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns)*