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MOD Form 266A/B  
(Revised 06/13)**SERVICE POLICE  
WITNESS STATEMENT****Section 1**

Full Name:

N5595

Service No:

Unit/Home Address or contact details:

Home Telephone No:

Other Telephone No:

Mobile Phone No:

Email Address:

Date and Place of Birth:

M/F:

Maiden Name:

Height:

Ethnic Code: (IC No):

**ETHNIC CODE - LEGEND (IC)**

- 0 - Not Known  
 1 - White (skinned) European  
 2 - Dark (skinned) European  
 3 - African/Caribbean  
 4 - Asian  
 5 - Oriental  
 6 - Arabian  
 7 - Other

Statement recorded by:

SGT BENNETT

Unit:

NORTHMOOR TEAM RMP (MB)

Place, Date and Time:

UKSF4

11 APR 17, 71135HRS

**Section 2**

Dates to be avoided of the witness named on this statement - (i.e. leave, course, etc)

**Section 3****Witness Consent**

- (i) (Victims only) The information recorded above will be disclosed to Victim Support so that they can offer help and support, unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to decline their services: ☐
- (ii) The Service Justice System and Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) have been explained to me: Yes ☐ No ☐
- (iii) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet (victims only): Yes ☐ No ☐
- (iv) I have been given the Victim and Witness Information leaflet: Yes ☐ No ☐
- (v) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings eg child care proceedings, CICA, SPVA etc: Yes ☒ No ☐
- (vi) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of Service administrative proceedings eg Board of Inquiry: Yes ☒ No ☐

Signature of Witness:

N5595

Print Name:

N5595

Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult:

Print Name:

**Service Police Actions**

- (i) Is this witness also the victim in this case? Yes ☐ No ☒
- (ii) Has the witness any concerns about being intimidated? Yes ☐ No ☒
- (iii) Is this a racist incident? Yes ☐ No ☒
- (iv) Is the witness vulnerable? Yes ☐ No ☒
- (v) Has the witness been given the details of the Service Police investigator in this case? Yes ☒ No ☐



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Investigation Reference No:

CR003/114

**SERVICE POLICE  
WITNESS STATEMENT**

(CJ Act 1967, s9; MC Act 1980, ss5A (3a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r70)

Statement of:

N5595

Rank/Status:

Age if under 18:

(if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation:

This statement (consisting of 8 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 wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature:

N5595

Date:

11th Day of APRIL 2017

I am the above named person. My details and identity are protected and the Service Police have provided a Nominal (N) number to preserve my anonymity. I will be referred to this N number throughout the Service Police inquiry.

I have today been asked a number of questions by the Service Police, in particular NORTHMOSS Team, concerning a data repository system known as ITS1 and data which was deleted from it.

I have today handed to Sgt Bennett, A6C (RMP), a two-sided document classified as SECRET. Sgt Bennett attached an exhibit identification label marked as follows:

N5595/1 - Unit investigation into the use of the SDelete application on storage area network servers dated

Signature:

N5595

Signature witnessed by:

Signature



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I have signed the exhibit label.

I understand that this exhibit may be used to produce sub-exhibits. I also understand that this exhibit, or consequent sub-exhibits, may be produced in support of subsequent judicial proceedings which may include civil court proceedings and/or public inquiries.

I will describe the relevant content of this document throughout this statement, including the explanation of any technical terms.

I hold the appointment of RMO of my unit. I have served with my unit for seventeen years and subjectively I am technically minded.

I was chosen by my chain of command due to my impartiality with the event relevant to this statement, i.e. I was independent to the activity.

I am the author of the previously mentioned exhibit, as the RFQ28 SDelete Investigating Officer.

RFQ28 is a large document produced by  
Civilian Contractor 1 in relation to the

Signed:

N5595

Signature witnessed by

Signature



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transfer of data between storage arrays to a 3PAR Enterprise Storage facility for a <sup>ITS1</sup> life extension programme.

I will ~~now~~ <sup>N5595</sup> explain a number of technical terms which appear throughout the exhibit, for ease of reference. Although I don't have a wealth of corporate knowledge in relation to some of these technical terms, I will explain to the best of my knowledge.

A Storage Array Network (SAN) is a large 'bin' if you will which holds data for a large number of users linked to the <sup>ITS1</sup> system. This can best be put into context with an analogy that a computer has a hard drive containing data and each user would store their data on the hard drive and this would be centrally held on the SAN.

3PAR is a modern set of servers which replaces the SAN, and is part of the <sup>ITS1</sup> life extension programme.

SDelete is an application which permanently deletes previously deleted data. <sup>ITS1</sup>

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Understanding of this application; it streamlines or defragments the data by searching for the previously deleted data and permanently overwriting this data.

Through my discussions with the technical experts, namely [REDACTED] N5857 and [REDACTED] N5858

[REDACTED] (who are CC1 contracted engineers), it was explained to me that the SDelete will not delete 'live' data, only previously deleted user data. It identifies this by the data code to ensure the data had previously been deleted. Beyond this technical understanding I cannot elaborate further but to emphasise I was informed that only previously deleted data was overwritten by the SDelete application.

the [REDACTED] ITS1 is a Secret UK Eyes Only Storage System employed solely by the UKSF.

Exhibit N5595/1 pays attention to Reference A: [REDACTED] SFHQ(UK)/ALS/File Ref - METADATA LOSS [REDACTED] UKSF4

Dated 16 Jan 16.

This is a document from ALS notifying that the

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Signature witnessed by:

Signature



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Service Police has requested an investigation into the circumstances of the deleted data.  
I will now outline the persons mentioned at para. 2 a-e, and their roles and responsibilities;

OF2 N5859

(J7 Capability Information Systems Officer); who is in charge of information systems and is the 'Military-man' so to speak who project manages the life expectancy programme.

ITS1

N5857

CC1

employed on-site by CC1 to provide technical expertise in the capacity as third-line support.

In brief, first-line support would be basic support, second-line support would be perhaps support via a helpdesk and third-line support is more technical support and in N5857's position, is based on camp to provide dedicated support to the ITS1 system.

N5857's

ITS1

N5858

CC1

a fourth-line engineer employed by CC1 meaning he provides deep support and he is employed or operates off-site.

N5857

N5858

attended a

Signature

Signed:

N5595

Signature witnessed by:



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training course in relation to 3PAR between 23-27 May 16. I understand that during this course the course lead, N5860, also employed by CC1, made a recommendation to use the SDelete application, when transferring the data between the SAN to 3PAR.

The purpose or rationale for using this application is that it would allow for a much more efficient transfer of the data process and that redundant (the deleted data) would not be transferred over.

N5861, CC1, Service Delivery Manager, I understand he is the line-manager for N5857 and had no role in the deleted data.

N5862, CC4, Contractor, who also had no role in the deleted data. I made hand written notes during my interviews with the aforementioned persons and will provide these to the Service Police.

I will now explain para. 3 of the exhibit.

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As previously mentioned, the life extension programme involved the movement (migration) of data to a modern system, and the course of this would be detailed within the RTQ28 data. [REDACTED] CC1 is the prime contractor responsible for this.

With regards to the contractors remit, they, I would imagine hold a degree of autonomy, however in terms of their specific remit, I can't answer what this is or whether this is documented anywhere. I will now move on to para. 5. Para 4 has been answered previously within this statement.

Between 24 Jan - 23 Aug 16, [REDACTED] N5857

[REDACTED] used the SDelete application, after the recommendation received from [REDACTED] N5860

There is no evidence to suggest that any data, not already deleted by the user (S), was deleted by the application during this work. I say this because SDelete is the software/application utilised by the technical experts and it is designed to

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Signature witnessed by:

Signature



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search and delete only previously deleted data.

I will now explain para 6 in context.

N5857

used the SDelete application on a number of SAN Storage arrays which were identified, between the dates 24 Jun - 23 Aug 16. I do not know what the identified storage arrays were however this information would be accessible.

The work was conducted as part of the On-Site engineer contracted support duties and was therefore conducted without the awareness of or oversight of the military chain of command.

This would be a routine task whereby it would not necessitate oversight from the military chain of command because

N5857

is part of the support and was carrying out his tasks as part of the life extension programme.

ITS1

CC1

Signature

Signed:

Signature witnessed by: