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SKILLS

Expert Witness in Drugs and Firearms Trafficking

PIP2 Investigator

Level 3 AET Trainer

Drug Supply Investigations

Management and Coordination of Expert Evidence

Quality Assurance for Experts

Expert Report Writing

Courtroom Testimony

Covert Police Tactics

Surveillance

RIPA CPIA CPR CrimPD

EXPERTISE

Drugs & Firearms Trafficking

Global, National, Regional & Local Supply

Serious & Organised Crime

Encrypted Communications

Bulking and Repressing

Proceeds of Crime Act

Urban Street Gangs

Street Slang

'County Lines' Drug Supply

Exploitation and Human Trafficking within Drug Supply Networks

Drugs and contraband supply within Prison Establishments

Cannabis Cultivation

Illicit Drug Labs

SUMMARY

Highly experienced and commended former New Scotland Yard Detective with a proven track record in complex and protracted covert investigations targeting Drugs and Firearms supply throughout the supply chain.

A long established and nationally respected Expert Witness, reviewing evidence and providing expert opinion in over 1,000 criminal cases throughout the Court Circuits of England and Wales and quality assuring 1,000's of others.

Spearheaded the Metropolitan Police's response to Operation Venetic – the 'EncroChat-hack', reviewing the evidence and encrypted communications from well over 1,000 individuals and providing expert interpretation and opinion evidence.

Collaborated with the Met's County Lines team 'Operation Orochi' to develop the County Lines 'pivot function' within Forensic Analytics Cell Site Analysis Suite software.

Commissioned by the Met Police to design and deliver the U.K.'s first ever Expert Evidence in Urban Street Gangs and Slang training course to enable the provision of expert opinion evidence in crimes of serious violence including murder where the interpretation of street slang was of assistance and necessary.

Personally invited to brief the Minister for Policing, Mr. Kit Malthouse on U.K. Drug Markets in 2021; Ian is an associate lecturer at Buckinghamshire New University and a registered Expert in illicit drugs and psychoactive substances at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Drug Expert Witness Coordinator November 2019 – November 2021

Police Staff (Middle Manager) Metropolitan Police Service, New Scotland Yard, London

Built and maintained the Mets cadre of over 100 Drug Expert Witnesses to service a demand of more than 2,500 statements per year.

- Identifying potential experts through a robust selection procedure
- Writing, developing, and delivering first class training products for all levels of experts – receiving outstanding feedback
- Identifying new working practices to increase efficiency and performance
- Identifying and effectively managing risk through the introduction of effective control measures
- Implementation of policy and legal updates
- Management and oversight of quality assurance
- Mentoring and development of all levels of expert
- Coordinating the Met's Expert Evidence response to Operation Venetic
- Identification and provision of sustainable Continued Professional Development (CPD)
- Reporting to Senior Leadership Teams and Management Board
- The Met's SME on drug trafficking representing them on the following panels:
 - National Drug Expert Witness and Valuation Association (DEWVA) – committee member
 - National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) - Drug Portfolio
 - NCA Drugs Threat & Intelligence Group

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TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

Expert Evidence in Drug Trafficking
– National Crime Agency

Detective Sergeant (retired)

Level 3 AET Trainer

Leadership – Lane 4

Understanding Drugs and Drug
Addiction - King's College London

Club Drugs and Psychoactive
Substances - Royal College of
Psychiatrists

RIPA (including Product Handler)

Disclosure Officer CPIA

Advanced Exhibits Officer

Illicit Drugs Labs – Tactical Hazmat,
Evesham

Covert Search Techniques – Royal
Engineers, Chatterden, Kent

CHIS Handler

Enhanced Surveillance - HMRC

SMART Surveillance - NCA

Class 1 Advanced Driver

Surveillance Motorcyclist

PROFESSIONAL PANELS

National Police Chief Council's
(NPCC) Psychoactive Substances Act
working group (2016 – 2018)

NPCC Drugs Portfolio (2016 – 2021)

NCA Drug Threat Intelligence Group
(2020 – 2021)

London CBRN police tactical working
group (2016 – 2019)

Drug Expert Witness and Valuation
Association (DEWVA) committee
(2017 – 2021)

Drug Experts Festivals Group
committee (2017 - 2021)

London Chemsex Working Group
(2016 – 2019)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE *continued*

Specialist Drug Advisor

February 2016 – June 2019

Detective Sergeant, Metropolitan Police Service, New Scotland Yard, London

The Met's subject matter expert (SME) for drugs and new (or novel) psychoactive substances (NPS). Disseminating best practice across all business groups to improve drug related performance in the Met.

- Management of bespoke projects and initiatives
- Collaboration with internal and external stakeholders on all drug matters
- Operational briefings (sensitive and non-sensitive) to senior officers, foreign delegations, government departments, U.K., and International Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Development of drugs policy
- Development and delivery of a wide range of drug related training products for all staff
- Wider crime prevention initiatives focusing on drugs as a driver of crime
- SME for drugs and NPS to the Notting Hill Carnival and London Music Festivals.

Detective Constable

April 2011 – February 2016

Trident and Area Crime Command, Metropolitan Police Service, New Scotland Yard

As the team leader and acting Detective Sergeant managing proactive investigations into the possession and trafficking of drugs and firearms (predominantly by Urban Street Gangs) across London and beyond.

- Protracted proactive operations and fast time deployments acting on live intelligence and often involving threats to life
- County Lines and Test Purchase operations
- Extensive experience in surveillance, undercover deployments, RIPA (including S.19), CPIA and PACE
- Risk Management
- Briefings / de-briefings to staff and management
- Completion of complex case files, liaison with CPS and presentation of the cases at the Crown Court
- Preston hearings, Product handling

Detective Constable

August 2004 – April 2011

Middle Market Drugs Partnership, Serious and Organised Crime, Metropolitan Police Service, New Scotland Yard

Working as part of a multi-agency operational team that is now the Organised Crime Partnership (OCP), tackling the importation and distribution of controlled drugs pan London and the SE region of England.

- Liaison with a wide range of U.K. and international partner agencies
- Implementation of policy
- Covert ops including surveillance (conventional and technical), buy-bust, UC infiltrations, Controlled Deliveries, Covert Monitoring Posts
- Production of RIPA authorities
- Preparation and management of cases for the Crown Court including CPIA.
- Overseas deployments to gather evidence and comply with CPIA demands.

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COMMENDATIONS

Multiple commendations awarded with a select few below.

Nov 2021 – National Crime Agency Director's commendation for *"excellent contribution to enhancing the understanding of the drugs threat both in the U.K. and internationally"*

2019 - OCU Commander's Commendation -
"professionalism in designing, developing and delivering the first MPS Expert Evidence in Drug Trafficking course and continued dedication in the support and mentoring of Drug Expert Witnesses"

2018 - OCU Commander's Commendation - *"For professionalism and dedication in the production of the Met's Drugs Strategy"*

July 2013 - OCU Commander's Commendation - *"For Detective ability, professionalism and tenacity in a complex investigation - Operation Peyster"*

Oct 2012 - OCU Commander's Commendation - *"For determination, tenacity and detective ability in compiling a complex case concerning a criminal conspiracy to import a significant quantity of cocaine into the United Kingdom"*

Oct 2009 - OCU Commander's Commendation -
"Professionalism and investigative ability during Operation Aldering, which led to the conviction of criminal networks, involved in the importation of Class A controlled drugs"

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE *continued*

Detective Constable **June 1998 - July 2004**
Anti-Corruption Command, Metropolitan Police Service, New Scotland Yard

Known for my professionalism, detective ability and integrity I was headhunted for this posting and served within three positions whilst in this Command:

- Operational Support Team - conducting proactive investigations (predominantly into serving police officers/staff) including surveillance in support of investigation teams.
- Integrity Testing Unit – Specialist and confidential investigations into suspected corrupt officers, staff and those seeking to corrupt. Involving the development and execution of properly authorised 'integrity tests' on behalf of the Met and provisional police services within England and Wales.
- Specialist Investigations – Confidential investigations into corrupt officers, staff and those seeking to corrupt as well as high profile reactive investigations into deaths in police custody. Advanced Exhibits and Family Liaison Officer.
- Sensitive reports for internal management and H.M. Coroner

Police Constable **May 1989 - June 1998**
Stoke Newington Police Station, Metropolitan Police Service, London

Four postings at this Command including:

Surveillance Unit – mobile and static surveillance on a variety of subjects including high harm individuals, drug dealers, sex offenders, prolific burglars, and street robbers

- RIPA applications
- Risk Assessments
- Arrests – Custody – Interviews – Case Files – Enquiries – Trial
- CHIS Handler

Crime Squad – proactive and reactive investigations into a variety of serious crimes as directed by Senior Leadership Teams

- RIPA applications
- Risk Assessments
- Arrests – Custody – Interviews – Case Files – Enquiries – Trial
- CHIS handler

Drug Squad – MDA search warrants and Test Purchase operations

- Intelligence, research, warrant information, application, and execution
- Test Purchase Operations, cover officer, exhibits officer, OIC
- Arrests – Custody – Interviews – Case Files – Enquiries – Trial
- CHIS Handler

Uniformed Officer – Class I Advanced driver – frontline leadership as a senior Constable responding to 999 calls and proactive patrols

TRAINING COURSES DESIGNED AND DELIVERED TO DATE

Expert Evidence in Drug Trafficking – (foundation)

For those experienced in Drug Trafficking who seek to perform the role of Expert Witness including a 'County Lines' variation available (U.K. first)

Advanced CPD courses for existing Expert Witnesses:

- County Lines
- Organised Crime

Expert Evidence in Urban Street Gangs and Slang - (foundation)

For those experienced in urban street gangs and street slang who wish to transition into the role of the expert witness (U.K. first)

Drug Trafficking Advanced Insights for Investigators – For all investigators including researchers and analysts who wish to understand how the drug trade works and how to identify, secure and present 'best evidence'

Expert Witness Refresher

Refreshing knowledge, ensuring safe practices and teaching know-how .

Quality Assurance for Expert Witnesses - Underlines and stresses the importance of the QA process and teaches best practice. (U.K. first)

U.K. Drugs Awareness - Provides an insight into the common U.K. drugs of abuse drugs and how the drug trade operates.

Courtroom Skills - One day course for anyone who will be required to provide live witness testimony.

OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENTS

Highly regarded and trusted by both the MPS and NCA I have represented them whilst being deployed to the following locations to conduct law enforcement business:

2011 (revisited 2017) - English & French ports

NCA funded professional expert knowledge development – organised educational visits to the international rail / seaports of Dover, Cheriton (Folkestone), London St. Pancras, Calais and Coquelles. Hosted by UKBA, the visits, over five days gave an insight into (amongst other things) smuggling trends, concealments, methodologies, and routes encountered at the Southeast borders of the U.K. and mainland Europe, France.

2011 - Los Angeles and Ventura County, California, USA (operation KSORA)
Working with the Los Angeles Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Oxnard Police Department, Ventura County, operation Ksora was an investigation into a Californian based Mexican OCN who were engaged in exporting cocaine to the U.K.

2009 - Romania and Bulgaria

SOCA funded professional expert knowledge development – organised educational visits to key locations along the 'Balkan Routes' including Bucharest Airport, Sophia Airport, the Black Sea international ports of Varna, Constanta and Bourgas and the Land Border Controls at Durankoulak and Kalotina.

2008 - Nuremberg, Germany (Operation Pelayo)

An investigation into a Romanian OCN who were attempting to import cocaine into the United Kingdom and sell it within the U.K. market.

2007 - Madrid, Spain (Operation Dorton)

An investigation into a London based Colombian Organised Crime Network (OCN) who were importing cocaine into the United Kingdom from Bogota, Colombia via Madrid, Spain. They employed sophisticated concealments and impregnated materials.

2006 - Paris, France (Operation Jackfield)

An investigation into a consignment of car seat covers that were sent to the United Kingdom from Tehran, Iran via Paris, France. Hidden within the car seat covers was a multi-kilogram quantity of opium.

2002 - Kingston, Jamaica (Operation Abbatiale)

An Investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Dwight Newell who died of cocaine ingestion after arriving in the United Kingdom (UK) from Jamaica. Mr. Newell was employed as a 'drug mule'