

8th November 1993

Superintendent D. FRANCIS,  
B A R R Y.

Arrest of Maurice John KIRK

I refer to the arrest of the above mentioned person at St. Athan on Sunday, 3rd October, 1993, for an offence of driving whilst disqualified, the circumstances of which are as follows:-

In the months preceeding his arrest there were certain factors which brought Mr. KIRK's notoriety to my attention. Briefly, these consisted of:-

- (1) A burglary at his Veterinary Surgery at Burial Lane, Llantwit Major, at which he refused to give any details whatsoever to P.C.1961 PRICE, who made comment of Mr. KIRK's eccentricity. Mr. KIRK later alleged to P.C. PRICE that the burglary had been committed by the police and was part of a police conspiracy.
- (2) His arrest at Cardiff for which he went to Cardiff Prison for four days, having refused to disclose his identity. He was subject of a local intelligence bulletin from Fairwater in relation to this and the arrest subsequently received media attention in the South Wales Echo.
- (3) Receipt at Llantwit Major of a copy of his previous convictions from Guernsey (attached).
- (4) On Monday, 13th September, 1993, I was involved in an incident at a dwelling next door to his surgery at Burial Lane at which Mr. KIRK complained of squatters at the dwelling. In fact the Force Solicitor spoke by telephone with a traffic officer who was also at the scene in relation to this matter. The matter was eventually resolved, but it was then that I became aware that Mr. KIRK intended to reside within the Llantwit Major area.
- (5) Photo-stat copies of newspaper cuttings were circulating involving Mr. KIRK's association with the actor Oliver REED and the fact that on several occasions Mr. KIRK had turned up at court in fancy dress.

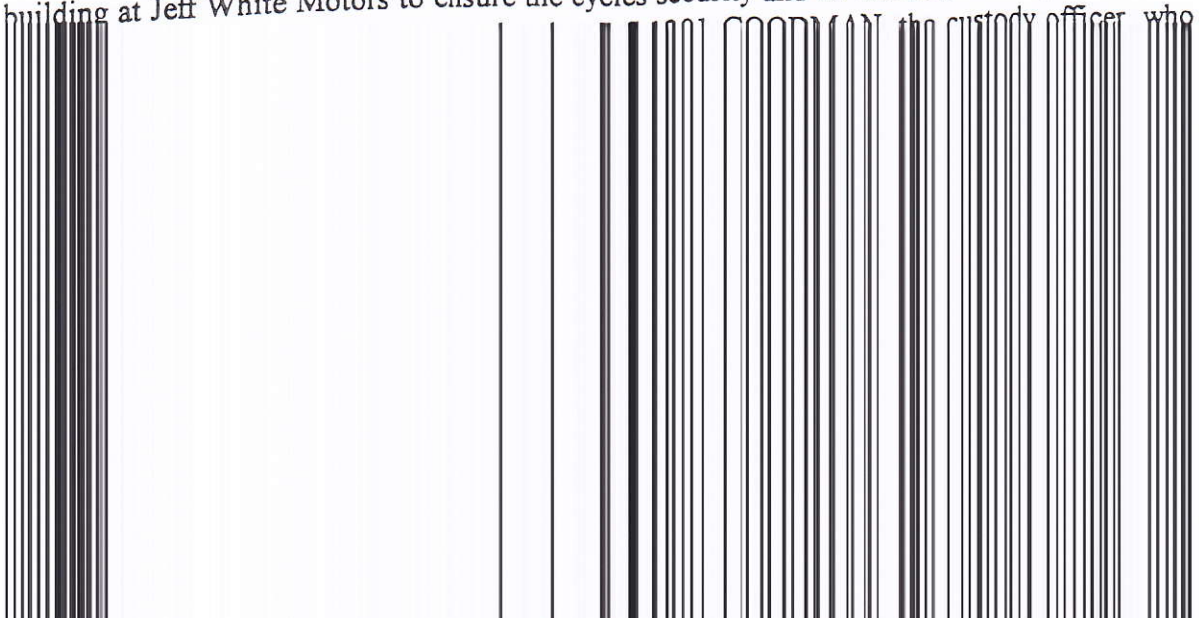
Several days after the squatting incident, whilst working at Barry, I decided to view KIRK's up to date criminal record held on PNC due to the fact that he now resided within my area. It was then that I discovered that he was shown as being disqualified at Barry, the disqualification ending on the 23rd November, 24th May 1993.

Late on Friday, 1st October, 1993, I became aware that P.C. McDONAGH had dealt with a road traffic accident in which KIRK was driving a Triumph Spitfire motor car. KIRK had been unhelpful at the scene and it was not until he had left that P.C. McDONAGH discovered the disqualification.

At 17.10 hrs. on Sunday, 3rd October, 1993, I saw Morris KIRK riding his BMW K100 RT motor cycle, reg. no. 1876 along Boverton Road, Llantwit Major. I was unable to stop him due to traffic conditions and by the time I reached the traffic lights at Eglwys Brewis there was no sign of him. I immediately circulated his motor cycle to Barry units and I then drove back into Llantwit Major. As I was passing the junction to Orchard Close (the old Llantwit Major main road which is now a dead end) I saw KIRK riding down towards me. Again, due to traffic conditions, I was unable to stop him. My immediate thought was that KIRK had ridden into that road in order to avoid me. I then caught up with him at the Eglwys Brewis traffic lights, whereupon he overtook all the traffic and rode off towards St. Athan at speed. I again caught up with him at St. Athan where he had come up against slow moving traffic. I signalled to him to stop near Jeff White Motors which he did.

I informed KIRK that I had reason to believe he was a disqualified driver, his attitude was immediately hostile, and he alleged my reason for stopping him was part of a police conspiracy. I requested him to enter my vehicle in order that I could carry out a PNC check to verify his disqualification details, which he agreed to do. He provided his full name and when I asked his date of birth he stated slowly and deliberately, 1-2-3-4-5 which I now know to be his correct date of birth, but which, at the time, I believed to be a "wind up". At this stage KIRK stated that he didn't have time for my enquiries and intended to leave. He got out of the car and walked towards his motor cycle. I went after him, told him that I was arresting him for suspicion of driving whilst disqualified, and he then began ranting and raving using obscene language and behaving in a generally threatening manner (his obscene language being more than my pocket book entries reflect). At the time, an old lady and a young girl were passing, both of whom were shocked at the language and his behaviour. I was also joined by a Mr. Jason JOHN, an employee of Jeff White Motors. Mr. KIRK wanted Mr. JOHN to be a witness to my harassment of himself, but Mr. JOHN made it clear that he was there to assist myself. KIRK's behaviour was such that I took hold of him to prevent him from absenting himself from the scene.

I then requested him to get into my vehicle, as he had been arrested, he refused, stating that I would need assistance which I then requested. Mr. KIRK repeatedly asked me why he had been disqualified by Barry Magistrates' Court, and I advised him that these details were not available on the PNC, though the check then made verified his disqualification. He would not accept the fact I could not supply him with an answer to his query. Eventually, officers from Barry arrived and he was placed into a police vehicle, his motor cycle was placed into a building at Jeff White Motors to ensure the cycles security and he was then conveyed to Barry



again for driving whilst disqualified and was being held in custody for court that day. I was in court during his remand application, both before and after lunch, and at no time during his arrest at St. Athan, the custody procedure at Barry or the court appearance at Barry Magistrates' Court did Maurice KIRK inform anyone that he had appealed against his disqualification at Cardiff Crown Court on the 3rd June, 1993, and that his appeal had been allowed. I would consider it the normal actions of a person in the predicament that Mr. KIRK had found himself to offer this information at the earliest opportunity.

As a matter of note Mr. KIRK came to Llantwit Major Police Station on Thursday, 14th October, 1993, the day of the Queen's visit and apologised to me for his behaviour on the 3rd October, 1993.

I therefore submit this report, together with all the accompanying documents that I can find in relation to this matter and photo-stat pages of my pocket book, for your information and attention.

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15 December 1993

RECORDED

Dear Madam

DATA PROTECTION ACT, 1984

Your Ref: MIU/KJ/SE/JC/K177/439/93

Further to your written reply of 10th instant I note that despite my request by telephone this does not confirm that I asked and paid for, within the six months' statutory period, details concerning my arrest in Ely and subsequent detention in prison on 19 May 1993, with all but one charges being dropped. The outstanding one, being in possession of an offensive weapon, the police deny ever existed.

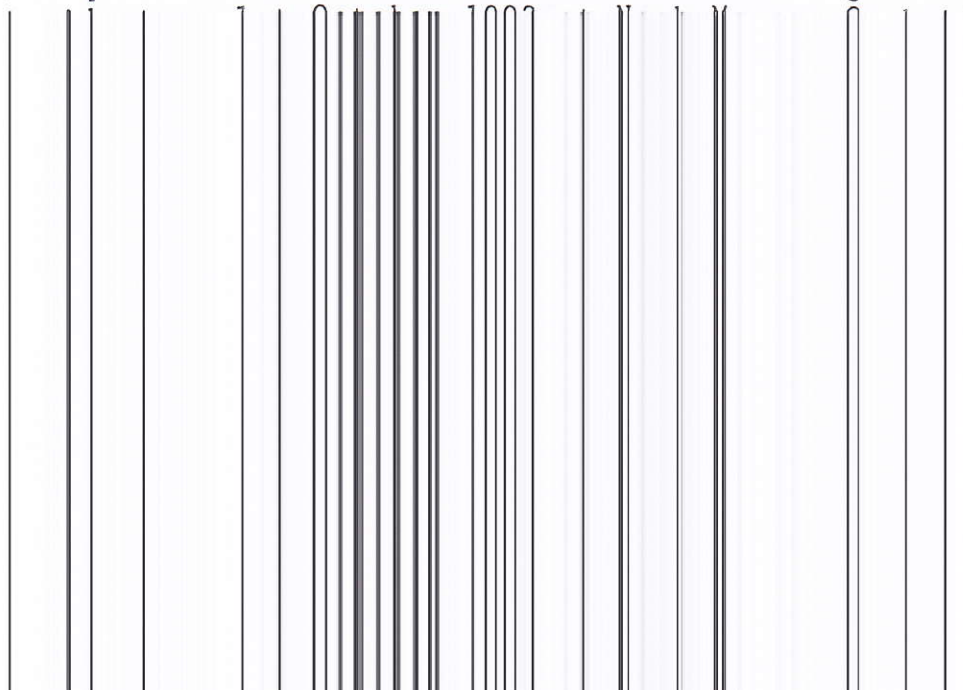
It is not without surprise that your letter of 10th December 1993 infers to the uninitiated that it appears to the police that the incident never occurred.

I require confirmation in writing what information I had asked for and confirmation that a Ms Griffiths dealt with the matter.

I request again to have a copy of the interview tape which took place at Fairwater Police Station on the night of 20th May and ~~the~~ parts of my BMW motorcycle that were removed by the police at the time. I visited and interviewed the Station Inspector on the matter.

I wish to have the full record concerning my arrest and unlawful detention on 3rd October 1993 at Barry Police Station for alleged driving whilst disqualified.

I require the same details for the same alleged offence for an



I require the same details for an alleged offence on 4th October 1993 outside Barry Police Station, again alleged driving without driving licence. I require the names of each and every police officer involved with <sup>ALL OF THE ABOVE</sup> ~~that~~ incidents and a copy of their individual records taken at the time.

I will not deal with you by telephone as I have had several months of communication with the South Wales constabulary by telephone to expedite ~~the~~ matters only to be told by the police that the majority of these telephone calls never took place.

There is one last matter which is being ignored by those at Barry Police station responsible and that is the matter surrounding the incident in March 1993 leading to a Barry Magistrates hearing of 17th May (driving without insurance) that was won at the Crown Court in Cardiff (Case No. A930159) on 3 June 1993.

I need all records surrounding this matter as I attended neither Court hearing. The alleged incident being outside Cowbridge on or about 2nd January 1993.

If this is the way you deal with a member of the public in order that individual police officers can gain promotion by the number of convictions achieved then I feel sorry for members of the community that cannot move away.

I return the £10.00. cheque dated 1st December 1993.

Yours faithfully