

## **HOUNDING OF THE MET WHISTLE BLOWER; EXCLUSIVE BY DAVID WILLIAMS**

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A SECRETARY who leaked the truth about the shooting of innocent Brazilian Jean Charles de Menezes has spoken of her ordeal at the hands of police.

[ ] faced a nine-month inquiry estimated to have cost taxpayers more than £100,000 following her decision to reveal details about the bungled Metropolitan Police operation.

[ ], who worked for the Independent Police Complaints Commission, described how ten officers broke down her front door in a dawn raid on her flat.

She was placed in small cell with a foam mat on the floor and forced to go hungry for eight hours until a lawyer arrived.

Officers 'bullied' her and made it clear that she was in danger of going to prison.

When she was allowed to return to her flat, she found it in disarray with her passport, bank and many other personal items missing. She lost her job, her home, and was treated for depression. She became increasingly isolated and afraid, with friends afraid to get in touch with her because her phones were being tapped.

Yet after all this, the inquiry decided that she should not face prosecution.

'Unlike the police I hadn't killed an innocent person but I was treated as the worst kind of criminal,' said 44-year-old [ ].

She insisted, however, that she would 'do it all again' to ensure the public and the family of the 27-year-old Brazilian electrician could not be 'lied to' in what she believes was a deliberate police 'cover-up' of the facts.

Canada-born [ ] was working as an administration secretary at the IPCC when she leaked details from the inquiry which contradicted much of what had previously been believed about the shooting at Stockwell Tube station in South London last year.

Mr de Menezes was shot seven times in the head by police after being mistaken for a suicide bomber following the July 21 alleged failed bombing plot. The initial police version of events was that he had vaulted the ticket barrier and run down an escalator to escape firearms officers who were following him. He was said to have been wearing a bulky coat which could have concealed explosives.

Yet evidence seen by the IPCC and collated by [ ] revealed a very different sequence of events. In fact Mr de Menezes walked calmly into the station, picked up a free newspaper and then strolled down the escalator towards the train in which he was shot dead. He was wearing only a light denim jacket.

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... 'I collected anything relevant to show the public the police were lying about what was going on. I came to the conclusion that I could make a difference.' She passed an envelope of documents to her friend whose partner was a producer at ITN.

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Within days she was suspended after the leak was traced to her. She subsequently resigned but not before a colleague with whom she was living had changed the locks and thrown her out.

Leicestershire police were appointed to lead the inquiry and it was they who arrested [ ]...

It was 6.30... when she was awoken by the sound of the front door being broken in...

Tears rolled down her cheeks as she recalled: 'I was scared to death. I did not know what to think or do. They asked me, "Are you [ ] We have a warrant for your arrest." ...

...search her flat, she was taken away to Bishopsgate police station in the City. 'I was upset, scared, I was crying. I had never been in any kind of trouble before and I was frightened. It had never crossed my mind that I would be treated as if I was a criminal for telling the truth.'

She says she had told police that she was a diabetic but it was not until a lawyer arrived some eight hours after her arrest that she was given food she could eat. [ ] believes that she was singled out because she had embarrassed the police and they went out of the way to create an oppressive atmosphere and to intimidate her. She feels officers tried to trick her into making admissions and used pressure tactics.

'I was very frightened. I didn't know what to do. I was crying and felt sick - all I had done was reveal the truth. The police attitude towards me was rude and bullying. They made it very clear that I had done something wrong and that I could possibly be put in prison.'

On the same day as the arrest, Sir Ian Blair, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, had gone on television to apologise for not correcting misinformed formation about the case - misinformation [ ] had help reveal.

Devastated and exhausted, she returned home shortly before midnight and found her flat a 'mess'. A rosary given to her by her late mother shortly before she died had been left on the floor, clothes had been stuffed back into drawers and items were missing.

Her passport with the visa she needed to work was gone together with bank records, a diary, letters, telephone details and personal papers.

[ ] continued: 'I was afraid and depressed. It really worked a toll on me. People were afraid to get in touch Ö they were tracking the telephones. My life was on hold.'

But throughout the nine months of investigation, the police questioning, the fear and the uncertainty, she said she was sustained by the belief that she had acted properly.

'I did the right thing,' she said. 'I helped the parents of Jean Charles and the public in finding out the truth and in finding out what they had been told was not the truth.'

The interview will be broadcast tonight on ITN's evening news at 6.30pm.

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**No charges after de Menezes leak**

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A secretary last night explained why she leaked confidential documents from the official inquiry into the fatal shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes.

It was announced yesterday that [ ], a former secretary at the Independent Police Complaints Commission, (IPCC) will not face criminal charges following a police investigation.

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The revelations led to claims of a cover-up and to calls from the de Menezes family for Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Ian Blair to resign.

Ms [ ] last night insisted she had received no money "whatsoever" for leaking the documents and said her motivation had been exposing "a lie".

She told ITV News: "He wasn't a terrorist at all, he was just a normal guy, wearing normal jeans and a jacket, going to work.

"And when I saw the videos, then I saw the state after he was shot, my heart ... I just thought, 'oh my God, this could be my daughter'."

"I knew from what I read and from what I learnt that it was a lie, and it appalled me that the police or the Met were not coming to light and saying we were wrong, this was a mistake."

Leicestershire Police carried out an investigation into the leak following a request from Scotland Yard.

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## Met chief thrown lifeline by political backers.

By JIMMY BURNS

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The country's top policeman appeared to have survived renewed calls for his immediate resignation last night after securing some important political backers led by the prime minister.

However, close allies admitted that Sir Ian Blair's longer-term prospects as Metropolitan police commissioner would still hinge on the findings of an inquiry into the killing by anti-terror police of Jean Charles de Menezes, an innocent Brazilian, and the consequent public reaction.

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The Crown Prosecution Service said it had not yet completed its review of an initial report by the Independent Police Complaints Commission. Lawyers were still taking statements and had not yet decided whether there was sufficient evidence to justify a criminal prosecution of officers involved in the shooting of the Brazilian electrician on a Tube train.

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Sir Ian has told the IPCC that he was not informed that his officers had shot an innocent man until the day after the shooting, even though some journalists were told of the mistake within hours of the error.

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