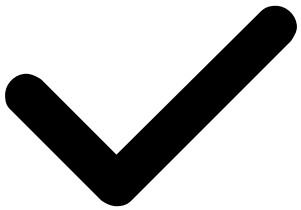
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Statement on Thames Valley Police investigation into Misconduct in Public Office

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Thames Valley Police has issued a statement today (8/10) in relation to the legal challenge regarding our misconduct in public office investigation.

A Thames Valley Police spokesperson said: “On 22 July, the High Court quashed search warrants granted on 18 February 2026 for two properties in Norfolk and Berkshire that were searched as part of Thames Valley Police’s ongoing investigation into misconduct in public office by a man in his 60s from Norfolk.

“The agreement that led to the quashing of the warrants relates specifically to a decision made by the court regarding the legal basis for these and is not a judgement on our ongoing investigation.

“We ensured the court was presented with all the necessary information and paperwork to inform their decision, following the correct legal processes throughout.

“We accept the position that the initial court’s decision to issue warrants under the specific piece of legislation used was incorrect and therefore these must be legally quashed.

“Legal proceedings are currently ongoing to decide how material seized during the searches will be managed and whether we can lawfully retain it in support of our ongoing investigation.

“Our investigation into alleged misconduct in public office by a man in his 60s from Norfolk remains ongoing, and we continue to pursue all reasonable lines of enquiry to effectively and fairly progress this investigation.

“Due to these ongoing legal proceedings, we cannot currently provide further comment.”

Notes to Editors

- As this matter relates to judicial processes and decision making, all questions relating to the warrant application, judicial review and section 59 process must be directed to the Ministry of Justice Newsdesk at +44 0300 790 0711.
- Thames Valley Police’s investigation remains ongoing. Media outlets are reminded that legal proceedings are active at point of arrest in UK law, and to be mindful of this in their reporting.
- For further guidance, please email operationalcomms@thamesvalley.police.uk.