



JIM BOYLING FOUND GUILTY OF GROSS MISCONDUCT

Today former SDS undercover police officer Jim Boyling has been found guilty of gross misconduct for his relationship with 'Rosa' (a pseudonym) using his false identity, failing to inform his line management and disclosing confidential information to his target.

A Disciplinary Panel convened by the Metropolitan Police heard evidence from his former partner 'Rosa' / DIL, with Boyling in 1999 when he infiltrated 'Reclaim the Streets' and 'Earth First!' using the cover identity 'Jim Sutton'.

Boyling also had prior relationships with two other women in 'Reclaim the Streets', 'Monica'* and 'Ruth'.

Less than two weeks before the disciplinary hearing, which was scheduled to last 3 weeks, Boyling opted to have a legal representative to challenge the evidence but made no formal admission to the allegations. His defence lawyer gave in prepared statements. The panel nonetheless considered those responses along with other evidence from Rosa /DIL. Following the verdict, Boyling was 'dismissed without notice' from the police force; the highest penalty possible.

Despite his failure to attend the hearing to challenge the evidence, Boyling made statements to the press where he portrayed himself as the victim of unjustified police persecution who was too poor to attend the hearing. His statement was: "I am on anybody, the family with the terminally ill children will probably be the weakest."

In response to this statement, Rosa said: "He refers to 'the family' to try to excuse himself. He has had no contact with them since 2013. We fled to a refuge from him in 2007 to escape an abusive, manipulative, controlling relationship. He has nothing to do with and using them in the press to deflect from attempts to hold him to account in the past."

Rosa, a long term activist and community campaigner, met Jim Boyling through her involvement in 'Reclaim the Streets' as Jim Sutton, a fellow activist with a caring persona and they began an intimate relationship. They moved to a prolonged period of mental abuse from him when he claimed to be suffering a breakdown and worked for around 18 months, struggling to cling to her sanity when her investigations revealed that 'Jim Sutton' was a riddle to her, telling her to speak to no one as he was in danger.

This psychological manipulation left Rosa in an extremely vulnerable state and when eventually, shortly after uncovering SDS operations, he walked into a shop where she was working, he was able to successfully sell his old deceit. He was able to convince her that he was the same person, her partner in all but name, originally acting against them, protecting her movement and terrified the police would find out what he really was: a police officer, that the movement was safe now, but that he was left isolated and at risk needing her support from his superiors in the police.

Rosa said: “When Jim reappeared it was a massive relief after all the grief and anxiety I had gone through mysteries uncovered during my search for him. I was desperate for answers to the confusing series of events he appeared to be the only person who held answers. This left me vulnerable to his further manipulation. As an undercover officer, he said it had all been an operational mistake and that he genuinely loved me, shared his police work, but could only do this with my help. The new tales he told me – of being the same person I had become, a turncoat and needing my help to escape the police – were more believable than the truth.”

“The unlikely truth was this: my life partner was fabricated by the state. He never existed. I was pregnant and bore children by the actor, a random police officer, who had played my partner. A stranger planted in me was trained to undermine both everything I stood for and my traumatised self.”

“He used his professional skills of deception and manipulation to try to control my feelings and actions. I lost my friends, comrades and associates, and I lived in an abusive relationship with him. I eventually escaped to the United States in 2007. This is all documented.”

The Metropolitan Police made an **historic public apology** in November 2015, when they acknowledged that relationships and their targets were “abusive, deceitful, manipulative and wrong...a violation of the women’s human rights, a significant trauma.”

The police also recognised “that these relationships, the subsequent trauma and the secrecy around the abuse and deception by these officers after the deployment had ended.”

Rosa said: “Only through shining a light on these operations can we hope to end these abuses and stop the secrecy that surrounds them that allows those whose trade is deceit, manipulation and sexual abuse to

“He has tried to strip me of my activist heritage and integrity, with claims that I was not an activist and did not run an activist group which today have been found to be untrue. In the event the panel were able to access files where he himself had been an activist organiser while sleeping with me as my live-in life partner.”

“This is an important verdict today, not only to protect the public from Boyling taking such roles in future but also to warn other officers that such conduct is totally unacceptable”

- Earlier this week, ‘Monica’, another woman deceived into a sexual relationship by Boyling, **announced** she had started legal proceedings against the Crown Prosecution Service for failing to prosecute him for sexual offences and mis



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