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Chief Constable

News from the Chief Constable



Dear colleague,

I wanted to take this opportunity to be clear about the force's position on an announcement made today by the IPCC.

It relates to an investigation into 14 serving and former officers during the Kevin Nunes murder investigation over a decade ago.

The IPCC has released a statement today confirming that evidence files are being submitted to the CPS in relation to the 14 officers. You can find out more about this on their website.

We were made aware in advance of today's development and now await the outcome of the Crown Prosecution Service's (CPS) review which we hope will be thorough and swift. In the meantime, we will continue to fully cooperate with the IPCC-led investigation.

It's important to point out that the submission of files to the CPS is entirely expected. In any investigation, it's routine for case files to be prepared and submitted to the CPS. It's a matter for them - not the police - to independently establish if wrongdoing has taken place. Until such a time as the CPS provide a decision on the outcome of their review, I am urging the media to ensure that their reporting of the case is fair and balanced.

I hope this is helpful in clarifying the force's position.

Mike Cunningham
Chief Constable