

**Claim No :  
8624/2005**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**

**QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COURT**

**B E T W E E N :**

**The Queen on the application of**

**ANDREW WOOD**

**Claimant**

**-v-**

**COMMISSIONER OF POLICE FOR THE METROPOLIS**

**Defendant**

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF IAN PRICHARD**

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I, Ian Prichard, make the following statement in support of the claimant's application for judicial review:

1. I reside at . My date of birth is . I am a Research Co-ordinator at the organisation Campaign Against Arms Trade ("CAAT"). The information I give in this statement is from my own knowledge except where otherwise stated or is apparent from the context.

2. I occupied the same role at CAAT in early 2005. On 27 April 2005, as part of that role, I attended the Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of Reed Elsevier plc (“Reed”) at the Millennium Hotel in Grosvenor Square, London W1.
3. Following the AGM, some members of CAAT made a complaint to the Metropolitan Police about the behaviour of officers at the event. On 31 August 2005 I made a statement to the Directorate of Professional Standards, Internal Investigations Command in support of that complaint. I enclose both handwritten and typed copies of that statement, marked as **Exhibit IP1**, since it records my recollections quite shortly after the AGM.
4. On 27 April 2005 a number of attendees from CAAT made our way to the AGM. We arrived in ‘dribs and drabs’ rather than in one large group. At the AGM I sat down and asked a reasonable question at the appropriate time. I did not sit with the claimant, Andrew Wood, or, as far as I am aware, any other CAAT representative.
5. I remember the women referred to as ‘EA’ and ‘RH’ being removed from the AGM during the meeting, but I do not know if they were made to leave building or just removed from the AGM room itself. I cannot remember exactly why they were removed; but I think it was for shouting or chanting. After I saw them being removed from the AGM I have no recollection of seeing either of them again that day.
6. The AGM closed, and I left quite promptly rather than hanging around for refreshments. Andrew Wood clearly had the same idea so we both left before the other attendees from CAAT. We emerged from the hotel together. Just outside, we met Kathryn Busby (‘KB’). Kathryn Busby’s role was to give out leaflets. I believe she had police permission to do so. We had a brief chat with her to see how she was getting on. We probably stood with her for about one minute. During that time I think a police photographer took photographs of the three of us.

7. I am certain that Andrew Wood and I did not stop to speak with EA after leaving the AGM. I assume the police have mixed EA up with Kathryn Busby who we did see outside the meeting. I believe this is supported by my attached statement.
  
8. The detail of what happened to me after Andrew Wood and I left Kathryn Busby can also be seen in the attached statement. I feel that the police photography was unnecessary and that the officers acted in an intimidatory way.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed:.....

IAN PRICHARD

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007