

Witness Name: Paula Murphy
Statement No: Second
Dated: 9 March 2026

**SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT OF DETECTIVE CONSTABLE 3120 PAULA MURPHY
OF THE MERSEYSIDE POLICE**

I, Paula Murphy will say as follows:-

Introduction

1. I am Detective Constable 3120 Paula Murphy of the Merseyside Police.
2. This witness statement is made to assist the Southport Inquiry (the "Inquiry") with the matters set out in the Rule 9 Request dated 5 March 2026.
3. I was attested as a Police Constable in 2004 and became a Detective in 2014. In December 2019 I was stationed at Marsh Lane Police Station, Bootle, and was posted to 'Level 2 Investigations'. I am a PIP2 detective. PIP stands for "Professionalising the Investigative Process". PIP is a nationally accredited course. When you have completed PIP level 2 satisfactorily, you can call yourself a Detective Constable.
4. I am now posted to the Child Criminal and Sexual Exploitation Team (CCSET). I remain an accredited Detective Constable.
5. I have already provided a factual narrative in my statement dated 04/04/25 [MERP007786].
6. I have been asked whether, at the Strategy Meeting on 17 December 2019 I was provided with a hard copy bundle of AR's browsing history by Joanne Hodson. I can say that I was not shown or provided with a hard copy of AR's browsing history.
7. I have been further asked whether, at the Strategy Meeting on 17 December 2019 I had sight of a hardcopy bundle of AR's browsing history. I can say that at the meeting on the 17 December 2019 I was not shown or provided with a hard copy bundle of AR's browsing history.

8. During my oral evidence on 6 October 2025 I was referred to a document LCC001401 which appears to be some of AR's search history. I confirmed that this was never drawn to my attention. In other words, I had never seen it until it was shown to me after being disclosed as part of disclosure for this Inquiry.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes or causes to be made a false statement in a document verified by a Statement of Truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed **Signature**

Dated 11/03/26