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| OPERATION PRIDELING Officer Submitting | DC 14249 Andy REID |
| Operation Name | OPERATION PRIDELING |
| Brief Summary of Operation | <p>Operation PRIDELING came into being as a result of Operation Irrelevant & Sensitive. This was an SO15 Internet Referral Unit report relating to the Facebook activities of Mohammed Syadul HUSSAIN Born [DPA]. His home address is [DPA] Oswald Street, Rochdale, [DPA].</p> <p>In August 2012 HUSSAIN was originally investigated of the [I&S] Investigations side of the CTU following the referral for SO15 IRU. This was due to comments placed on his FACEBOOK account. The FACEBOOK profile had material that was 'cause for concern', this included comments, status updates and pictures/images.</p> <p>On 15th January 2013 HUSSAIN was interviewed by 'PREVENT' Engagement officers at his home address. During this interview HUSSAIN admitted to having had a FACEBOOK page for around 3 years but had now closed it down since police had called at his home the previous day. He admitted to listening to lectures by Anwar AL-AWLAKI, but didn't believe that AL-AWLAKI was part of AL-QAEDA and claimed that this was an American lie.</p> <p>On 4th July 2013 HUSSAIN was interviewed again, this time by 'CHANNEL' officers. He admitted to them that he listened to AL-AWLAKI lectures, posted images of extremists on FACEBOOK and being angry at British Foreign Policy. He also disclosed he wanted Sharia Law and a Caliphate for Muslim Countries and that he did not agree with the principle of Democracy.</p> <p>HUSSAIN discussed his views and specifically in relation to the murder of soldier, Lee RIGBY and tried to justify his murder by stating that he had probably</p> <p>killed Muslims therefore he deserved to die.</p> <p>HUSSAIN later tried to justify his comments and actions by stating that he was immature and feeling down and that he had not been leaving his home. Therefore as a result he had been spending most of his time on the internet and especially FACEBOOK where links with 'friends of Friends' had put him in contact with persons who were posting extreme comments. He then stated that he was now getting out more and feeling more</p> |

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positive in himself and as a result had no further interest in such matters.

HUSSAIN went on to claim that if he did come into contact with persons of extreme views then he would not engage with them.

As a result of the aforementioned interviews the investigation into his online activity was closed.

On 11th February 2014 intelligence was received from Humberside Police suggesting that HUSSAIN has visited some family members in Hull in November 2013 and whilst there had spoken to his 8 year old nephew [DPA]
Born [DPA] about the Taliban in Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq. [DPA] has spoken of these subjects at school and stated that he wanted to join the TALIBAN. He also stated that his uncle (HUSSAIN) had showed him footage of the Taliban on Youtube.

As a result of this further intelligence it was decided to launch an Overt Investigation into the activities of HUSSAIN.

The objectives were as follows:

- i) *The extent to which the subject holds an extreme mind set*
- ii) *To evidence whether he aspires to travel for extremist and not humanitarian purposes*
- iii) *To identify any associates who is/has been in communication with who may hold similar mind set*
- iv) *To manage any associates who could be vulnerable to radicalisation*
- v) *Identify any terrorist and/or criminality the subject is involved in to secure a prosecution*
- v *Protect any covert investigations/assets*

INVESTIGATION

- **Mohammed Saydul HUSSAIN** [DPA]

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| Summary of Operational Achievements / Intelligence Gained | The operational objective in relation to NWCTU was to identify if any TACT offences in this case. (Specifically Section 2 and Section 58 TACT 2006) Downloads of phones, computers have not revealed any offences. |
| No. Of persons arrested, charged and disposal | No persons have been charged in respect of this enquiry. |
| Reason for closure | Investigative strand of this enquiry is now complete and there are no TACT/Criminal offences. |
| Senior Investigating Officer | SIO: Detective Inspector Frank MORRIS |
| De-brief & Recommendations | Recommendation: That Syadul HUSSAIN (Existing Channel referral) and DPA be engaged by Channel officers with a view to turning them away from extreme Islam. |
| Radar Nominals identified? | None. |
| Disruption | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Significant <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Negligible <input type="checkbox"/> Negative |
| Location of associated documents for future reference | Detective Sergeant Darren MANGAN, Irrelevant & Sensitive |
| Cost of operation (available from monthly finance report documents) | Irrelevant & Sensitive |

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