Response to notice of decision from the Investigatory Powers Tribunal IPT/24/697/CH

Introduction

I recently filed 2 legal cases with the Investigatory Powers Tribunal. This is regarding being stalked and harassed on every street for over 4.5 years by very large teams of people - one person at a time.

The cases that I filed consisted of a 6-page covering letter and a 40-page article which I had previously written and published.

The judgement I received says that I did not advance any information as to why I might be a person of interest, that there was no objective evidence for it, that they find my complaint and claim to be wholly without merit and having no realistic prospect of success, and that this decision is final and there is no right of appeal.

This response will address these points, provide some supplementary information about the system and call for a public inquiry into the Investigatory Powers Tribunal.

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My response

I expected that this would almost-certainly be the judgement, considering that no-one thus far, anywhere in the world, seems to have received any justice for this type of stalking through the legal system.

Person of interest

It was stated that I did not advance any information explaining why I would be a person of interest nor what would be gained from harassing me in the manner described.

I would also like to know why I am a person of interest and what is to be gained from doing this to me.

I suspect the reasons are voyeurism from the government department conducting the surveillance, practice and experimentation (i.e. a trialling of the system) and making a profit for the subcontractor conducting the surveillance.

No objective evidence

It was also claimed that there exists no objective evidence. I requested to speak to someone in person about this, so a public hearing, which the Investigatory Powers Tribunal do hold, would have

been apt. At this hearing I could have reasoned with the Tribunal about what is happening to me and the evidence for it and could have furthered more information and evidence as required. Yet, no such public hearing was offered to me. There are also hundreds, if not thousands, of social media accounts documenting and testifying to the same or similar phenomena and experiences, which is a form of evidence.

Frivolous or vexatious

In the judgement it was said that my claim is 'wholly without merit' and that the cases are both dismissed pursuant to section 67(4) of RIPA (the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act).

This section of RIPA states:

(4) The Tribunal shall not be under any duty to hear, consider or determine any proceedings, complaint or reference if it appears to them that the bringing of the proceedings or the making of the complaint or reference is frivolous or vexatious.

They are claiming that the making of my complaint is frivolous or vexatious. Frivolous means not having any serious purpose or value. Vexatious means to cause annoyance, frustration or worry.

According to this judgement then my case has no value and/or is designed to cause annoyance or frustration.

There is no taking into account the devastating effect that this system has had on my life, including the inability to lead my life properly and the extreme and chronic psychological abuse I have endured from this programme. This is not to mention the continuous brighting with extremely bright headlights by these vehicles constantly manoeuvring to face me wherever I go, which causes me eye problems.

These are all based on fact and should have been treated as though they were very credible claims, yet they have all been dismissed.

There is also no acknowledgement of the fact that the system is clearly supposed to be covert yet it is clearly overt.

Decision is final

They also said that the decision is final, that they are not able to enter into any further correspondence on this issue and that I do not have any right of appeal.

The system

Although it seems completely outrageous to suggest that one is being stalked by thousands of people - one person at a time - this is clearly the case.

There exist private investigator's, then there exists teams of 3-4 people conducting surveillance. What I am claiming is that there now exist teams of 50+ people in a particular location conducting surveillance systematically and in a machine-like fashion. This is being done to lists of people (i.e. watchlists), concurrently, in a very blatant way.

The system is clearly extremely fallible because of the lack of blend-ability. A private investigator can blend into an environment with relative ease. If you have 3 or 4 people conducting surveillance

this may seem like it's better because it's better resourced. However, you then have more people to try to blend into the environment. When you get to 50+ people conducting surveillance in a systematic fashion on a list of targets, they simply cannot blend into the environment around the target. They essentially *become* the environment around them. It's very clearly overt, not covert.

To further this point, the target will experience the same repeated disguises and 'surveillance role play' around them. There will be higher and systematic traffic flow around them. There will be no emotion or real purpose in the people doing the surveillance. In addition, there will constantly be the same repeated vehicle manoeuvres around them, and constant 'brighting' of, the target etc.

Public inquiry

There should be a public inquiry into why so few complaints are upheld by the Investigatory Powers Tribunal. They investigate legal complaints, including human rights violations, about the conduct of over 600 public bodies in the UK with investigatory powers. Yet, in the most recently published statistics for the years 2020 to 2021, there was not a single case upheld in favour of the complainant, out of 583 submitted. This is shocking and totally unacceptable.

I suspected that perhaps my own case might be different considering just how devastating it has been to my life, how many people are following me and how much literature I have published on my experience, such as the 40 page article I wrote about it. Clearly this is not the case.

My life after this judgement

I continue to be stalked and harassed on every street by these large teams of people - one person per street - 24/7. I am now, in addition, being watched by the police who are also conducting regular drive-bys by me. For example, in the last 2 journey's I have walked around and have had 6 and 7 slow police drive-bys respectively. They clearly synchronize in time and space with me. I have spoken to the police on many occasions to ask why this is, yet they refuse to be honest with me about the reasons.

I should accentuate that I am law-abiding citizen, have never been arrested for anything in my life and am of good character.

It feels like I have been placed in the trash by my own government and that they have put a lid on and given me no chance of escape.

Literally no-one in the government will be honest with me, whether it be the police, the intel agencies or the people conducting this 'surveillance'.

From my perspective, as someone who has walked around the city every day for 30 years, the UK has become a total and tyrannical dystopian police/surveillance state. This may seem like an exaggeration but this is how it is for me. It seems that thousands of people around the world are going through the same thing.

I will continue to self-isolate for the most part as it's so unpleasant to be outside.

I can only console myself with the fact that this system will eventually be exposed, probably in about 10-20 years time. When this happens it will be an important moment in history, not just for the Targeted Individuals but for the general public. The general public believe that this type of surveillance is reserved for terrorists and major criminals. They will be shocked to discover that this has been happening. It will be like the falling of the Berlin wall.

I re-iterate there should be a public inquiry into the Investigatory Powers Tribunal and why so few complaints are upheld.