

[Applicant's name and address]

PCCS/00459/10
16 May 2011

Dear [applicant]

I refer to your complaints about Grampian Police and write to inform you of my decision in your case.

My office has considered the correspondence you sent in relation to your complaint and has carefully examined the files sent by Grampian Police. I understand that the circumstances are that a threat to your life was made in the area covered by Police Force A. Subsequently Police Force A were made aware of this threat and informed Grampian Police. Grampian Police then asked Police Forces A and B to liaise on this matter and as a result you were informed of the threat through an "Osman" warning. It appears that the threat against you was found not to be serious. You then complained that Grampian Police did not inform you of this and that consequently you feared for your life unnecessarily for a three week period.

As part of the enquiries into your complaint a statement was obtained from the Detective Chief Inspector from Grampian Police who had been informed of the threat. He stated that Grampian Police had no locus to make any decision or to investigate the threat to life as it had been made outside the Grampian policing area. According to his statement, the extent of Grampian Police's involvement was initiating contact between Police Forces A and B. The same Detective Chief Inspector also stated that he understood the matter was being resolved by the other police forces involved.

Subsequently Grampian Police wrote to you on 5 January 2011 advising that there had been a breakdown in communication between the three police forces and that a Detective Chief Inspector had asked Police Forces A and B to liaise on the issue of the threat to your life. You were also told that Grampian Police would write to the other forces highlighting your concerns. Grampian Police subsequently carried out this action.

In light of these actions, I am satisfied that Grampian Police dealt with your complaint in a reasonable manner. Having considered matters fully, there is nothing I wish to add to what you have already been told by Grampian Police in this connection. Should you wish to pursue a complaint about Police Forces A and B's involvement in this matter you should contact the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

Independent Police Complaints Commission
5th Floor
90 High Holborn
London
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In accordance with my normal practice, this letter will be published, in anonymised form, on my office's website. This will occur on 19 May 2011.

Yours sincerely

John McNeill
Police Complaints Commissioner for Scotland