

TRIBUNAL OF INQUIRY
INTO PROTECTED DISCLOSURES MADE UNDER THE
PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ACT 2014 AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS

Established by the Minister for Justice and Equality under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act, 1921 by instrument on the 17th day of February 2017 and as amended by instrument dated 7th day of December 2018

ORDER

Dated 1st day of February 2022

WHEREAS a Tribunal of Inquiry was set up pursuant to resolutions of Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann by instrument signed by the Minister for Justice and Equality on the 17th day of February 2017 and amended by instrument signed by the Minister for Justice and Equality on the 7th December 2018, to enquire urgently into a number of matters of urgent public importance, which matters are fully set out in the Terms of Reference of the Tribunal;

AND WHEREAS THE TRIBUNAL upon consideration of term of reference (p) of the said terms of reference, wherein it is requested to consider any other complaints by a member of the Garda Síochána who has made a protected disclosure prior to 16th February 2017 alleging wrong-doing within the Garda Síochána where, following the making of the Protected Disclosure, the Garda making the said Protected Disclosure was targeted or discredited with the knowledge or acquiescence of senior members of the Garda Síochána;

AND UPON THE APPLICATION of Counsel for the tribunal for an Order prohibiting the identification by name of Mr. 'A' or of any other suspect whether directly or indirectly in connection with investigations undertaken by An Garda Síochána and on hearing Counsel for the tribunal and Ms. Orla O'Donnell journalist of RTE;

AND WHEREAS THE TRIBUNAL deems it necessary in order to ensure the proper consideration of the matters set out in the said term of reference [p] in relation to Sergeant William Hughes to make an order in the following terms pursuant to section 4 of the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) (Amendment) Act, 1979:-

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the identification by name of Mr. 'A' or of any other suspect whether directly or indirectly in connection with investigations undertaken by An Garda Síochána is hereby prohibited;

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the any interested party in this matter be at liberty to apply on the giving of 2 days notice in writing to the tribunal.

SIGNED: 

Registrar to the tribunal

The 2nd day of February 2022