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The protesters who found themselves on police databases

Individuals who asked to see what police officers had recorded about their political activities

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John and Linda Catt

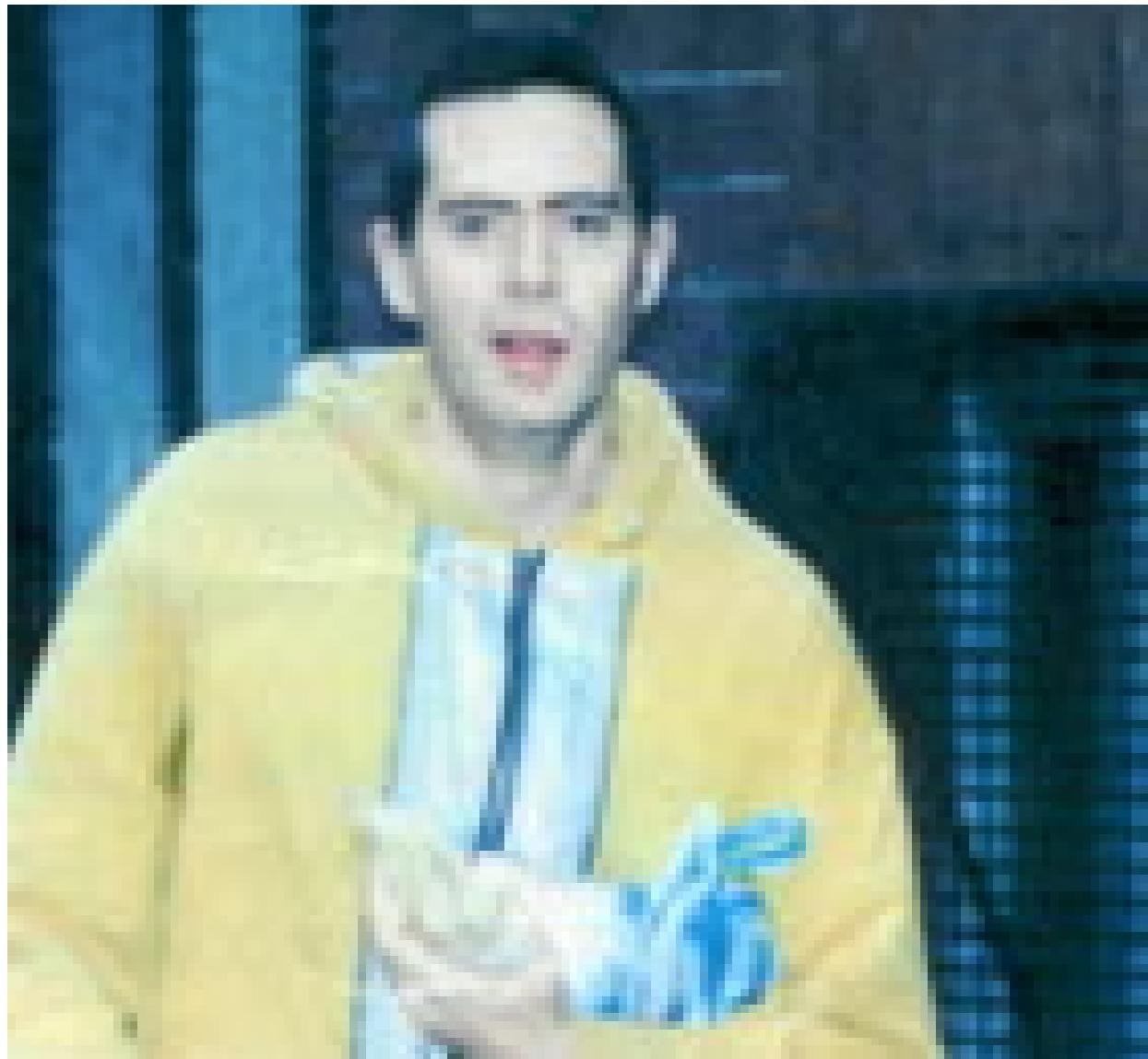


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John and Linda Catt, an elderly artist and his daughter, received files showing how police had **covertly recorded their presence** at more than 80 demonstrations over four years, logging details such as their appearance and slogans on their T-shirts.

Even John Catt's artistic endeavours were being recorded by police. "John Catt sat on a folding chair by the southern most gate of EDO MBM and appeared to be sketching," one entry stated. "He was using his drawing pad to sketch a picture of the protest and police presence," said another.

Matt Salusbury



📷 Metropolitan Police photograph obtained by Salusbury

Matt Salusbury, **submitted a data protection request to Scotland Yard** and discovered that **police had photographed him** coming out of an openly advertised public demonstration and had too recorded what he had been wearing and said at protests.

One entry showed that noted that at a demonstration against Britain's biggest arms fair in 2007, police had noted that "at 1240 hours, Matt Salusbury, male IC1, observed cycling along Victoria Dock Yard wearing a high-visibility vest, black and red rucksack ... the bicycle he rode was a green Giant mountain bike with a carrier".

He also obtained a photograph taken by police photographers of him when he went to an east London community centre for a public meeting to organise a concert to raise money for an anti-capitalist campaign. It shows how campaigners are also entitled to obtain photographs and video recordings of themselves which are held by police.

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