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# Pensioner challenges police chiefs over "domestic extremist" database

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Police chiefs running operations to monitor political activists face another challenge on Thursday, this time in the High Court.

John Catt, an 86-year-old pensioner, is launching a landmark legal action against the police. He says that he was unfairly put on a database of so-called "domestic extremists" and should be removed. The background to the case can be found [here](#) and [here](#). The case is due to start at 10.30 in Court 69 before Lord Justice Gross and Mr Justice Irwin.

Activists are planning to demonstrate outside the High Court "with dusters and other cleaning equipment" to "begin the clean up of the intelligence gathering practices of the National Public Order Intelligence Unit".

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