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# Women start legal action against police chiefs over undercover officers

Eight women have started legal action against police chiefs, alleging that police spies used them "physically and emotionally" to obtain political intelligence

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Today there is a significant development in the controversy over undercover policing of protest groups.

Eight women who say they were duped into forming long-term loving relationships with undercover policemen have announced that they have started legal action against police chiefs, alleging that they have suffered intense emotional trauma and pain.

We have published a story on this [here](#), along with a longer article which gives more detail [here](#). The eight have issued a statement which can be [read here](#). We have removed one line from the statement for legal reasons.

This is a clearly an important move which will challenge police chiefs. The allegations from the women have been levelled against Mark Kennedy, [Bob Lambert](#) and [Jim Boyling](#) - and two new names, Mark Cassidy and John Barker.

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