

# Police admit bugging meeting with Stephen Lawrence friend, says lawyer

Duwayne Brooks's lawyer says police chief has confirmed documents show authorisation of at least one secret recording



Duwayne Brooks, friend of Stephen Lawrence, listens as his lawyer Jane Deighton talks to the media after the pair met Nick Clegg. Photograph: John Stillwell/PA

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Police chiefs have admitted authorising the secret recording of at least one meeting involving Duwayne Brooks, friend of the murdered teenager [Stephen Lawrence](#), Brooks's lawyer has said.

Brooks met the deputy prime minister, [Nick Clegg](#), at his Whitehall office today to discuss claims that the meetings had been bugged.

It has been alleged that Brooks and his lawyers were invited to meetings with police in 1999 or 2000, and that [officers were given authorisation to use bugs](#).

Speaking outside Clegg's office, Brooks's lawyer, Jane Deighton, said evidence of the covert recording was of "immediate concern".

"We told the deputy prime minister that it was untenable for any government not to do everything it could now to secure the quickest and the most thorough, and the most transparent investigation into these allegations of police misconduct," she said.

"Duwayne was very pleased that the deputy prime minister agreed that he was committed to ensuring an investigation that Duwayne himself had confidence in."

She said they would liaise with the deputy prime minister's office next week about the details of the investigation.

"But there was one matter of immediate concern to Duwayne and that's the allegations that ... the police authorised the covert recording of his meetings with me and the police in my former offices," she said.

"The deputy assistant commissioner of the police has confirmed that there are documents evidencing at least one such authorisation. We believe there are more."

She and Brooks had asked the deputy assistant commissioner for the immediate disclosure of those documents as they were the ones that Brooks "really wants to see and he wants to see them now, and he sees no reason why he shouldn't see them now".

She said Clegg had agreed to raise the issue of the immediate disclosure of the documents with the home secretary, Theresa May.

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