



SceneThat

For Photographers
By Photographers



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SceneThat supports “I’m a Photographer, Not a Terrorist! at their Trafalgar Square gathering in defence of street photography.

Mark Singleton, founding Editor of SceneThat – the Internet index of Law for Photographers – speaking on the fringe of the gathering, today said,

“The Government has famously said “If you’ve got nothing to hide, then you’ve got nothing to fear” while at the same time introducing, on average, more than 30 new ‘crimes’ every month since coming to power.

In the atmosphere this legislative frenzy has created, people going about nothing more than their totally legitimate work or recreation are being labelled "Terrorists". Our crime? We carry a camera.

Some of the most damaging laws have been so badly drafted that ACPO [the Association of Chief Police Officers] have had to issue and re-issue guidance to police forces struggling to interpret them. Parts of the Terrorism Act 2000 – in particular section 44 – have themselves been declared illegal by the European Court of Human Rights.

The basic premise of British law, that people are innocent until proven guilty, is systematically being reversed.

As demonstrated today by our attendance, amateur and professional photographers from all over the UK have had enough of being assumed guilty until proven innocent! Let us make our record of life in Britain today without fear of being stopped and searched.

I am a photographer, not a terrorist!”

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Notes for Editors:

SceneThat is a campaigning organisation that provides factual support to photographers by maintaining a reference index of relevant Law.

SceneThat follows no political agenda in its pursuit and promotion of Photographers’ rights. We are neither 'anti-police' nor 'anti-establishment' in any form. We will however expose and hold a light to any form of unwarranted 'anti-photographer behaviour' hiding behind a mask of officialdom.

As Lord Carlile QC saidⁱ,

“...the police must bear in mind that when criticisms are made that there is greater surveillance BY the State, there is also greater surveillance OF the State”

ⁱ BBC Today Programme, 11th April 2009, 08:45am

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