Trident whistleblower 'to hand himself in to police'

Able Seaman William McNeilly says he will give himself up to police today after going on the run following allegations that Britain’s Trident nuclear deterrent is a disaster waiting to happen

The 25-year-old from Belfast also suggested in a Facebook post on Monday that he had spent months planning his actions and gathering information for his allegations.


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William Lewis

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I’ve tried my best over the past year, and I’ve finally achieved what I set out to do. I set out to gather as much information as possible, as fast as possible, inform you and the government before getting caught, then hand myself into the police. There’s nothing I can do from prison; whatever happens now is up to you and the government. I had to earn fast track promotion and skip a dental operation just to get a patrol as soon as I did. If you want remove the threat, don’t waste time. Security at the site must heightened immediately whether you make the transition to nuclear disarmament or not. Responding by downplaying a report because there’s lack of seniority, acting like your security system is impenetrable and your aged system is still in excellent condition for sailing, is not an adequate response. Anyone who can use simple logic will not believe that. If someone is willing to alert the public they wouldn’t be spending about 10 years working there to be a senior rate; anyone who knows anything about cars can work out that a boat launched in 1992 isn’t going to be in a good condition. You
may say there have been refits but in the words of a senior rate within the last
year “everything is fucked.” The people are not stupid; logic will prevail.
I will be handing myself into the police today. The hotel and flight I booked for the
20th was just a decoy, for anyone thinking about making a move. I have moved
between countries, changed location almost every day, stuck to mainly
communicating through the deep web and used multiple aliases when I could,
but I lack the resources to remain undetected. Any good investigator or hacker,
will know where I am right now. Amongst other things my bank transactions will
give you my location. I have had a few suspicious run-ins along the way such as:
someone spending 3 hours trying to into my room without knocking (lock the door
with the key in it = best security ever), someone trying to get me down an alley
and someone coming over and touching my laptop in public, to see what I was
doing.
This hasn’t been an easy path to walk down, but there are brave and intelligent
people working for the Trident Programme. They just need to realize that they
are serving a broken system and not the people. If you continue to defend it
sooner or later more truth will come out or a catastrophe will happen, either way
you’ll be fucked.
After working my ass off, putting my life on the line and sacrificing pretty much all
I had to warn you and government. I’ll be awarded with free meals and free
accommodation, in prison ... There is a small chance of a pardon or a shortened
sentence. Unlike some whistle-blowers out there who release information without
consideration, put lives at risk and reduce security: I only included essential
information, I tried the chain of command route, sources were referred to by rank
instead of name, there was information I never released that would’ve helped the
report but it would’ve caused a security risk... My motives are clearly to protect
the people and land. Whatever happens, don’t worry about me; I’ll be alright.
There’s bigger things to be concerned about right now than me. Focus should be
maintained on peacefully removing the threat.
Thanks a lot for your support, I will see you again one day.