

SO15 officers spoke with Sergei Skripal's son Alexander on his arrival at Heathrow Airport in 2011 as part of their routine activities. Alexander stated that he was visiting his father, who lived on Devizes Road in Salisbury and was a retired GRU / SVR officer. A record of the conversation was made and circulated to the Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit South West, to highlight the intelligence gathered in relation to his father.

On 4 March 2018 South West Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit located the record of Alexander's port interview at Heathrow Airport. No other record relating to Sergei Skripal was found. The fact of the interview and that Alexander was visiting his father, Sergei, at an address in Salisbury was shared by the SWCTIU officer with Wiltshire Police.

This officer did know from the port record that Alexander had disclosed that Sergei was a former member of the GRU / SVR. CTP is not able to confirm, however, whether this specific piece of intelligence was passed to Wiltshire Police, and, if it was not, what the officer's reasons for choosing not to do so were. It should be noted that this intelligence report was held on a system with a sensitive classification and that, when the officer spoke with DSU Corner, this fact about Sergei Skripal was already known to Wiltshire Police from open-source material.