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**STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT
INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE**

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Ajit Singh Atwal JP

A spokesperson for the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“Mr Ajit Singh Atwal JP, a Magistrate assigned to the Derbyshire Bench, uploaded photographs of himself holding an automatic weapon, which is illegal in the UK, on his twitter account. The photographs were deemed by a Conduct Panel to have brought the magistracy into disrepute. This decision was then later upheld by a Disciplinary Panel. The Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice concluded that this behaviour amounted to serious misconduct and have removed Mr Atwal from the magistracy.”

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